

St. Michael's Preschool Newsletter

January 2026

Upcoming Events

Chapel

Every Tuesday

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

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

Special Events this Month

Jan 5

School Re-opens

Jan 19

School Closed for MLK Day

Looking Forward to Next Month

Feb 12

Valentine's Day Parties

Feb 13

Closed for Teacher Inservice Day

Feb 16

Closed for President's Day

Feb 17

Fat Tuesday Celebration

Feb 18

Ash Wednesday

Feb 25

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Colleen's Corner

Welcome to 2026!

I sure hope you are enjoying your Christmas Break. I know I have, though I am ready to get back to work! I'm missing the kids and all the fun of our school day!

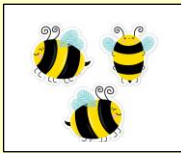
What about those kids of yours? They did fabulous at the Christmas Program! For never having been there before, never practicing on the stage, they did amazing! Thank you again to the Shelton Family for helping us get the theatre, it turned out so well. We hope to use it again next year!

The Bishop's Committee of Holy Spirit Church, which is our governing board has voted on our budget for 2026. They have voted in an increase in tuition of 5%, effective on February 1st, 2026. I will have your new tuition amount for you when we re-open on the 5th. As you probably are aware, the cost of everything has risen. No surprise there, we hope you understand. If you have any questions, please see me!

This month's Social and Emotion focus is on Compromising and Apologizing. We will talk about how we can make and acceptable compromise, and how and why we apologize. It has been really interesting to see how the kids react to our social and emotional work. I see them gaining strength every day, it's really cool to see!

We will also learn about all things winter, and luckily the weather is cooperating! Who is ready for spring?!

See you next month,
Ms. Colleen



Busy Bees

Hello Busy Bees Families!

Happy New Year to you all! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed quality time with family and friends, I know I did! December was a fun-filled month with Mr. Jingles returning to the Busy Bees class, making some special crafts, celebrating baby Jesus's birthday, and our Christmas program! The kids worked so hard practicing the songs and hand movements, it turned out amazing!

Thank you so much for all of the gifts, treats, and gift cards. You are all so thoughtful, I really felt the love!

During the month of January we will start book bags and workbooks again! We will be transforming the classroom into a Winter Wonderland! Some projects will include snowman names, an ice experiment, and snowglobes!

As winter is here, please check your child's extra clothes box and be sure there is weather appropriate attire in them. Also, if your child comes to school with rain boots please send an extra pair of shoes as the boots are prone to slips inside the classroom.

Love,

Ms. Diana



Terrific Tigers

Hello Tiger Families,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday season spent with family and friends. I know I certainly did! I am so proud of all the children for their fantastic Christmas performance, they truly did an amazing job. Thank you so much for the thoughtful Christmas gifts; I loved each and every one. I feel so blessed to have such wonderful families in our classroom.

Sparkle has officially headed back to the North Pole with Santa after having so much fun here at St. Michael's. She loved playing with all of our elves and keeping a close eye on our class for Santa. This month, we will be learning about winter wonders, weather, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and penguins. We will continue working in our workbooks, practicing scissor skills, and learning to write both first and last names. Please be sure to check your calendar for all the exciting activities we have planned. During the week of January 19, we will have a friendship snack. Each child may bring a snack-size Ziploc bag of their favorite fruit to share. A sign-up sheet will be posted as the date gets closer.

Thank you for your continued support, and here's to a great start to the new year!

Love,

Ms. Misti



LOVELY LLAMAS

Dear Llama Families,

Happy New Year!

December was so exciting with the holiday activities, spirit days, parties and of course the Christmas Program. The kids worked so hard and did such an amazing job!

In December we took a little break from workbooks but kept up with our letters and writing activities along with math, science, art, etc.

In January we will pick back up on our workbooks, and continue letter recognition, writing, number recognition, math, winter themes including weather, animals, plants and working in our garden space which we have started by planting creeping thyme.

Warm wishes,

Ms. Franie

Cub Central



Hello Cub Families,

Welcome back & Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break filled with joy & relaxation. Thank you to all the families for the thoughtful gifts & cards, I truly appreciated every one of them!

December was a very special month, filled with so many fun activities and crafts while we celebrated Baby Jesus and the holidays! In the month of January, our theme will be winter. We will explore the fascinating world of animals that hibernate, along with snowy and rainy weather. Our social-emotional goal for the month will be practicing compromising and apologizing.

As we begin the new year, we are excited to continue fostering independence. With Pre-K just around the corner, this is an important time to focus on developing key skills. From tying shoes and dressing independently to walking into school and taking on more responsibility in daily routines, we are encouraging our little ones to grow more self-sufficient & confident in their abilities. We look forward to all the progress and fun the year ahead will bring. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to help each child thrive!

Love, Ms. May



Sea Turtle Times

Happy New Year!

