

November 3rd, 2017

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DOLPHIN TALES

Important Dates:

November 7, 2017 at 5:30

Primary meeting for parents with students in Ms. Angie's afternoon class. Meet the Lower El teachers too!

November 20, 2017

Bring a Buddy to School! ages 5 and up. Primary and Elementary. Invite a friend to explore MSR. You must RSVP at office@msor.org. Limited spaces available.

November 21, 2017

Holiday Celebrations in Classroom (please check with your class to know the specific time for your class)

November 22-24, 2017

Thanksgiving Holidays

November Birthdays:

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| Emily H. | 11/2 |
| Sam D. | 11/2 |
| Madison W. | 11/3 |
| Luca A.S. | 11/4 |
| Parker C. | 11/4 |
| Myles B. | 11/6 |
| Reyn L. | 11/6 |
| Aubree C. | 11/7 |
| Knox C. | 11/9 |
| Isabel D. | 11/16 |
| Nicholas W. | 11/16 |
| Athan W. | 11/17 |
| Ryder C. | 11/17 |
| Bear B. | 11/18 |
| Tylee N. | 11/20 |
| Hudson C. | 11/21 |
| Lily C. | 11/23 |
| Dezire S. | 11/25 |
| Charles G. | 11/27 |



HALLOWEEN 2017



Toddler News from Ms. Ginny & Ms. Pam

It seems the month of October flew by! We loved talking, singing and learning about nocturnal animals. They also loved all the Halloween stories and songs! The children looked so cute on Halloween, and I believe most of them enjoyed the "parade"! I wanted to thank Aniyah's family for the small pumpkins they brought for each child. The children loved painting them. They also brought them each a pail and some candy. The tin full of candy was given by Knox's family, the bag with the Pez dispenser from Reef and the paper bag of goodies from Pam and me! I'm sure they will enjoy it for days!! Also, thanks to Parker's family for donating the large pumpkin for our class. All the children painted it and then put fingerprints on it which we made into skeletons, witches, pumpkins and spiders! These kids LOVE painting!!

This month we will learn about transportation, opposites and Thanksgiving. We will also be very busy practicing our songs for the holiday program. They will need to wear Christmas pajamas for this (preferably red or green). They will also need to wear tennis shoes. The program is December 7th at 6:00 at the Rome City Auditorium on Broad Street. Please be looking for pajamas for this. I've already seen Christmas ones in stores!

We will have our Thanksgiving feast on Tuesday, November 21. We ask each family to sign up for something to bring to this. There will be a sign up sheet on our door soon. We will be closed the 22nd thru 24th for Thanksgiving holidays.

We have several birthday celebrations in our classroom this month. Thank you to Madison's family for bringing lunch today! There will also be no lunches needed on the following days: Monday, November 6 - lunch celebration for Parker's birthday & Thursday, November 9 - lunch celebration for Knox's birthday.

Please check your child's extra clothes boxes and make sure they have warmer clothing in them!

Please make sure all outerwear is labeled with your child's name.



Toddler News from Ms. Shannon & Ms. Dana

October was such a fun month! We really enjoyed learning about nocturnal animals. Thank you to everyone who helped make our Halloween party a success. The kids loved all the special treats. Congratulations to Ari's family on winning our class pumpkin! It was great to see so many of you at the Fall Festival!

Another month down! This school year is flying by! In November we will learn about different types of transportation and opposites. We will also learn about being thankful, turkeys, fall, and Thanksgiving. Thank you to Valerie, Aurora's mom, for the beautiful new turkey buttoning work that she made for the class. It will be another packed month!!

This month we will have a Thanksgiving celebration in the classroom on November 21st. Families are invited. I will put up both a sign up for food and an RSVP list on the door so we will know how much food to bring. We will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on November 22-24.

We will also start working on our holiday program music. We will be wearing pajamas for our performance. I have started shopping for these. If you have not paid your toddler fees to me yet please do so. I will not purchase them until the fees are paid; there are 3 children left. If I haven't received all payments by Monday, then I will return the fee of \$45 to everyone who has paid it and will just let you know what you owe for other activities throughout the rest of the school year. Thank you and sorry for any inconvenience!

