

St. Michael's Preschool Newsletter

January 2024

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

Jan 1st Closed for New Year's Day

Jan 2nd St. Michael's re-opens for 2024

Jan 15th Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday

Looking Forward to Next Month

Feb 14 Valentines Day Celebrations

Feb 16 Closed for Teacher Inservice

Feb 19 Closed for President's Day



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Colleen's Corner

Happy New Year!

Welcome to 2024! Good things up ahead. I hope you all enjoyed your holidays. I know I sure did.

So...what's happening this year? We are going to re-vamp the area in front of the shed. We have a new playhouse to add and new lounge chairs for the kids. We have a few other ideas up our sleeve, just wait and see.

You may have noticed that the Cubs and the Flamingos have switched rooms! We now have Ms. Miriam and Mr. Louis co-teaching in the Flamingos, and Ms May is in the Cubs. Ms. Elizabeth will be helping in both the Cubs and Sea Turtles. Ms. Jen will remain as our floater. We will be moving a few kids from the Cubs to the Flamingos this week, if your child is moving, expect a note from us.

The Bishop's Committee of Holy Spirit Church has been working on our budget for the new year. They anticipate an increase of approximately 6% for the upcoming year. Once they are approved, we will give a 30-day notice and the new rates will be given to you. As you might expect, just about every single expense has gone up this past year, and though we don't like to increase tuition, we are committed to providing a high-quality program for your children. If you have any questions, please see me!

Not too much happening this month. We will just be getting back into our routines after the Christmas break and getting things ready for a great new year. Happy to be spending my year with your children!

Here's to a great 2024!

See you next month,

Ms. Colleen



Fantastic Frogs

Dear Frog Families,

Happy New Year to all my wonderful Frog Families. I sure hope you had a wonderful holiday season and enjoyed your time off with family. I know I did But, now it's back to a new year, and I'm ready for it!

The kids had so much fun this last month decorating for the holidays. And we sure had fun keeping up with all the mischief Mr. Jingles and his BFF, Sparkle's got into. They were hard to keep up with! Off to the North Pole they go! I am so proud of the frogs they did amazing during the Christmas program! Thank you so much for all my Christmas presents, I loved them all so much!

This month we will be working on weather, our senses and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Love, Ms. Diana



Outstanding Owls

WOW, December came and went so quickly. Our school Christmas program was such a blast and all the Owls did amazing. It must have been all that practice they did! Christmas Spirit Week was such a great time. The children absolutely loved creating different crafts in the classroom, wearing festive holiday colors, and most of all, coming to school in their pajamas and watching a movie with all their friends! I sure had a blast! I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed the holidays with their loved ones!

In the upcoming month, the class goals will be to practice problem-solving with their classmates, continuing to strengthen their self-help skills, and focusing on letter and number recognition through various activities and games!

I would like to wish you all a very HAPPY and HEALTHY NEW YEAR! Looking forward to the second half of the school year!

Love,
Ms. Carla

Terrific Tigers



Hello Tiger families,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays with family and friends, I definitely did! I was so proud of all the children during the Christmas performance, they did an amazing job! I want to thank you for all my Christmas gifts, I love them all. I am so blessed to have so many wonderful families in my class. Sparkle headed back to the North Pole with Santa, she had so much fun here playing with all the St. Michael's elves and watching over our class for Santa.

This month we will be discussing winter wonder, weather and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We will continue working in our workbooks, more scissor practice, and learning to write our first and last names. Make sure to check your calendar for all the great activities we have planned.

On Friday January 19 we will do a friendship snack and each child can bring a snack size Ziplock of their favorite fruit to share, I will post a sign up as it gets closer.

Love,

Ms. Misti

Cub Central



Hello Cub Families!

Happy 2024! We hope you enjoyed family time during Christmas break. Thank you so much for all the wonderful gifts & cards we received this holiday season! December was a special month where we celebrated the arrival of Baby Jesus & Christmas!

As we begin the new year, we will work on a variety of skills as we inch our way closer to Prek. At the top of our list is growing our independence. This includes making our own beds, putting away belongings, changing our own clothes, zipping and buttoning jackets with little to no assistance and using our words to express our feelings.

There is much to look forward to in January; we will be learning about animals in hibernation, snowy & rainy weather and the accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Wishing you all a healthy and Happy New Year!

Love,
Ms. May & Ms. Liz



Sea Turtle Times

Hello Sea Turtles Families,
Happy New Year! Last month we had fun practicing singing for the performance. I was so proud of them. they did wonderful.

This month we will explore winter wonderland with ice, snow, painting, winter animals and learning about hibernation. We will learn new winter songs.

We are also going to be potty training the first week of the year. My goal everyone is potty trained by the end of the month. Please have 3 of everything in your child's bin in the cubby. (underwear, pants, socks and tops)

Thank you for the sweet cards and little gifts for Christmas. Have a wonderful new year.

