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DOLPHIN TALES

2019 HAPPY NEW YEAR



January Birthdays:

Jase P.	1/3
Zoey R.	1/7
Alexandra T.	1/7
Ronik P.	1/10
Margaret O.	1/17
Joshua G.	1/18
Atticus T.	1/19
Mary Alston S.	1/23
Gabriella T.	1/26
Christian S.	1/27



Important Dates:

January 21st
Martin Luther King Jr.
Day
No School



Toddler News from Ms. Ginny & Ms. Pam

I truly hope you all had a wonderful holiday break and enjoyed time with family and friends. It was a great break, but it's also great to be back and get things rolling for the new year!



The children had a great performance at the Christmas program. I couldn't have been more proud of them. If anyone has a video that can be shared, please send them to the office or me so that I may do so. Several of our families were unable to video that night and would love a copy.



This month we will be learning all about Arctic animals and snow. It will be a fun month with new crafts and songs. If you ever have anything to share on our monthly topics, please send it in. I will make sure it gets back to you.

Please make sure your child has clothing in their extra clothing boxes and label all of their outerwear!

Toddler News from Ms. Shannon, Ms. Rachel, & Ms. Kayla

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful break! The children have all come back ready to go! The kids were so excited about the igloo and new work in the classroom. We are adding to more to our class this week. Please welcome Hank and Kaizer!



This month we will be learning about Arctic animals and about winter. We had a lesson on penguins today. They loved waddling around the room. We learned about several different types of penguins; of course, everyone loved the Macaroni and Rockhoppers the best with their wild "hair." Please let me know if you have anything to share with the class this month about our topic. I'm looking toward next month which is International Day. I will be sending out info on costumes hopefully by the end of the week so we can get our costumes ordered.



Just a few reminders: library day is Monday; make sure to send in clothes if your child comes home with dirty ones; lunches need silverware and ice packs daily. We go outside every day if it's not below freezing, so make sure they bring a labeled jacket. Thanks!

Primary News from Ms. Ana Maria & Ms. Valerie

I hope everyone had a wonderful break. We loved hearing about all of the children's adventures. December was a wonderful month. We had so many people come in to read and do crafts with us. The children just loved it! Thank you to Ms. Kim, Jamesen's Mom, for making the beautiful peace ornaments with the children. Thank you to Ms. Cate, Milan's Mom, for coming in to read to the children. We are also got to hear stories from Ms. Melanie and Ms. DeVille. Ms. DeVille was my supervising teacher when I was student teaching. She read the children Christmas stories from Louisiana. I am sure I am forgetting someone. We had so many people come in! Thank you to all of our special guests! Welcome to our new student, Libby!



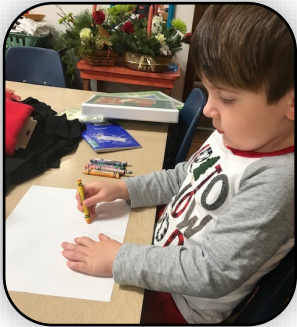
This month we will be learning about the Arctic and Antarctica. We will learn where the penguins and polar bears live. How they stay warm and what they eat. We will also be learning about things that grow in the Arctic and Antarctica. We will then learn about Europe. We will learn about food, culture, famous landmarks, and choose a few countries to study in more detail.



We will end the month starting to discuss Asia so we can start getting ready to learn about Nepal. We will be studying Nepal for International Day. If you know anyone who has lived in Nepal or has traveled there, please asked them if they would be interested in discussing Nepal with the class. We are very excited to start transforming the classroom into Nepal.

Primary News from Ms. Angie & Ms. Carolina

Happy New Year!!! We hope everyone enjoyed the much-needed time off and spend it with family, but we are so excited to be back at school and back to our routine. The children came back ready to work. The children have been very focused this week on lessons, it is wonderful to see children asking for lessons and concentrating on their work. They have been quiet, calm and eager to learn. We are happy to welcome our new friend Adithri to our class, she and her family recently moved to Rome from India, and she has settled in beautifully.



