

# St. Michael's Preschool Newsletter

## February 2025

### 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

Feb 3-7

Vision Screening

Feb 13

Valentine's Day Celebrations

Feb 14

Closed for Teacher Workday

Feb 17

Closed for President's Day

### Looking Forward to Next Month

March 4

Fat Tuesday Celebrations

March 4

Ash Wednesday

March 1

Spring See's Candy Fundraiser Begins

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### Colleen's Corner

Welcome to February!

Welcome to the month of Love...where we talk all about who and what we love! We had an uneventful (that's a good thing!) January and are busy getting ready for the fun of spring.

I've had fun spending some of the money from our See's Candy fundraiser! We have purchased new bikes, little tykes cars and trucks, new chairs and a lounge set for the book area. We have big plans for the sand area, too, we will tell you more about it next month!

Ms. Elizabeth started her maternity leave in late January. She will be out until late March or early April. In her absence, Ms. Jen will be filling in.

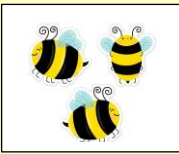
As a reminder, we will be hosting Vision Screening Feb 3-7 (no Thursday vision checks). This is a free service from the Elks Club, and almost every year they will find a child or two that needs glasses. You will get a written report after the screening.

Valentine's Day parties will be held on Thursday, Feb 13, as we are closed for our Teacher Inservice day on the 14<sup>th</sup>. We are currently full on Thursdays, and won't be able to accommodate any drop in days. If you would like your child to come to the Valentine's celebration, you are welcome to have your child join us in passing out their Valentine's cards, but you will need to stay with your child. Otherwise, please bring in your child's Valentines cards and they can pass them out on Tues or Wed.

We have started our summer planning, and many of the fun shows we had last year will be back. For our Pre-K families, please let us know ASAP when your child will be leaving us for Kindergarten. Hard to believe but Graduation will be here before you know it!

Love,

Ms. Colleen



## Busy Bees

Hello Busy Bees 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, and a Valentine's day party on Thursday, February 13th. 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 12 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



## LOVELY LLAMAS

Hello Lovely Llama families!

Wow - The first month of the new year just flew by! The Llamas were introduced to new letters and numbers, talked all about the season of Winter and the proper clothing we need to wear, and the Llamas also learned about Martin Luther King Jr. and the positive impact he had on people and in our world! To wrap up the month, we celebrated Lunar New Year with books and yummy food!

**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! Our classroom party will take place on Thursday, February 13th. (School is closed on Friday the 14th and Monday the 17th.) A party sign-up will be posted in the upcoming weeks. The Llamas will be decorating bags to take home all their Valentine treats from their classmates! More details about that will go out in February! 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 Llamas 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 completed 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, number recognition, scissor practice - holding them correctly and following the lines.

We will have our Valentines party on Thursday February 13. 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 12 cards with your child's name, no need to address them. The kids will pass them out during class time.

Reminder we will be closed on Friday February 14<sup>th</sup> and Feb 17<sup>th</sup>.

Love, Ms. Misti

## Cub Central



Dear Cub Families,

The first month of the year is officially in the books! In January, we talked about the cold weather, Polar animals, what animals do in the winter and we started discussing different types of weather. We also learned about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream and celebrated Lunar New Year!

February may be the shortest month, but there will be no shortage of fun and excitement! This month we will talk about Groundhog's Day; President's Day and we will continue to discuss the different types of weather. At the end of the month, we will learn about proper dental care and Dr. Suess. On Thurs, Feb 13<sup>th</sup> we will have a Valentine's Day Party. If you would like your child to participate, please bring 15 cards signed by your child.

As the cold weather continues, it is important to make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather conditions. Layering clothing, wearing warm jackets, hats, gloves, and scarves can help keep them comfortable and safe during outside activities. Please update your child's extra clothes to match the weather and please check that your child has the proper clothing each day!

Love, Ms. May



## Sea Turtle Times

Hello Sea Turtle Families,

Wishing you a Happy New Year! Last month, we practiced singing for the Christmas performance. We are proud of their wonderful performance. Sea turtles loved making the Christmas gifts for their parents, and we hope that you enjoyed the sweet little gift.

We are ready for magical winter adventure this month! We'll paint winter landscapes, learn about winter animals, and discover some new winter songs.

