

St. Michael's Preschool Newsletter

December 2020

Upcoming Events

Chapel

Every *Tuesday*
9:30am- Pre-K Frog and Tiger classes
10:00- Butterfly, Owl, Turtle and Ladybug
Classes.

Nov. 30th

See's Candy orders due

Dec 24-Jan 1

Closed for Christmas Break



Looking forward to next month

Jan 2nd

Reopen after Winter Break

Jan 18th

Closed for MLK Birthday



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Colleen's Corner

Dear Families,

Merry Christmas! Can you believe that we are at the end of the year? Thankfully so!! It doesn't feel like Christmas yet, but we are working on it. You probably have already guessed that there is no Christmas Program this year. We had hoped that maybe restrictions would be looser and we could schedule some kind of program. I think maybe we jinxed the whole county, as restrictions are even tighter. We will be back next year with a show to top them all!

On a positive note, without Christmas program practice every day, we have more time to have fun with your kids! Expect a lot of crafting, a lot of singing just for fun, and probably even cookie baking. I received a very important phone call from Santa who explained that due to Covid, he couldn't come visit the kids this year. He promised to send his elves right before Christmas to visit...I wonder what they will do here?

See's Candy sales look strong! We don't have any sales totals yet, but we will by early next week, and we will post info on Remind. We have already been creating wish lists to spend all the money!

Inside this month's newsletter is a letter regarding illnesses. All of us are so very thankful that we have remained healthy. We want to keep it that way! Please review and let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your help in keeping us all safe!

How many of us can say we are happy to see the end of 2020! What a year this has been! Thank you for support of St. Michael's Preschool. It means more than ever to us. Though we have missed so many things about this year, we learned a lot as a staff. You STILL have the best children in the world, and you as parent have done an amazing job parenting through this mess. Let's all hope for a better 2021! I think we deserve it!

Merry Christmas,

Ms. Colleen



Pre-K Frog News

Hello Frog 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 sounds that each letter makes. We ended with talking about what we are truly thankful for.

It is the most wonderful time of year! It is so exciting for me to share my excitement and anticipation of the Christmas 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' birthday with cake and all. I heard from Mr. Jingles (our elf on the shelf) that we might have a special visitor from the North Pole come to visit. Exciting!

A very special thank you to Luke, Silas and Amber for the gifts off of the Frog's wish list. Very much appreciated!

Merry Christmas and happy new year, stay safe and enjoy!

Love, Ms. Diana



Pre-K Tiger News

Hello 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 continued to work in our workbooks, letter, recognition, letter sounds, we 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 light decorations, usually visiting Santa and spending time with Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, and cousins, this year is going to be different for all of us.

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 elf on the shelf) and she told me that she can't wait to come visit our class this month. Wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

I want to thank to Jason, Kaleb, Asher, Julissa, Lily and Families for purchasing items from our wish list, the children are enjoying playing with them.

Love,
Ms. Misti

KEEP PROGRAM NEWS



Happy Holidays KEEP families!

We made it through November! Every day the Kindergarteners impress me with their hard work, creativity, kind hearts and flexibility to go with the flow! I am very thankful for every day I spend with them and thankful your family is a part of our St. Michael's family.

November started off with our own classroom election for a new classroom representative (a new lovey) and after a close running... I'm pleased to announce Mr. Husky as our first ever classroom representative! We proudly colored Thank You cards for Veterans and I dropped them off at Kensington Senior Center where they were well received. We took the time to enjoy nature's beauty that the fall season provides and incorporated it into our art, math, science, and writing prompts. The Kindergarteners told me they had a lot to be thankful for and I hope they were able to share that with you while your family celebrated Thanksgiving together.

December is my favorite month of the whole year because I get to wear a different ugly holiday sweater every day, I celebrate my birthday and it's the season of GIVING TO OTHERS! The best way to spread Christmas cheer is to singing it loud for all to hear and I promise...Kindergarten is gonna be singing LOUD!

