

St. Michael's Preschool Newsletter

February 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

Feb 12 Lunar New Year Celebrations

Feb 14 Valentine's Day Parties
(Ash Wednesday too!)

Feb 16th Closed for Teacher Inservice

Feb 19th Closed for President's Day

Looking Forward to Next Month

March 4-8 Read Across America Celebrations

March 4-8 Scholastic Book Fair

March 28 Easter Egg Hunts

March 29 Closed for Good Friday

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Colleen's Corner

Welcome to February!

You know we like to have fun and we have plenty of fun planned for the month. We start the month off with our Lunar New Year Celebrations on Feb 12. We are celebrating the year of the dragon by having a yummy lunch as well as lots of fun activities. And if that isn't enough....here comes Valentine's Day! Classroom parties will be held in each classroom. Your teacher will send out any special requests on Remind, but in general, please have your children sign the back of the cards and they will get to pass out their "mail" during class time on Wednesday. They love to be the mail person! We will have lots of love that day! Sign ups will be posted on each classroom door for donations for the parties!

The classroom switch up of Flamingos and Cubs went better than I had even planned! Thanks to your amazing children for being so excited about the changes, and to the teachers (Louis, May and Miriam) who made it all happen!

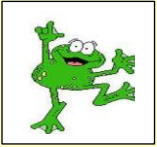
Next month we will have our Scholastic Book Fair! It will be from March 4-8 at lunchtime pickup and between 3-6 each day. We will be over in the Parish Hall and it is a great way to refresh your child's library AND help the school get new books. We have such a nice library that we are able to switch out books in the classrooms, and in our outdoor reading area monthly!

I know it's just February, but we are already starting our Summer and Fall planning. Please let us know if your child will be needing any schedule changes in the future. Speak now or forever hold your piece! We are currently full and don't have much wiggle room, so if you think you might need a schedule change, please see me!

Here's to a fun February!

See you next month,

Ms. Colleen



Fantastic Frogs

Hello Frog families!

We started our new year with a bang! It was hard at first getting back into our regular daily routines after some time off, but we are back on track. Everyone seemed to enjoy our winter crafts from snowman names, mittens, snow globes, and a fluffy snow project. We ended our month celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. and learning the great things he did and the powerful words he spoke. Our friendship salad was a big hit, thank you to everyone who donated fruit. It was so yummy!

We are halfway through the school year and I have finished assessments. This is a great way to find out what we need to continue to work on. At this time, we have finished all our uppercase letters and I will now introduce lowercase letters. I will also bring out an activity called "Word Time" that will help teach the children how to form sentences using verbs, adjectives, and nouns.

February will be full of celebrations with Groundhog Day, Chinese New Year, and a Valentine's Day party on Wednesday, February 14th. A sign up will be posted outside the door. If you would like your child to participate in handing out Valentine's Day cards, please send 13 cards signed with your child's name on them. There is no need to address them to other children as this makes it easier to hand out. For a fun craft your child will be decorating their own Valentine's Day bag. It is going to be a fantastic month!

Love, Ms. Diana



Outstanding Owls

Hello Owl Families!

Wow - The first month of the new year just flew by! The Owls practiced writing their names, arranging the letters of their names in the right order, and recognizing new letters and numbers! We discussed the season of winter, the proper clothing to wear for chilly weather, and outdoor sports and activities that we can do during this time of year. The Owls also learned about Martin Luther King Jr. and the positive impact he had on people and in our world!

February is here and LOVE IS IN THE AIR! This month, we will be celebrating our love for our families and friends all month long. Great friendships are definitely worth celebrating! Later in the month, we will talk a lot about Dr. Seuss as we near his birthday on March 2nd! We have so many of his books in our classroom library and we can't wait to choose our favorites for that week!

In the upcoming month, the class will be zooming in on table manners and how to greet others and respond when people greet us! We will also be discussing the importance of never giving up, even when things may seem difficult at the moment!

The Owls are SO smart and I can't wait to dive into another fun month with them all!

Love, Ms. Carla

Terrific Tigers



Hello Tiger Families,

Last month we talked about the weather, and Martin Luther King Jr. and the importance of friendship and accepting everyone for who they are.

We have finished all our uppercase letters in our workbooks. This month we will start to work on recognition of lowercase letters. I will also be introducing word time, which will help teach the children to speak in complete sentences with verbs, nouns, and adjectives. Please continue to work on writing their names, letter, and number recognition.

We will have our Valentines party on Wed. February 14. Sign-ups for a special snack will be posted outside of our classroom. If you would like your child to participate in the Valentine exchange please bring 15 cards with your child's name, no need to address them. The kids will pass them out during class time.

Love,

Ms. Misti

Cub Central



Hello Cub Families!

The first month of the year is officially in the books! We talked about the cold weather, Arctic animals, snow, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and started discussing different weather types. While the rain didn't stop us from having fun indoors, we look forward to sunnier days ahead!

February may be the shortest month, but there will be no shortage of fun and excitement! This month we will be discussing Groundhogs Day, and celebrating multiple different holidays. On Wednesday February 14th we will be having a Valentine's Day Party, and handing out cards. If you would like your child to participate in handing out cards, please bring 15 signed by your child, no need to address them. We'll close out the month learning about dental care and Dr. Seuss.

With the colder weather, please make sure your child is wearing the appropriate outerwear and footwear. We do our best to keep the germs away so we will continue to work on covering our coughs/sneezes and washing our hands properly while at school.

Have a great month,
Love, Ms. May



Sea Turtle Times

Hello Sea Turtles families!

We had a great January and we enjoying the wonderland theme. Our favorites were water painting and sensory activities with our Arctic animals. We also liked reading our Arctic animal books, as well.