Love,
Ms. Kittie

Flamingo Fun



Hello Flamingo Families,

Welcome to 2023! I'm excited to be in a brand-new year and begin our new adventures in the flamingo class! I hope all our flamingo families had a Merry Christmas and enjoyed your time off spent with family and friends. A big thank you for all the wonderful gifts and cards during this Christmas season.

This month in January we will be focusing on our letters, shapes, and colors. We will celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. with books and projects. And will also be learning about the different types of weather and our 5 senses.

We have big changes happening in the flamingo class not only did we move into a new classroom but Mr. Louis will be joining me in the classroom as my co-teacher. I am excited to be co-teaching with him once again and the kids are super happy to have him as a teacher.

We hope this new year brings everyone health and happiness!

Our goals for this month will be:

- o Practicing putting bedding items inside their bedding bag
- o Putting on their own jackets and zipping it up
- o Using our flamingo wings(arm) when coughing or sneezing.

Thank you so much for helping me help your child become more independent and self-sufficient!

Love,
Ms. Miriam and Mr. Louis



Duckling Details

Hello Duckling families,

The end of December came up real quick, not to mention 2023 for that matter. We sure did have a lot of fun last month. We were visited by our own elf of the shelf, Crunchy. He made sure to keep a good eye on us so that he could let Santa know how nice and not naughty we were. It was fun seeing him propped up in different places especially with some of the other elves in the school. We also had a great time sharing and playing with our holiday themed toys. We really liked the felt tree and ornaments. Lastly, we had a great time making ornaments with ribbon and posing for our photos for our Christmas cards and snow globes. Weren't they super cute? And thank you for all of the thoughtful gifts and cards we received. You guys truly make us feel appreciated.

January is going to be a very "cool" month with all of our snow themed activities. We've got plans for some snow sensory, building with ice and dramatic play with Arctic animals. Lastly, we will also be discussing the importance of Martin Luther King Jr. and how he so positively influenced so many people. We hope that you all have had a wonderful winter break. We're looking forward to getting back to school for the new year!

Lots of love~ Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Maria

Jan Lunch Menu



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	1	2 Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce Peas Mandarins Milk	3 Chili Mac Mixed Veg Pineapple Milk	4 Chicken Nuggets Mixed Veg Pineapple Milk	15 Teriyaki Chicken And Rice Green Beans Pineapple Milk	
	8 Chicken Alfredo Pasta Peas Mandarins Milk	9 Taco Salad Cornbread Pineapple Milk	10 Enchilada Casserole Salad Pears Milk	11 Spanish Rice Mixed Veg Pineapple Milk	12 Meatball Sliders Green Beans Pineapple Milk	
	15 Center Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16 Spanish Rice Peas Peaches Milk	17 Meatloaf and Mashed Potatoes Applesauce Milk	18 Bean and Cheese Burrito Garden Salad Mandarins Milk	19 Mac and Cheese Corn Pears Milk	
	22 Beenie Weenies Cornbread Mixed Fruit Milk	23 Taco Salad Peas Mandarins Milk	24 Meatball Sliders Green Beans Pineapple Milk	25 Chicken Nuggets Corn Applesauce Milk	26 Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Veg Sticks Mandarins Milk	
	29 Teriyaki Chicken and Rice Peas Applesauce Milk	30 Penne Pasta with meat sauce Garden Salad Peaches Milk	31 Chicken Nuggets Corn Pears Milk			

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Jan Snack Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		2 French Toast Sticks and Applesauce Trail Mix and Apples	3 Yogurt and Fresh Fruit Granola Bars and Oranges	4 Blueberry Muffins and Pears Veggie Sticks and Pretzels	5 Nature Valley Bars and Bananas Ritz Crackers and Cheddar Cheese
	8 Breakfast Bar and Oranges Cheese Zombies	9 French Toast Sticks and Pears Ritz with Almond Butter and Apples	10 Yogurt and Pears French Bread and Cheese	11 Bagels with Cream Cheese and Pears Blueberry Muffins and Milk	12 Pancakes and Pears Belvitas and Apples
	15 School Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16 Biscuits with Jelly and Fruit Cheez Its and Cuties	17 Cheerios with Milk and Bananas Goldfish and Apples	18 Yogurt and Fruit Tortilla Rollups	19 Blueberry Muffins and Milk Trail Mix and Bananas
	22 Pancakes and Applesauce Tortilla Rollups	23 Toasted English Muffins with Bananas Cinnamon Pull Apart Bread	24 French Toast Sticks and Apples Cheese Quesadillas	25 Nutra Grain Bars and Applesauce Cheese Sticks and Wheat Thins	26 Oatmeal and Milk Veggie Sticks with Wheat Crackers
	29 Bagels with Cream Cheese and Apples Cheesy French Bread	30 Blueberry Muffins and Pears Ritz with Salame and Cheese	31 Breakfast Bars and Oranges Corn Chips and Guac		