This month, we'll work on self-help skills. This includes washing hands independently, dressing ourselves independently if we have accidents or putting our pull-ups on for Nap Time. We also work on independently putting our jackets on by ourselves, teachers can assist, but will help them start putting the jacket on. Using our food utensils correctly and not using our hands.

Communicating with the teachers that they need to use the restroom. Putting toys away correctly and helping with classroom cleanup tasks. At home, please encourage the same approach that we are doing and help them guide them. Also, daily check your child's bin of extra clothes, and if they have an accident, please replace it the next day.

We hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break and we touched by your thoughtful Christmas cards and gifts. May this year bring you happiness and joy.

Love,  
Ms. Kittie and Ms. Liz



## Flamingo Fun

Hello Flamingo Families,

We entered the year 2025 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 Dr. 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 and celebrating the Lunar New Year with fun activities and a very yummy lunch.

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 have a week dedicated to learning on how to keep our teeth healthy and clean. Please remember we will be closed on February 14<sup>th</sup> for our staff in-service day and on the 17<sup>th</sup> 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 and following 3 simple 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 paint, and snow dough, but we really enjoyed our snowball fight the most.

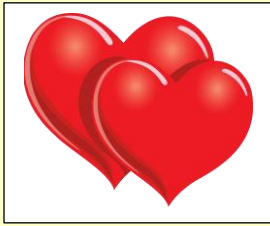
Looking forward to February, cause we've got a ton on lovely activities planned. At the beginning of the month, we'll be discussing Groundhogs Day with an activity of exploring with our own shadows and tracing them too. There will also be plenty of Valentines themed art and activities. We've got plans 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. Suess 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



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	<b>3</b> Chili Mac Pineapple Milk	<b>4</b> Taco Salad Pears Milk	<b>5</b> Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Veg Sticks Oranges Milk	<b>6</b> Chicken and Rice Green Beans Peaches Milk	<b>7</b> Chicken Nuggets Wheat Bread Corn Pineapple Milk	
	<b>10</b> Spanish Rice Peas Pears Milk	<b>11</b> Sloppy Joes Corn Peaches Milk	<b>12</b> Enchilada Casserole Peas Pineapple Milk	<b>13</b> Valentine's Day Surprise	<b>14</b> Closed for Teacher Inservice	
	<b>17</b> Closed for President's Day	<b>18</b> Mac and Cheese Corn Pears Milk	<b>19</b> Beanie Weenies French Bread Peaches Milk	<b>20</b> Chili Wheat Bread Applesauce Milk	Cheese Zombies Meatballs Garden Salad Pineapple Milk	
	<b>24</b> Bean and Cheese Burrito Corn Peaches Milk	<b>25</b> ChiliMac Bananas Milk	<b>26</b> Taco Salad with Meat and Cheese Tortillas Pineapple Milk	<b>27</b> Orange Chicken Rice Green Beans Apples Milk	<b>28</b> Penne Pasta Garden Salad Oranges Milk	



# February Snack Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
	3 Pancakes and Applesauce  Trail Mix and Bananas	4 French Toast Sticks and Applesauce  Triscuits with Cheese	5 Bagels with Cream Cheese and Fruit  Tortilla Rollups	6 Yogurt and Granola  Veg Sticks and Cheddar Cubes	7 Blueberry Muffins and Oranges  Granola Bar and Pears	
	10 Belvitas and Bananas  String Cheese and Ritz	11 Blueberry Muffins and Oranges  Bean Dip and Corn Chips	12 Waffles and Applesauce  Cheese Quesadilla	13 English Muffin with Cheese  Granola Bar and Apples	14 <b>Closed for Teacher Workday</b>	
	17 <b>Closed for President's Day</b>	18 Bagels and Cream Cheese and Apples  Nillas and Bananas	19 Blueberry Muffins and Oranges  Pita Chips and Hummus with Veggie Sticks	20 Breakfast Bar and Apples  Tortilla Rollup with Turkey and Cheese	21 French Toast Sticks and Applesauce  CheezIts and Salame and Cheese	
	24 Oatmeal and Milk  Rainbow Muffins and Pears	25 Cinnamon Raisin Bread and Oranges  Cheese Quesadillas	26 Pancakes and Applesauce  Ritz Crackers and Tuna Salad	27 Blueberry Muffins and Milk  Cinnamon Pita Chips and Fresh Fruit	28 Bagels with Cream Cheese and Pears  Belvitas and Oranges	