Please check your child's cubby for season appropriate clothing. It might be a good idea to have something for colder and warmer weather since Mother Nature can't seem to make up her mind. Make sure to label everything-extra clothes, hats, jackets, and gloves. There is a Lost and Found in the lobby!

We are thankful each day for your children!



News from Ms. Ana Maria & Ms. Valerie



Thank you to everyone who made our Halloween parade and lunch a big success. It was so much fun and we could not have done it without all of your help. I can't believe it is already November. We had a great time in October learning about South America and learning about things that live in the ocean. In November, we will learn about Native Americans and talk about pilgrims. We will begin to learn about things in Europe. When we learn about our International Day country in February, we will go into more detail about Europe. (We will be studying Ireland.)

We have a school outing coming up on Friday, November 17th. We will be going to see 'Spirit of the Season'. It will be at the Rome City Auditorium and begins at 9am. You will not come to school that morning. We will all meet at the Auditorium and then come to school after the production is finished. We are suggesting that everyone gets there at 8:30am. This will give you time to find a parking space and pay for your tickets. You will need to purchase your tickets in the lobby when you arrive. Tickets

are \$5 dollars each for adults and students. After you purchase your tickets, they will direct you to where Montessori is seating. We have reserved seats, so please look for the MSR teachers when you walk in. All the seats are reserved in the auditorium so please make sure to **only** sit in the area designated for Montessori. Your child will need to wear their black Montessori field trip shirt.

We will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a Thanksgiving Feast on November 21st. **Festivities will begin at 11am.** The children will perform our traditional Native American Dance. Then we will all say what we are thankful for, so get ready to say what you are thankful for. A sign up list will be going up soon for our Thanksgiving Feast. Please remember that nothing can have peanuts.

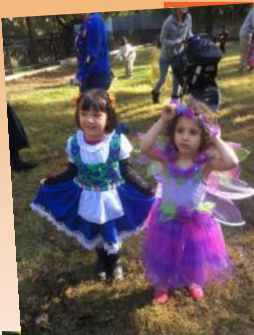


I want to say a big thank you to Abigail's Dad, Heath, for making a new piece of work for our classroom. He made a new lock and key work. It is just beautiful, and it has quickly become one of the student's favorites. The lock and key work has many purposes. (Just like all the work in the classroom.) Just a few of the purposes are: motor development, control of movement, development of eye-hand coordination, care of environment, development of independence, indirect preparation for writing, and development of concentration.

We are working really hard getting ready for the Holiday Program. Be sure your calendar is marked for December 7th. We will be sending home a note soon about costumes. We ordered one dress to see if it would work and it is so cute! They are going to look great on stage.



Primary News from Ms. Angie & Ms. Carolina



We have been working on grace and courtesy lessons in class. Be sure and help reinforce this at home by reminding your child how to speak nicely to you and to their peers. For example, insist on the magic words of *Please* and *Thank You*. Eye contact is quite important. I often say it's not what you say sometimes but how you say it, so please use a pleasant tone of voice and kind words. We want our children to have grateful and kind hearts. Remember, "One kind word can change someone's entire day." If we work on these lessons at school, and you reinforce them at home, we will cultivate a kinder, gentler world.



For this month of Thanksgiving, we look forward to our annual Thanksgiving feast with the Pilgrims and the First Nation people. It will be on Tuesday, November 21st, and the **festivities begin at 11:00**. We do a story and song. A sign-up sheet will be posted next week. Speaking of Thanksgiving and gratitude, thank you for the donations from the Book Fair! The children love to see new books on our classroom shelves.

Please remember to respond to office@msor.org and RSVP for the meeting on Tuesday, November 7 at 5:30 with all parents whose children are moving from the 3rd Year Primary class (my afternoon class) to Lower Elementary. We are providing pizzas and fruit for the children and need to know how much to purchase. Child care is provided. Ms. Shemi requests your presence at this important meeting.



We are excited to go to the Polar Express show produced by R.O.M.E. on Friday, November 17. The show begins at 9:00. Since you need to purchase tickets (\$5.00 for students and parents) and get a seat, please arrive at 8:30. Try to be seated by 8:50. This will give you time to get a parking space and everything done and not be rushed. The Montessori School of Rome Upper Elementary class will be performing at the show. I'm excited to see this show.



