

St. Michael's Preschool Newsletter

December 2023

Upcoming Events

Chapel

Every *Tuesday*

9:30am- Pre-K Frog & Tiger and Owl classes
10:00- Ducklings, Turtle, Cub and Flamingo classes.

Special Events This Month

Dec 15th Christmas Program in the Church at 6:30

Dec 22-Jan 1, 2024 Closed for Christmas Break

Looking Forward to Next Month

Jan 2 School Reopens for the New Year

Jan 15 Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Merry Christmas
& HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Colleen's Corner

Happy Holidays!

It's the most wonderful time of the year! So much fun planned this month. We have already started decorating and to see the kids faces when we put the lights on? So fun!!

First, mark your calendars! Friday, Dec 15th is our Annual Christmas Program. Here's how it goes.....you pick up your child as usual, get them in their Christmas outfit and bring them back to school by 6:15. Then you go find a spot in the church. We start the program promptly at 6:30 and to say it's the cutest thing in the entire world is the truth. All the children participate, but we do understand that this time of year there are lots of events on the calendar. If your child can't make it, please let us know. The church does get crowded, but we squeeze together and make it work. The children are on risers on the altar so getting a good picture spot isn't a problem. It's sure to give you all the Christmas feels, so come on down and enjoy the show. Afterwards, we meet up in the Parish Hall for refreshments.

WOW!! As I'm writing this, I am blown away by the amount of See's candy we have sold. We will announce the winner next week, we want to make sure we give everyone credit for their online orders. Thank you, thank you for your support! We have already started purchasing the items for our new kitchen/house area outside. We have added some new ideas to our plan to make the area even better, it also might mean we will have a workday sometime in the new year. We will keep you posted.

This year has flown by. I feel like I blinked and here we are going into 2024! As I look back on the year, I can honestly say that I am so thankful for the community we have here. Your kids make me laugh every day, they constantly amaze me with how smart they are, and I truly enjoy spending my day with them. Happiest of holidays to you! So looking forward to all the great things in 2024! See you next year!

Ms. Colleen



Fantastic Frogs

Hello Frog families!

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with your loved ones. This past month we continued to work in our workbooks, practiced letter-recognition and the sound that each letter makes. We ended with talking about what we are truly thankful for.

It is the most wonderful time of the year. It is so exciting for me to share my excitement and anticipation of the holiday season with your child. We will be doing many Christmas crafts for you to cherish for years to come. We will also celebrate baby Jesus's birthday with cake and all! I heard from Santa that we might have a special visit from the North Pole coming to visit, exciting!

Please mark your calendars for our holiday program on Friday, December 15th at 6:30pm.

Lastly, I would like to wish all my special families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Love,
Miss. Diana



Terrific Tigers

Hello Tiger families,

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving holiday with your loved ones. We have so much to be thankful for. This past month we continued to work in our workbooks, letter recognition, letter sounds, we also talked about what we are thankful for.

December is the best time of year. Christmas is one of my favorite holidays with all the beautiful lights, decorations, visiting Santa and spending time with Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, and cousins

This month we will be learning about the meaning of Christmas and the birth baby Jesus. We will also be making many beautiful decorations for your home as well as a special gift for you to cherish for many years. I heard from Sparkle our classroom elf on the shelf. She told me she can't wait to come visit us this month and she has a special message from Santa.

Mark your calendars for our Christmas program Friday December 15 at 6:30. The Tigers have been working very hard practicing the songs. Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Love,

Ms. Misti



Outstanding Owls

Hello Owl Families!

November was a great month, but wow — it flew by! The Owls discussed what it means to be Thankful, what they are grateful for, went on a leaf hunt, made pumpkin pie in a cup, and so much more! They even created Thanksgiving placemats to feast on for Thanksgiving!

For the month of December, the Owls will focus on the birth and arrival of Baby Jesus! After all, He is the reason for season! The Owls will also be decorating our classroom tree with an ornament they will get to create at home with their families. Before Christmas break, the Owls will take their ornaments back home and decorate their own tree with it! The Owls are also preparing for the school Christmas Concert on December 15th! It is so cute and such a special evening. I can't wait!

This month, our class goal will be to practice putting on our jackets and sweaters all by ourselves. The zipper can be tricky, but with lots of practice and encouragement, the Owls can totally do it on their own!

Love,
Ms. Carla

Cub Central



Hello Cub Families!

The last month of 2023! We hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving break. During November, we focused a lot on what being thankful means and what we are thankful for. We created a couple Thanksgiving themed keepsakes that we hope you'll cherish for years to come.

The holiday season is always so magical, and we'll be busy elves making many surprises for the Christmas season! We will also be discussing the reason for the Christmas season, the birth of baby Jesus.

Please remember to mark your calendars for our Christmas program on Friday, December 15th @6:30pm. We'll end the month with our Christmas break, which begins Friday, December 22nd. During the break, please continue to work with your child in building their self-help skills such as putting on their own clothing and speaking up for themselves. We work on this daily in the classroom, and it's great to see their confidence grow when they achieve something on their own.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Love, Ms. May & Ms. Elizabeth



Sea Turtle Times

Happy Holidays! Can't believe it. It's Christmas time. Last month, really enjoyed tasting pumpkin pie in a cup, and decorating our turkeys. Tasting everything pumpkin was the highlight of the month. Christmas around the world was a special week, that we learn about other countries traditions.

