

St. Michael's Preschool Newsletter

October 2020

Colleen's Corner

Upcoming Events

Chapel

Every *Tuesday*

9:30am- Frog, Monkey and Elephant class
10:00- Owl, Butterfly, Turtle and Ladybug
Class. Currently being held outside on
the playground

October 15

Great American Shake Out

October 30

Halloween Festivities

Looking Forward To Next Month

November 11

Closed for Veteran's Day

Nov 14

Christmas pix with Shine
Photography

Nov 26 & 27

Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday



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Hi Families,

Welcome to October! Ghosts, goblins and treats oh my! Guess what our Halloween plans are?? Well.....we will let you know as the month goes on. You probably already know that we normally do a parade, followed by a Halloween Festival in the Parish Hall. We are hoping that the county may loosen up restrictions on gatherings, so we are waiting just a bit to finalize plans. Worst case scenario, we will have celebrations inside each classroom and post pictures on Remind! We are keeping our fingers crossed that we can at least have our Parade, even if we have to do it by classrooms!

Our other normally scheduled favorite fall activity is our annual Field Trip to Smith Family Farm. Unfortunately, we were not able to schedule this trip due to Covid restrictions. I'll miss the hootenanny! Hopefully we will be back next year.

I can't say enough good things about this group of kids we have this year. Everyone has done a great job adjusting to their new class and friends. They are kind to each other, help each other, and always say my lunch is good! What more can I ask for? We are so grateful to be happy and HEALTHY! We had a cold bug go around last month, but thankfully, that's all it was. We are continuing to clean and sanitize ALL the time! We sure wish we could start letting you parents in the building, hopefully that changes soon. In the meantime, I hope you enjoy all the pictures the teachers put up on Remind. It's the next best thing to being here 😊

Still have a few families that forgot to pay the supply fee. I'll be sending out reminders for that this week. If you haven't started using Zelle to pay tuition, I highly recommend it. Fast and Easy!! Just look for our email in your banking app: stmaa-preschool@sbcglobal.net. Boom! You're done!

We will be hosting Christmas Photos on Saturday, Nov 14th. Pictures will be taken by Shine Photography, our usual school photographer. We will have sign ups so we can keep our social distance protocols. You can take just your child's pictures, or have the whole family in them! Jessica, the photographer had some great ideas for backdrops, I'm sure it will be amazing. We figured the mall might not have Christmas photos available, and wanted to offer this to our families. Sign ups posted later this month. We will also start our See's Candy Fundraiser in early November, you know I love to spend money! No more flooring to buy, it will all go to the classrooms!

See you next month,

Ms. Colleen



Pre-K Frog News

Hello Frog Families,
Our first week of school has been awesome. The kids are getting accustomed to the new classroom rules and routines. They really enjoy circle time as we sing songs about letters, read books and choose their favorite jobs. Everyone seems to enjoy making letters with wood pieces and building Mat Man which teaches them body awareness.

During the month of October, we will continue working on letters, shapes, numbers as well as their cutting skills. We will also be doing a lot of fun Halloween crafts as well as transforming our dramatic play area into a witch's kitchen! It's going to be a Spooktacular month at St. Michael's!

Love,

Ms. Diana



Pre-K Tiger News

Hello Tiger Families,

October is here! I love this month. We have some great activities planned for this month, make sure to check out our calendar. It is posted on Remind.

The kids are excited each day to find out what their job is. They have also been working hard to fill their buckets full of warm fuzzies and be able to take a trip to the Treasure Box at the end of the week. They are all learning our class routines and expectations and have been doing great.

The Tiger class has been busy working in their workbooks and making sure they are taking their time and trying to stay within the lines. During circle time, we have been learning the days of the week and our letter sounds. I hope they have been coming home and singing the songs for you, they really love it. We will continue to work on our letters, numbers, shapes and our cutting skills.

Love,

Ms. Misti



Ladybug News

Hi Ladybug Families,
Fall is officially here! This is an exciting time of the year for our class as we begin to see the change in weather, change in nature and also begin our holiday fun. As we begin to talk about fall and all of its changes, we also begin to talk about what we wear during this change in seasons. Although the days are still rather warm, we do begin to have some chilly weather. In class, we will be talking about summer clothes vs. winter clothes. This reminds me, please label your child's clothing! Everyone shops at Target!!

This past month the Ladybugs did an amazing job in learning the class routine, class expectations as well as all the interest areas. They now know that after am snack is our stretching time, sometimes if we have extra time, we do our body awareness dance.

As you all know this month is Halloween, things may be a little different but I assure you that Ms. Colleen has something brewing to make it a special day. We have so much fun planned for the month!

Love,

Ms. Jessy

Owl Class News



Hello Owl Families,

Welcome to the new school year! We already started this year off great so far! The kid's artwork has been displayed in the classroom and it looks amazing so far. We have returning and new students this year. We are working on and getting familiar with our classroom routines and expectations. The Owls are doing well with Circle Time. They all participate as we go over our calendar, theme, color and shape of the week. The kids all seem to really enjoy singing during Circle Time. It's always a blast when they are so enthusiastic. I began introducing letters each week using wooden shapes to form letters. So far, so good!