Field trip shirts are required. Please look for the Montessori teachers to sit with them because we have a section designated for us.



We will not meet at school. After the show, please return to school and sign your child into school at that time. The show should last one hour.

I've ordered two things for our holiday program costumes. I will give you details after they arrive and make sure they will work. By Monday, I should be able to give you prices. Please look for a separate email.

This month we touch on the continent of Europe and discuss American founders. We will talk more about Europe during International Day month when discussing Switzerland.



News here and there

Ms. Melanie's Musings: The Montessori Bead Cabinet - A Tool For All Ages

Article from North America Montessori Center

One of the most rewarding things about being a NAMC tutor is interacting with my students. I recently engaged in a conversation with a student who was preparing to place her first order for Montessori Materials for her upper elementary Montessori classroom. She told me that she was not going to purchase the Montessori Bead Cabinet materials for her upper students since they had used the Bead Cabinet Materials in lower elementary.

The Montessori Bead Cabinet Material is a quintessential and defining Montessori material.

The Bead Cabinet is first introduced in the Children's House as a means to sensorially demonstrate the linear concept of the Golden Bead Material as well as reinforce linear counting from 1-1,000. For the 3-6 child, the Bead Cabinet represents a BIG work! Imagine a 5-year old taking the thousands chain and laying it out vertically on the floor and using the numeral counting arrows to count all the way to 1,000! Now, imagine the sense of pride that same 5-year old feels at his accomplishment.

In addition to linear counting, the Bead Cabinet provides a concrete representation of abstract mathematical concepts. While children at this age are not able to verbalize these concepts, they can represent them. Through the use of short and long bead chains, number squares and cubes, and numeral arrows, the Bead Cabinet concretely demonstrates:

skip counting -- 10, 20, 30, 40, . . . 1000

multiples

squared numbers: six 6s = $36 = 6^2$

cubed numbers: ten 100-squares = a thousand cube

This concrete learning paves the way for future learning in the lower elementary Montessori classroom. It is here that the child recognizes and has that wonderful "Ah ha!" moment where he says, "I worked with this in the Children's House, but now I understand it." Using the Bead Cabinet Material, the child builds upon previous knowledge and begins to explore multiples and rules of divisibility, as well as the powers of numbers.



Elementary News: Ms. Maggie and Ms. Stefanie

The weather & trees are all finally beginning to feel and look like fall after a long period of summer-like weather. We've had a busy fall season here at Montessori. Thank you all for supporting our students & making Historical Timeline a wonderful success! Thank you also for helping us celebrate at the Fall Festival! Congratulations to the Hickman family for being the highest bidders for our class pumpkin!

A big "thank you" goes out to all those who purchased books from the book fair for our classroom! The children love getting new books for our reading shelf!

Our morning work cycle continues to improve with the students learning to focus their attention on the work they choose from their planners. We love to see the students engaged in their work and looking forward to lessons! The history of writing and the history of math lessons are coming up for our afternoon cultural work along with lessons on the fundamental needs of humans. Geography experiments about how the earth works will also be a part of our afternoons this month.

Practice for our Christmas program will continue throughout November. Our students are working hard to have a grand performance as we celebrate an "Appalachian Christmas". Please remember to keep an eye out for plaid shirts and overalls or jeans (suspenders will also work) for your child to wear during the performance. Thank you!

We have the privilege of enjoying a holiday performance at the Rome City Auditorium on November 17 at 9:00am. This performance will include highlights from The Polar Express and The Nutcracker, an orchestra, singers, dancers, and a children's choir. The Montessori School of Rome Upper Elementary will be a part of this show! The cost for this performance is \$5.00/student. The money can be turned in to the office, to Ms. Maggie, or Ms. Stefanie. We're looking forward to getting into the spirit of the season with this enjoyable show! We will contact you regarding drivers.