Yours in Inclusive Teaching,
Ms. Jen



Ladybug News

Hi Ladybug Families,

What a great month of November. I hope you had a lot to be thankful for. Here at St. Michael's we are thankful for our health, our families at home, and our families here who have supported us through all of this and cooperated with us during these difficult times. Going into December, I hope to bring as much holiday spirit into the classroom for my Ladybugs. We will start the month with our Elf friend who visits us every year from the North Pole! We will then jump into activities celebrating the holidays, our change in weather, and baby Jesus. Although we will not be able to do our Annual Christmas Program due to Health regulations in our county, we do have something special planned! I look forward to celebrating this month with all my Ladybug friends and know that they are eager to see what goes on at St. Michael's during this special time of year.

Merry Christmas to All,

Ms. Jessy

Owl Class News



Hello Owl Families,

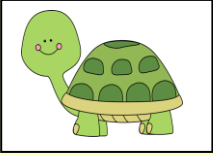
Gobble gobble!! What a thankful month we had. We had so many fun-filled activities, lots of arts and crafts! Our classroom was full of turkeys ready for Thanksgiving! The Owls and I did an amazing science experiment called Glitter Germs. We dipped our fingers in water mixed with glitter. The glitter stayed stuck on our fingers! However, when we dipped our fingers in soap and then in the glitter water the glitter did not stick to our fingers! The kids were pretty amazed! Turkey Plates were another great art project. The Owls colored a paper plate with a brown crayon, then glued the eyes and beak and finished with the colorful feathers. The Owls also made turkey footprints. They used their hands to make the turkey footprints. We put the turkey footprints up in the classroom and it looked like the turkeys came to our class and made a mess!

During circle time we talked about what we are thankful for. And of course, most responses were their mommies and daddies. Well, I am thankful for such a great group of smart Owls in my class!

Thank you to all my kid's parents that went above and beyond and pretty much purchased everything on my wish list for my classroom. We couldn't do what we do without you all and thank you for always supporting our school and kids!

Now that Thanksgiving has ended let's start getting into the Christmas spirit! I have some fun and exciting activities planned, so get ready!

Always
Mr. Louis



Turtle Class

Hello Turtles Families!

Happy Holidays! Last month the Turtles welcomed two new friends to our classroom. We also continued to explore our environment. We really enjoyed our Thanksgiving feast, the tasting pumpkin pie and decorating our turkeys. Christmas around the world is a special week! We listened to books and learned all about other countries' traditions.

This month we're going learn about Christmas and Baby Jesus. It's a short month and we are going to be busy. We will work on make our special Christmas gifts for parents.

Thank you, families, for purchasing items from the Turtle's wish list. We really appreciate it!

We hope that you and your family have a wonderful Christmas break and will see you next year!

Love,
Ms. Kittie

Butterfly News



Hello to all my butterfly families,

We're leaving another fun filled month behind us and entering my favorite month of December! Last month we learned what it means to be thankful, did many turkey craft projects, and got ready for Thanksgiving celebrations at home. This month we also welcomed our friend Dominic to the Butterfly Class. In the month of December, we will be focusing on Christmas, will be talking about candy canes, wreaths, Christmas lights, and of course Santa Clues; but our main focus will be on the birth of baby Jesus. We will be reading different nativity stories and making some cute fun crafts to reminds us that during Christmas we celebrate **Baby** Jesus's Birthday. As we enter in the month of December and it is getting cold please remember to label all jackets and sweaters so they don't get stuck in the lost and found. Lastly, I would like to thank all those families who contributed to our Amazon class list, it was such a great help to our classroom. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with their loved ones.

Love,
Ms. Miriam

Chapel Topics

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Dec 10-Mother Mary

Dec 17-The Birth of Jesus

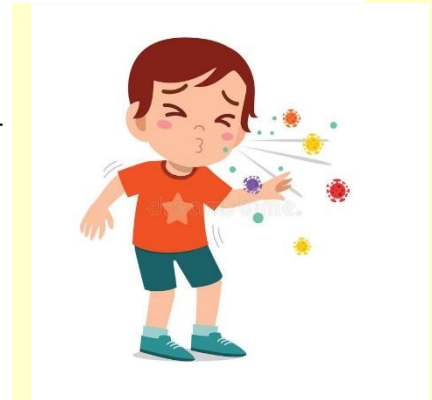


COVID-19 & Our Illness Policy

Dear families,

One of my main goals is to keep everyone here as healthy and safe as possible. In an effort to do this, it is a good idea to review our illness policy as we head into cold and flu season.