This is a short month, but we are going learn about Christmas and Baby Jesus.

We're going have a day of just tasting everything peppermint. A Sea turtle favorite is we will have a special mailbox to send notes to Santa. We will be working on make our special Christmas gifts for parents and practice our special songs for the Christmas program.

Our goal for the new year is having all the sea turtles be potty trained. This month will be practicing going potty and pulling down our pants. What can you do at home?

Encourage them if they want to try. Have easy clothes for them to pull down and pull up their pants. I will put potty contracts in your files. Good luck and I'm excited for the new year.

We hope that you and your family have a wonderful Christmas and have a great Christmas break.

Love,
Ms. Kattie

Flamingo Fun



Dear Flamingo Families,

Welcome to the month of December! It's hard to believe that we are close to the end of the year. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoyed your time with friends and family. In November we were busy being thankful for the many blessings we have in our lives. And learning what Thanksgiving is about. I can say I'm thankful to be part of your child's early education and have the opportunity to see them become into their own self.

In the month of December, we will have 3 weeks of Christmas fun, decorating our class tree, making gingerbread people, and working on our surprise Christmas gifts. We then will move into celebrating the true meaning of Christmas which is the birth of baby Jesus. Please make sure to mark your calendars for all the special events we will be having this month. Our Christmas program will be on December 15th. And our last day of school before we start our Christmas break will be December 22nd, we will return to school on January 2nd. Also, we will be trying to work on class goals each month, so that the children will have a chance to become more independent. It's such a proud moment for me as a teacher and for your child when they are able to become independently successful.

For this month our goals are...

- Walk inside the school
- Holding own items such as water bottles, bedding bags etc.
- Dressing ourselves (putting on pants, shirts, socks, shoes, sweater etc.) please provide clothing that makes it easy for the child to put on or off.

Thank you for working with me and helping your child have successful growth while in the Flamingo class.

Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Love,
Ms. Miriam



Duckling Details

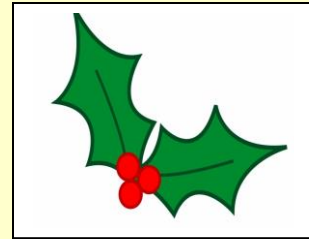
Hello duckling families,

Wow! November came and went, but you know what they say, time flies when you're having fun and we sure did have plenty of fun! We made beautiful poppies to honor our veterans. We discussed the things that we are thankful for and we had fun making stamped corn art. Lastly, we really enjoyed just taking it easy the week of thanksgiving with reading books and getting an early start to our Christmas decorations.

December will be just as busy if not even more so than November. We've got our own little Christmas tree in our classroom for us to decorate! We've got plenty of festive art projects planned such as a number of ornaments and painting activities. We'll also be exploring with our new Nativity Scene toys and felt tree on the wall. We also have a PJ and movie day planned. Looking forward to celebrating throughout December with you!

Lots of Love~ Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Maria

Dec Lunch Menu



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
					1 Chili with Corn Chips and Cheese Pears Milk	
	4 Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce Peas Mandarins Milk	5 Chili Mac Mixed Veg Pineapple Milk	6 Enchilada Casserole Salad Pears Milk	7 Sloppy Joes Corn Pears Milk	8 Teriyaki Chicken And Rice Green Beans Pineapple Milk	
	11 Goulash Green Beans Pears Milk	12 Spanish Rice Peas Peaches Milk	13 Meatloaf and Mashed Potatoes Applesauce Milk	14 Bean and Cheese Burrito Garden Salad Mandarins Milk	15 Mac and Cheese Corn Pears Milk	
	18 Beenie Weenies Cornbread Mixed Fruit Milk	19 Taco Salad Peas Mandarins Milk	20 Meatball Sliders Green Beans Pineapple Milk	21 Chicken Nuggets Corn Applesauce Milk	22 SCHOOL CLOSED	
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Dec Snack Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
					1 Cheesy English Muffins Granola Bars and Apples	
	4 Breakfast Bar and Oranges Cheese Zombies	5 French Toast Sticks and Pears Ritz with Almond Butter and Apples	6 Yogurt and Pears French Bread and Cheese	7 Bagels with Cream Cheese and Pears Blueberry Muffins and Milk	8 Pancakes and Pears Belvitas and Apples	
	11 Waffles and Applesauce Apple Bread and Milk	12 Biscuits with Jelly and Fruit Cheez Its and Cuties	13 Cheerios with Milk and Bananas Goldfish and Apples	14 Yogurt and Fruit Rice Krispy Treats and Pears	15 Blueberry Muffins and Milk Trail Mix and Bananas	
	18 Pancakes and Applesauce Tortilla Rollups	19 Toasted English Muffins with Bananas Cinnamon Pull Apart Bread	20 French Toast Sticks and Apples Cheese Quesadillas	21 Nutra Grain Bars and Applesauce Cheese Sticks and Wheat Thins	22 SCHOOL CLOSED	
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