

St. Michael's Preschool Newsletter

December 2024

Upcoming Events

Chapel

Every *Tuesday*

9:30am- Busy Bee, Tiger and Llama classes

10:00- Duckling, Sea Turtle, Cub and Flamingo classes.

Special Events this Month

Dec 13th

Christmas Program at 6:30pm
Christ the King Church

Dec 16-20

Christmas Spirit Week!

Dec 23-Jan 1

Closed for Christmas Break



Looking Forward to Next Month

Jan 2

Reopen after break.

Jan 20

Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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Colleen's Corner

Welcome to December!

It's beginning to SOUND a lot like Christmas! I thought this would be a quiet December with no Christmas Program. But, back by popular demand, the Christmas Program is on! It will be held on Dec 13th at 6:30pm. The program will be held at Christ the King Catholic Church, which is located at 199 Brandon Road in Pleasant Hill. It is on the corner of Gregory Lane and Brandon Road. We learned last year that our church is just too small to hold the program in. This year, we will be issuing tickets to make sure everyone has a seat! The tickets will be free and will be available for pick up beginning Dec 5th. We plan on 4 per family, if you need more, please see me, and we will do our best to accommodate. Christ the King is a large church, plenty of parking and the inside of the church is "auditorium style," meaning all the pews have a good view of the altar. We are forever grateful for their generous offer to use the church. The program will start at 6:30 in the evening, and because the staff need time to get into festive holiday gear and drive over there, we are closing the school at 5:00pm! You'll need time to feed your child and get them over there too! It really is the sweetest thing ever to see the kids singing away. We are very excited about the kids being able to perform for you, hope you are too! More info will be out later on Remind about what time we want your kids to arrive and where to drop them off.

I am looking for a few volunteers for ticket taking, ushering and crowd control. If you think you would like to help, please let me know.

I'll have more to report on our See's Candy sales later this month. We are hoping to replace the carpet in at least two more classrooms in January. Thanks to all who participated!

As we count our holiday blessings, know that we count our families as our blessing. We spend our days with the best kids around. Even on the harder days, we still laugh and have fun. Thank you for all the support, for all the things you do to help St. Michael's be such a special place. We appreciate you! Hoping all your holiday wishes come true. See in 2025!

Love,

Ms. Colleen



Busy Bees

Hello Busy Bees 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 come to visit, exciting!

Please mark your calendars for our holiday program on Friday, December 13th 6:30pm at Christ The King. More info to come. Lastly, I would like to wish all my special families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Love,
Ms. 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've continued to work in our workbooks, on letter recognition, letter sounds, we have 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 13 at 6:30 at Christ the King. 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



LOVELY LLAMAS

Hello Llama Families!

November was a great month, but wow – it flew by! The Llamas 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!

This month, the Llamas will focus on the birth and arrival of Baby Jesus! After all, He is the reason for season! The Llamas will also be decorating our classroom tree with an ornament they will get to create at home with their families. Before Christmas break, the Llamas will take their ornaments back home and decorate their own tree with it! The Llamas are also preparing for the school Christmas Concert on the 13th! 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 Llamas can totally do it on their own! At home, please encourage your Llama to do it on their own.

Now that we are reaching the middle of the school year, we are also working on using our words, speaking up for ourselves and problem solving with our friends. I will ALWAYS be here to help friends solve their problems, but I would like to hear them try on their own first.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season!

Ms. Carla

Cub Central



Hello Cub Families,

Welcome back! I hope you had a restful & joyful Thanksgiving break! November was dedicated to the theme of 'thankfulness,' looking at its meaning and why it's important, as well as ways to show appreciation for the special people & things in our lives.

In December, we will be working on special surprise gifts and festive crafts as we celebrate the Christmas season. We will also explore the story of the birth of baby Jesus, reflecting on the importance of giving. It's a joyful time filled with excitement, creativity, and celebrating the holiday spirit!

Our Christmas program will be on December 13th @6:30 PM, so please mark your calendars! We will be closed for Christmas break, December 23rd- January 1st. In class, we are working on building independence by focusing on goals like dressing ourselves, cleaning up our work, and carrying our water bottles & bedding bags.

I am looking forward to a wonderful month filled with both learning and holiday cheer! Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year filled with joy & laughter!