Children do become ill, and often at unpredictable and inconvenient times. Many illnesses are contagious and we have to be careful not to unnecessarily expose the children to them. Especially during these times of COVID.



I have a responsibility to protect your child, the other families in this program and my staff.

Based on my experience, there is a lot of “gray area” that surfaces when a child is feeling less than their best. I ask that each parent is *overly* conservative and think about whether or not to keep their child home to be on the safe side.

Your child may wake up one day and not feel well, but does not meet any of our exclusionary guidelines (i.e. fever, diarrhea, vomiting). As a guideline, if you are wondering whether to send your child here for the day, ask yourself the following questions:

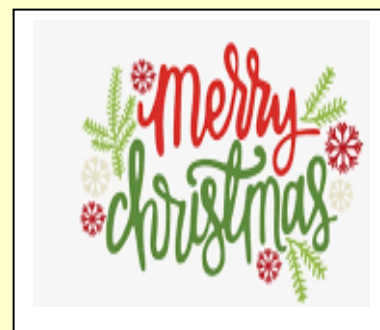
- Can my child cover his/her cough?
- Is there any excessive and/or discolored nasal discharge?
- Is he/she lethargic or tired?
- Is he/she well enough to participate in daily activities and routines?
- Is he/she noticeably uncomfortable or irritable?
- Is he/she difficult to console?

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I appreciate your partnership and keeping one another as healthy as possible through these uncertain times.

Thank you,

Ms. Colleen

December Lunch Menu



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Bow Tie Pasta Peas & Carrots Oranges Milk	2 Mac and Cheese Corn Mixed Fruit Milk	3 Spanish Rice Salad Apples Milk	4 Beanie Weenies Wheat Bread Applesauce Milk	
	7 Beef Tacos Garden Salad Mixed Fruit Milk	8 Penne Pasta with Meat Sauce Peas Oranges Milk	9 Teriyaki Chicken Rice Green Beans Pineapple Milk	10 Cheese Zombies Tomato Soup Apples Milk	11 Chicken Nuggets Peas Pears Milk	
	14 Chili Mac Corn Pears Milk	15 Pizza Rounds Green Beans Peaches Milk	16 Bean and Cheese Burrito Oranges Milk	17 Corn Dogs Peas Apples Milk	18 Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Veg Sticks Applesauce Milk	
	21 Meatball with Rice Mixed Veggies Pineapple Milk	22 Rotini Pasta with Meat Sauce Green Beans Pineapple Milk	23 Breakfast for lunch! Pancakes Sausage Mandarins Milk	ST. MICHAEL'S IS CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK		

December Snack Menu



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1 Oat Bran Bread and Pears Cereal Bars and Apples	2 Pancakes and Milk Cinnamon Toast with Applesauce	3 Bagels and Oranges Cheez its and Pears	4 Biscuits with Jelly Oranges Trail Mix and Apples		
	7 Apple Cinnamon Pancakes and Milk Pigs in a Blanket and Oranges	8 Chex Cereal and Milk Yogurt with Granola	9 Apple Muffins and Milk Granola Bars and Strawberries	10 English Muffins with Melted Cheese String Cheese and Apples	11 Graham Crackers and Cr. Cheese and Oranges Blueberry Muffins and Milk		
	14 Cheerios with Milk Salami and Cheese with Ritz Crackers	15 Waffles and Orange Juice Fruit Salad And Pita Chips	16 Biscuits and Jelly with Apples Goldfish and Pears	17 Cinnamon Toast and Oranges Banana Sushi Rolls	19 Belvitas and Apples Trail Mix and Pears		
	21 Cinnamon Rolls and Apples Granola Bars and Strawberries	22 Cinnamon Raisin Toast with Jam and Milk Cheese Quesadillas	23 Christmas Surprises!	<div data-bbox="966 1501 1448 1663" data-label="Text"> <p>MERRY CHRISTMAS! SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!</p> </div>			