For All About Me week the kids drew a self-portrait. They all used a mirror and drew themselves. We tried a new art project and painted an apple using a real apple. That was pretty fun! I tried to get really creative with letters and used paper bones to form out our letters of the week!

As we wrap up our first month back to school, we can now really kick things into gear! I can't wait to see all the pumpkins, fall harvest and the spooky Halloween activities coming up! Let's get ready for another fantastic month at St. Michael's!

Always,

Mr. Louis

Butterfly News



Hello Butterfly Families,

Hard to believe that we are now in October and in my favorite season of fall. We sure did a lot in September learning about each other, how to be safe in and out of school, and at our home. We are starting our spooky and faBOOlous month of October and boy will it be a busy one! This month we will be talking about harvest and the season of fall, and doing lots of pumpkin and Halloween crafts. Although this Halloween may be different from other years, we still will make it fun and exciting. Our curriculum will be posted on Reminds, so take a peek to see all the fun we will be having in the Butterfly class!

Love,

Ms. Miriam

News from the Turtle Class!

We are excited to announce that we will be opening up the Turtle classroom this month. The class will be a mix of three's and young fours. Ms. Kittie will be the teacher of the classroom. She has lots of fun planned for the class, Halloween fun, pumpkin carving, and just getting used to the new room. The Turtle room is one of our new classrooms, with a bathroom attached and an extra sink, perfect for keeping little hands clean! We will be working on class placement and let you know very soon if your child will be moving into the Turtles! Exciting things are happening!

KEEP PROGRAM NEWS

Hello Keep Families,

September was a whirlwind of Apple Fun learning in Kindergarten! With Apples as our theme, we incorporated science (life cycle), math, patterns, site words, writing in our journals and so much more. I love how they put on their scientist hats to give their most professional observation and opinion on tasting Apple foods and beverages.

As we move into October, we will use pumpkins and Halloween as our theme and we'll have so much fun learning. Full disclosure...I am that silly teacher who dresses up Halloween style just a little bit each day. Please continue to look on Remind for our classroom calendar and any updates or requests we may have.

Lastly, thank you for reminding your kiddos to bring their water bottles daily and for charging their electronic devices!

Yours in Inclusive Teaching,
Ms. Jen

October Lunch Menu



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Sloppy Joe's Peas Apples Milk	2 Chicken and Rice Green Beans Pears Milk	
	5 Chili French Bread Pears Milk	6 Tostadas Garden Salad Pineapple Milk	7 Chicken Nuggets Wheat Bread Mixed Veggies Pears Milk	8 Baked Ziti Green Beans Bananas Milk	9 Bean and Cheese Burrito Salad Peaches Milk	
	12 Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce Green Beans Pineapple Milk	13 Chicken Sliders Veg Sticks Apples Milk	14 Chicken Fried Rice Peas and Carrots Oranges Milk	15 Chili Mac Pears Milk	16 Sloppy Joe's Salad Bananas Milk	
	19 Mac and Cheese Green Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	20 Chicken and Noodle Bake Green Beans Apples Milk	21 Tuna Sandwich Veg Sticks Bananas Milk	22 Bow Tie Pasta with Meat Sauce Mixed Veggies Pears Milk	23 Spanish Rice Salad Oranges Milk	
	26 Grilled Cheese Sandwiches Salad Peaches Milk	27 Bean and Cheese Burrito Peas Apples Milk	28 Corn Pineapple Milk	29 Chili Mac Applesauce Milk	30 Mummy Dogs Garden Salad Oranges Milk	



October Snack Menu

				1 Bagels with Cream Cheese and Apples Granola Bars and Oranges	2 Yogurt and Berries Oat Muffins and Pears	
	5 English Muffins with Melted Cheese Veggie Sticks and Wheat Crackers	6 Chex Cereal and Milk Refried Beans and Cheese and Chips	7 Blueberry Muffins and Milk Granola bars and Oranges	8 Belvitas and Apples Wheat Crackers and String Cheese	9 Toast with Jam and Oranges Trail Mix and Pears	
	12 Cinnamon Raisin Bread and Pears Belvitas and Strawberries	13 Pancakes and Applesauce Yogurt and Fresh Fruit	14 Biscuits and Jelly with Apples Salami and Cheese with Ritz Crackers	15 Yogurt and Fresh Fruit Goldfish and Watermelon	16 Toasted Bagels with Cream Cheese and Fruit Chex Mix and String Cheese	
	19 Oat Bran Muffins and Milk Granola Bars and Applesauce	20 Graham Crackers and Almond Butter Cheese Quesadillas	21 Cheerios and Milk Nillas and Bananas	22 Pancakes and Applesauce Yogurt Smoothies	23 Tortilla Rollups Cinnamon Pita Chips and Fresh Fruit	
	26 French Toast and Pears Trail Mix and Apples	27 English Muffins and Cheese Veggie Sticks and Wheat Thins	28 Yogurt with Berries Muffins and Watermelon	29 Graham, Crackles and Bananas Cheese Quesadillas	30 Halloween Surprises!!	