



Dear St. Michael Preschool Families,

The 2018-2019 school year is off to a great start! Thank you so much for attending our Meet the Teacher and Parent and Student Orientations this week. The teachers and I loved seeing all those smiling faces, and we can't wait for the fun adventures to begin. We look forward to partnering with you to create a strong home-school connection that will foster the best start to your child's learning.

Blessings,

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## Important Dates

- Mon., Aug. 27 – **Early Arrival Begins 8:15 am** (preschool doors open at this time & pre-registration is required)
- Mon., Sept. 3 – **Preschool Closed** (Labor Day)
- Sept. 11 & 12 – **Lunch Program Begins**
- Fri., Sept. 28 – **Preschool Closed** (Teacher Professional Development Day)



## Roo's Pals – 2's Please Note:

Week of Aug. 27 – 11:30 am dismissal  
 Week of Sept. 4 – 12:00 pm dismissal  
 Week of Sept. 10 – 12:30 pm dismissal



## Separation Anxiety

Some children go through a stage of difficulty in separating from a parent in a new environment. Staying in the classroom with a child who is having difficulty often prolongs his/her anxiety. Therefore, we encourage parents to drop off at the door with a hug or kiss and leave promptly. You can watch your child through the observation window or call during the day to see how your child is doing.

## Independently Potty Trained

Parents, please remember that children three and older must be independently potty trained to attend our preschool. [Click here](#) to review this policy. Thank you!

## Snack & Food Allergy Policy

I want to thank you in advance for signing up to send in class snacks. It is a great way for the children to enjoy a variety of nutritious foods throughout the year. [Click here](#) for healthy snack ideas.

**Please Note:** If sending in something home-baked, please bring in the ingredient label so our teachers can ensure it does not contain nuts.

Please remember, to keep all children safe, including those with life-threatening allergies, **snacks may not contain peanuts, tree nuts, or peanut/nut products.** This includes foods that have been processed in a plant with peanuts or tree nuts.



**Only children with allergies** (requiring an EpiPen or medical action plan) **are required to provide their own snack.**

**Those having a medical dietary restriction** (e.g., Celiac Disease, Gluten sensitivity, dairy or lactose intolerance) **may choose to bring their own snack to school.**

**All other children will be offered the class snack.**

Teachers will have Goldfish, animal crackers, or pretzels in the event a child refuses to eat the prepared snack.

## Illness Policy

To protect the health and well-being of all the children, please keep your child home if any of the following conditions exist:

- Frequent and productive coughing and sneezing.
- A runny nose requiring constant wiping or accompanied by green drainage.
- Fever or vomiting. Children should be kept home for 24 hours **after** his/her temperature is normal and vomiting has ceased.





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## Drop Off and Pick Up

Thank you for remembering to sign your child in and out each day. Please remember to include a number where we can reach you if it is different from the one listed on the sheet.

- Classroom doors open at **9:30 am** and pick up is at **12:30 pm**.
- Call or email the office if your child will be absent.
- Provide a note if your child will be picked up by someone other than those listed on your carpool list.
- Do not leave any children unattended in your car while you drop off or pick up your preschooler.
- If you have a child that is ill or napping, please call the office and we will be happy to bring your preschooler in or out for you.
- Hold children's hands walking in the parking lot and in an out of the school building.
- Be careful not to park in designated fire lanes.

## Lunch Program

The Lunch Program runs from 12:30-1:30 pm most Tuesdays and Wednesdays. After lunch, weather permitting, the children will go out on the playground. Please wait at the playground entrance for a teacher to dismiss your child.



If you would like your child to stay for after school lunch, please stop by the office to sign up.

\*If participating in the Lunch Program, please remember to **send your child with a peanut/tree nut free lunch. Be sure to clearly mark any SunButter items.**

## Box Tops

Please continue to save your Box Tops throughout the school year and drop them off in the collection box outside of the preschool office. This is a great way to help our school raise funds for new instructional materials and programs. With your help, we can reach our goal of raising \$600 this school year. Thank you in advance for supporting our efforts.



## Adventure Camp

Our super fun Adventure Camps begin in October. These camps are offered to preschoolers 3 years and older. Camps will occur one Thursday and Friday per month. [Register here](#) or in our preschool office.

- **Thursday, Oct. 4th** - "Camping" The children will experience a scavenger hunt, learn about animal prints, and set up a camp. We will wrap up the day by making trail mix around a campfire.
- **Friday, Oct. 5th** - "Bugging Out" Children will explore the environment with nets and discover insects. We will compare bugs and go on a ladybug hunt.



## Social Media - Please follow us on...

**Twitter:** @stmpreschoolnc

**Instagram:** @stmpreschoolnc

**Pinterest:** /stmichaelcary/st-michael-preschool

**Facebook:** StMichael Cary - please friend this account and find a link to the Closed Group there.

**Please Tweet and Post your First Day of School Pictures with #stmichaelpreschool and #stmichaelcary**



**Please Note:** During registration, you were asked to approve or decline permission for your child's photo release. If you declined your child's photo, it will not be used on social media or in preschool publications. A child's name will never be used.

Many parents take pictures during visits to the classroom or special events that we have at the preschool. Since social media has made it so easy to share photos, please be respectful of people's privacy and do not post pictures of children or staff without their permission.

**Get your FREE St. Michael Preschool Car Magnet this week!**