Love, Ms. May



Sea Turtle Times

Hello Sea Turtles Families!

Happy Holidays! It's hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner. Last month was a blast, especially when we enjoy in pumpkin pie in a cup and decorated our turkeys. But the highlight of the month was definitely making our stone soup. Sea turtles, loved the veggies and the broth.

This month is a bit shorter, but we'll still be learning about Christmas and Baby Jesus. We'll also explore how Christmas is celebrated around the world.

We'll have a special day dedicated to peppermint, we will taste it and drink it. We also will have special mailbox for sending notes to Santa. We'll be working on making our special Christmas gifts for our parents and practicing our songs for the Christmas program.

Sea turtles are really excited about the new job charts that Ms Franie created for us. They're taking their jobs very seriously and are always ready to help.

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

Love,
Ms. Kittie, Ms. Liz, and Ms. Franie



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. Mr. Louis and Ms. Miriam can say that we are very thankful to be part of your child's early education and have the opportunity to see them grow.

In the month of December, we will have 2 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 13th. And our last day of school before we start our Christmas break will be December 20th, 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 us as a teacher and for your child when they are able to become independently successful.

For this month our goals are...

- Walking inside the school, not being carried
- Holding our 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 us and helping your child be successful in the Flamingo class.

Love,
Ms. Miriam and Mr. Louis



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

December Lunch Menu



| | Monday | Tuesday | | Thursday | Friday | |
|---|--|---|--|--|---|--|
| | 2 Taco Salad French Bread Bananas Milk | 3 ChiliMac Oranges Milk | 4 Chicken Sliders Green Beans Peaches Milk | 5 Tostadas with Meat and Cheese Salad Pears Milk | 6 Meatballs and Mashed Potatoes Wheat Bread Mixed Fruit Milk | |
| | 9 Teriyaki Chicken and Rice Peas Pears Milk | 10 Bean and Cheese Burrito Corn Peaches Milk | 11 Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Veg Sticks Oranges Milk | 12 Chili French Bread Green Beans Applesauce Milk | 13 Chicken Nuggets Wheat Bread Salad Pineapple Milk | |
| | 18 Mac and Cheese Peas Oranges Milk | 17 Spanish Rice Corn Pears Milk | 18 Meat and Cheese Tostada Salad Peaches Milk | 19 Tuna Sandwich Veggie Sticks Apples Milk | 20 Chili French Bread Mixed Fruit Milk | |
| <div data-bbox="326 1247 1312 1377" data-label="Text"> <p>Ho, Ho, Ho!! Merry Christmas! Enjoy your break and we will see you in the New Year!</p> </div> | | | | | | |
| | | | <div data-bbox="708 1486 899 1696" data-label="Image"> </div> | 2 Spanish Rice Mixed Veggies Pears Milk | 3 Bean and Cheese Burrito Garden Salad Peaches Milk | |



December Snack Menu

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | |
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| | 2 Oatmeal and Milk Trail Mix and Pears | 3 Pancakes and Applesauce Ritz Crackers and Tuna Salad | 4 Cinnamon Raisin Bread and Allmond Butter Cheese Quesadillas | 5 Yogurt and Granola Veg Sticks and Cheddar Cubes | 6 Blueberry Muffins and Oranges Granola Bar and Pears | |
| | 9 Belvitas and Bananas String Cheese and Ritz | 10 Oat Bran Muffin Oranges Granola Bar and Pears | 11 Waffles and Applesauce Pita Chips and Hummus | 12 English Muffin with Cheese Bean Dip and Corn Chips | 13 Cheerios and Milk Rice Cakes with Cream Cheese and Salame | |
| | 16 Waffles and Apples Yogurt and Fresh Fruit | 17 Bagels and Cream Cheese and Apples Nillas and Bananas | 18 Blueberry Muffins and Oranges Egg Salad and Ritz | 19 Breakfast Bar and Apples Tortilla Rollup with Turkey and Cheese | 20 French Toast Sticks and Applesauce CheezIts and Salame and Cheese | |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <h2 style="color: red; margin: 0;">Merry Christmas! See you on the 2nd!</h2> </div> | | | | | | |
| | | | | 2 French Toast Sticks and Applesauce Trail Mix and Bananas | 3 Cheesy English Muffins Granola Bars and Fresh Fruit | |