February is always a favorite month with fun activities. We will be decorating the classroom with everything hearts, pink and red!

We are so happy of the sea turtles progress for potty training keep it up!! We want to be potty trained with no diapers or pull-ups by the end of the month.

The Valentine's Day party is always fun for the children, please bring 16 cards or treats. Please, no nuts.

Happy February and have a great month.

Love, Ms. Kittie and Ms. Liz

Flamingo Fun



Hello Flamingo Families,

We entered the year 2023 with a bang and have been busy learning our letters, colors, shapes, and most importantly how to be healthy! In January we had 2 weeks of winter wonderland where we learned about arctic animals, painted snowflakes, and talked about how to keep warm in this cold weather. We went on a nature walk and learned about the different types of weather and the 4 seasons. We also learned about who Martin Luther King Jr. was and why he is an important person, teaching us about kindness and using our words. We ended the month of January learning about our 5 senses and how they are used.

In February we will be celebrating Valentine's week using the colors red, pink and purple, using a lot of the shape hearts and telling those around us how much we care for them. We will celebrate lunar new year on February 12th with lots of fun activities. We will have a week dedicated to learning on how to keep our teeth healthy and clean. Please remember we will be closed on the 16th for our staff in-service day and on the 19th for Presidents' Day.

Our school and home goals for this month are:

- putting on and zipping up jackets/sweaters by ourselves
- speaking up when we want or need something
- following 3 step instructions

We are looking forward to a fun and festive month of love and sharing!
Love, Ms. Miriam and Mr. Louis



Duckling Details

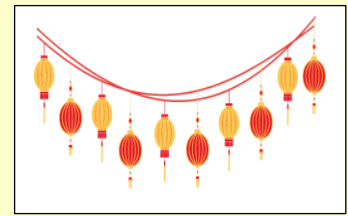
Hello Duckling families,

Wow! The month of January was "snow" much fun! It started out great with celebrating the New Year! We had all kinds of fun with the theme of all things snowy. We had a blast with ice sensory, and snow dough, but I really think we enjoyed our snowball fight the most. Looking forward to February, cause we've got a ton on lovely activities planned.

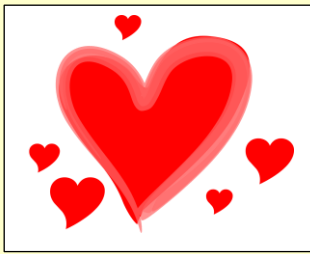
At the beginning of the month, we'll be discussing Groundhogs Day with an activity of exploring with our own shadows and tracing them too. We'll be celebrating lunar new year with plenty of art and tasty treats associated with the event. There will also be plenty of Valentines themed art and activities. We've got plans to discuss what is a dentist and how they help us keep our teeth healthy. Lastly, we'll end the month with reading plenty of Dr. Seuss books. February is going to be a really fun month. We hope you all stay happy healthy and safe!

Lots of love ~ Ms. Jennifer & Ms. Maria

Feb Lunch Menu



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	1			1 Taco Salad with Meat and cheese Cornbread Pineapple Milk	2 Mac and Cheese Green Beans Pineapple Milk	
	5 Chicken Alfredo Pasta Peas Mandarins Milk	6 Tostadas with Meat, Beans and Cheese Pineapple Milk	7 Chicken Nuggets Salad Pears Milk	8 Spanish Rice Mixed Veg Pineapple Milk	9 Meatball Sliders Green Beans Pineapple Milk	
	12 Celebrating Lunar New Year Gung Hay Fat Choy	13 Chili French Bread Peas Peaches Milk	14 Valentine's Day Surprise	15 Bean and Cheese Burrito Garden Salad Mandarins Milk	16 Closed for Teacher Workday	
	19 Closed for President's Day	20 Chili Mac Mandarins Milk	21 Meatballs and Rice Green Beans Pineapple Milk	22 Chicken Nuggets Corn Applesauce Milk	23 Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Veg Sticks Mandarins Milk	
	26 Enchilada Casserole Peas Applesauce Milk	27 Penne Pasta with meat sauce Garden Salad Peaches Milk	28 Mac and Cheese Corn Pears Milk	29 Chili French Bread Pineapple Milk		



Feb Snack Menu

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Blueberry Muffins and Pears Cheese Sticks and Pretzels	2 Nature Valley Bars and Bananas Belvita Bars and Apples
	5 Breakfast Bar and Oranges Cheese Zombies	6 French Toast Sticks and Pears Ritz with Almond Butter and Apples	7 Cinnamon Raisin Toast and Pears French Bread and Cheese	8 Bagels with Cream Cheese and Pears Blueberry Muffins and Milk	9 Pancakes and Pears Ritz Crackers and Cheese
	12 French Toast Sticks and Applesauce Trail Mix and Apples	13 Cheesy English Muffins Cheez Its and Cuties	14 Valentine's Day Surprise!	15 Yogurt and Fruit Tortilla Rollups	16 Closed for Teacher Workday
	19 Closed for President's Day	20 Toasted English Muffins with Bananas Cinnamon Raisin Bread	21 French Toast Sticks and Apples Chips and Cheesy Bean Dip	22 Nutra Grain Bars and Applesauce Cheese Sticks and Wheat Thins	23 Chex Cereal and Milk Goldfish and Applesauce
	26 Bagels with Cream Cheese and Apples Cheesy French Bread	27 Blueberry Muffins and Pears Ritz with Salame and Cheese	28 Breakfast Bars and Oranges Cheez-It's and Fresh Pears	29 Pancakes and Applesauce Hummus and Pita Chips	