We're so proud of the Sea Turtles for their wonderful Christmas performance last month!

This month, we're diving into a magical winter theme - painting winter landscapes, learning about winter animals, and singing new winter songs. Our social-emotional focus will be learning how to compromise and practice apologizing during both classroom time and outdoor play.

We'll also continue working on self-help skills, dressing themselves (jackets and shoes too), using utensils properly, communicating bathroom needs, and helping with classroom clean-up. Please support these skills at home as well. Remember to check your child's extra clothes bin daily and replace items after any accidents.

We hope you had a wonderful holiday break and truly appreciate your thoughtful cards and gifts. Wishing you a year filled with happiness and joy!

Love,
Ms. Kittie & Mr. Ethan

Piglet Place



Hello Piglet families,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a restful winter break filled with family time, celebrations, and joy. Thank you so much to the families who brought in such thoughtful gifts and cards—we truly appreciate your kindness and generosity.

December was a particularly fun and festive month for us. The children enjoyed creating special crafts for family gifts and getting into the holiday spirit together. January brings even more excitement as we begin our winter theme, along with a social-emotional focus on compromising and apologizing. We'll be exploring all things winter while also discussing the importance and power of working through conflicts with compromise, resolving disagreements, and making amends with friends.

As always, we will continue to place a strong emphasis on building independence and confidence through everyday skills, such as putting on jackets and clothing, putting on shoes, and making/putting away bedding.

A quick reminder to please update your child's spare clothes to reflect the winter weather. Additionally, if your child comes to school wearing rain boots, please be sure to pack an extra pair of tennis shoes to keep at school.

Thank you, families, for your continued support and for being such wonderful partners in your children's growth and development. We're looking forward to a fantastic January ahead!

Love,
Ms. Charlotte & Ms. Keri



Duckling Details

Hello Duckling families,

The end of December came up real quick, not to mention 2025 for that matter. We sure did have a lot of fun last month. We were visited by our own Elf on the shelf, Noggin. 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. Lastly, we had a great time making ornaments with our cute poses 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

January Lunch Menu



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
				Happy New Year!	See you all next week!	
	5 Spanish Rice Corn Pears Milk	6 Sloppy Joes Green Beans Pineapple Milk	7 Mac and Cheese Peas Mixed Fruit Milk	8 Chicken Noodle Bake Mixed Veggies Applesauce Milk	9 ChiliMac Peaches Milk	
	12 Pasta with Meat Sauce Peas Pineapple Milk	13 Chicken Noodle Soup Veg Sticks Oranges Milk	14 Meatballs Mashed Potato Wheat Bread Applesauce Milk	15 Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Veg Sticks Apples Milk	16 Tostadas with Meat, Beans and Cheese Garden Salad Pears Milk	
	19 Closed for MLK Day	20 Taco Salad Tortillas Oranges Milk	21 Beef Enchiladas Corn Pears Milk	22 Chicken Nuggets Wheat Bread Garden Salad Peaches	23 Bean and Cheese Burrito Corn Pineapple Milk	
	26 Chili Wheat Bread Apples Milk	27 Meatball Sliders Peas Pears Milk	28 French Bread Pizza Garden Salad Oranges Milk	29 Teriyaki Chicken and Rice Peaches Milk	30 Shepard's Pie Mixed Veggies Wheat Bread Pineapple Milk	



January Snack Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
				Happy New Year!		
	5 French Toast Sticks and Apples Cinnamon Pita Chips and Apples	6 Cheesy English Muffins with Oranges Bananas and Belvitas	7 Raisin Bread and Fresh Fruit Blueberry Muffins and Oranges	8 Waffles and Almond Butter Ritz and Cheddar Slices	9 Cheerios with Bananas and Milk Cheese Quesadillas	
	12 NutraGrain Bar and Cuties Granola Bar and Yogurt	13 Pancakes and Applesauce Veggie Sticks with Ranch and Wheat Thins	14 English Muffins with Cheese Cinnamon Pita Chips and Oranges	15 Bagels with Cream Cheese and Fruit Graham Crackers and Bananas	16 Raisin Bread with Apples Trail Mix and Oranges	
	19 <b style="color: red;">Closed for MLK Day	20 Cinnamon Raisin Bread and Oranges Granola Bars and Apples	21 Blueberry Muffins and Milk Veggie Sticks, Wheat Crackers and Dip	22 Cheerios with Milk and Bananas String Cheese and Apples	23 English Muffin with Cheese Tortilla Rollups	
	26 Yogurt and Fresh Berries Trail Mix and Oranges	27 Waffles and Applesauce Cinnamon Pita Chips and Fresh Fruit	28 Oatmeal and Milk Blueberry Muffins and Pears	29 Bagels with Cream Cheese and Oranges Graham Crackers and Apples	30 French Toast and Applesauce Cheddar Cheese, Salame and Ritz	