The last day of school before Thanksgiving break will be Tuesday, November 21. Everyone is invited to our Thanksgiving feast on that day. We will soon begin a sign-up list for the food so we can plan a delicious Thanksgiving meal! We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Our microwave line for lunchtime warm-ups has gotten a bit long lately. Please keep in mind when planning for lunches that we have 30 minutes total for lunch, so when more than half the class needs to microwave food for lunch that leaves some students with little time to eat. Please try to have your child help pack his/her lunch and choose foods that do not need to be warmed to bring for a few days of the week. This would be a great learning opportunity for your child to understand the importance of having a protein, fruits, and vegetables in their lunch. Also, please remember to send a water bottle everyday as sugary drinks are not allowed at school.

We wish all our families a very happy Thanksgiving! It's wonderful to be part of a community in which we have so much to be thankful. Happy Birthday wishes to all our November birthdays - Happy Birthday Sam, Emily, and Bear!



Elementary News: Ms. Dolores



Whew! We made it through October. The corn maze, a horde of impeccably dressed historical characters, pumpkin fever, and costumes galore. Thank you all, for the time you put in to make this past month so awesome.

This month, we'll be finishing up with our timelines; the history of writing and the history of math. We'll do some geography experiments to demonstrate how the Earth works. Our discussions on the Fundamental Needs of Man will coincide with mindfulness of the things we have to be thankful for.

And, by the way, thank you to those of you who so generously donated books to the classroom from the Scholastic book fair. The fair will end on Friday and your child has prepared his/her own personal wish list.

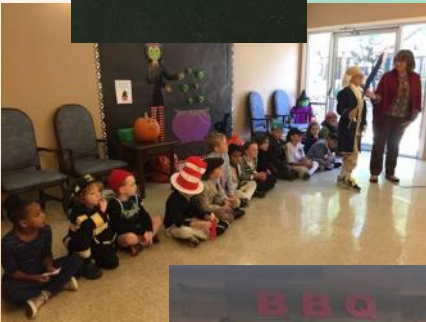
We will need drivers for a field trip to see some highlights from *The Polar Express* and *The Nutcracker* at the Rome City Auditorium on November 17 at 9 a.m. The cost for this event will be \$5.00 and can be turned in to the office.

The children have begun to practice for our holiday program and are learning to "two-step 'round the Christmas tree". Their costumes this year will consist of a plaid shirt and overalls or jeans. Suspenders are optional. We already have the straw hats for them to wear.

On the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, we will celebrate with a lunchtime feast in our classroom. We will poll the children on their preferences and discuss a menu with our room mom, Lelia Stina. She'll be contacting you to ask for your help, so be on the lookout for an email from her. Parents and friends are invited and we look forward to seeing you there.

As the weather continues to cool, please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately. I know it's a hassle when children leave behind jackets because it's warm at dismissal time, but if it's still cold and/or windy at recess time, they really need to have a jacket.

Thank-you so much for choosing to share your children with us. Not only do we enjoy teaching them, we look forward to the things that we learn from them each day.



News from Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Kaitlin



"A busy week ahead: Fire Safety for 5th years is next Tuesday, November 7th.

4-H meeting is on Thursday, November 9th. This is a special meeting as students will present their Cloverleaf Project Achievement speeches. Most students have decided on their topic and have shared it with us. We are helping several students who have asked with their speeches and posters. All information for the speech and poster can be found in last month's 4-H newsletter. Please let us know if you need another copy.

November 14: The Rome Exchange Club will bring the replica of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. It will be at 10:30 in the parking lot. We are looking forward to seeing this presentation.

Polar Express Rehearsal and Show Schedule:

Wednesday, November 15th-rehearsal at RCA from 1:30-3:00 PM Thursday, November 16th- dress rehearsal at RCA at 6:00 PM Friday, November 17th- Show for Floyd county schools-drop off at RCA 8:00 AM Saturday, November 18th- Public performances- call times: 1:30 PM and 6:30 PM.

November 21st is our Thanksgiving Feast. More details to come.

Volunteer Service Project- 3 small groups will go to the William S. Davies Homeless Shelter on three different dates to serve lunch. This will be after Thanksgiving Holidays. More details to follow.

We hope everyone had a fun Halloween! Please enjoy the photos of our Monster Mash dance during the Halloween Parade!