We are beginning our studies about the polar regions, animals and birds, before we immerse ourselves fully into our International Day studies. This year we will learn all about the Philippines. We are lucky to have Abby and her family to help us learn more about their culture. Please go ahead and mark your calendars to join us for our presentation and lunch on February 21st. If you have anything related to the Philippines or with our polar regions studies that you would like to share with our class, please send it in.



We are trying to enjoy as much outside time as we can, since the weather varies from day to day, so please make sure the children layer up.



Stay warm!

Ms. Angie & Ms. Carolina

Elementary News from Ms. Maggie and Ms. Stefanie

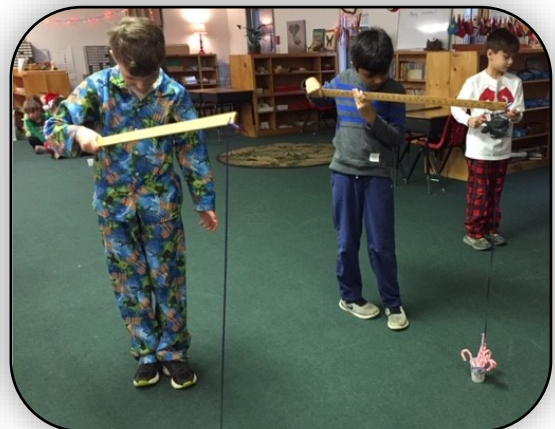
Welcome back to school! We hope you all had a restful break and enjoyed time with family and friends. It is so nice to also be able to come back to an environment that promotes peace and respect for all. In a world where it can sometimes be hard to find these virtues it is a blessing to work in a place where we can teach and model these qualities on a daily basis. We want to thank you all for the kind and generous Christmas gifts. We appreciate your thoughtfulness!



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This semester will be a busy one filled with engaging learning activities and lessons specifically prepared for each child so we can meet the student where he or she is in their educational journey. Montessori schools believe that following each child individually is the best way to guide him/her into mastery of new concepts. As we return to weekly lessons in January, we'll also begin having students use more cursive handwriting in their morning work. The students are enjoying practicing their newfound skills and creating beautiful work! We will also be returning to weekly homework which, once again, will be sent out on Fridays.

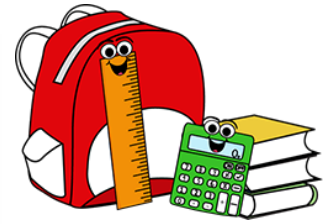
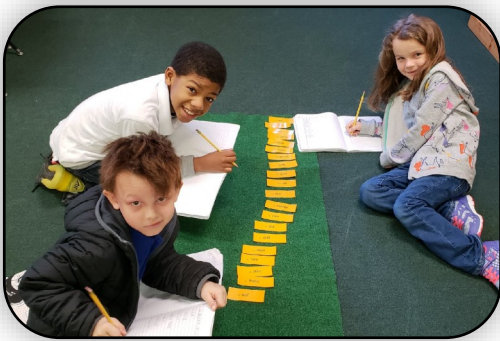


On Fridays we will also be starting basketball at the Y. Students will no longer need swimsuits on Fridays but they will need to come to school in gym clothes and tennis shoes with non-marking soles. Please remember to send in water bottles every day. It will be especially important on Fridays for basketball. Students get very thirsty when they are running in the gym for a long period of time. There will be no school on Monday, January 21st as it is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Elementary News from Ms. Dolores & Ms. Robin

We're back from a wonderful holiday break and ready to settle back into our work routine. The children have shared their holiday highlights and are excited to be back with their friends. Thank you so much for your ever present generosity and for trusting us to help grow your child.

Before the break, we were able to visit the House of the Children Academy to deliver the book donations. The wee ones there were so excited to open their gifts and it filled our hearts to witness the joy on their faces.



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Margaret, Ronik, and Zoey will be celebrating birthdays in January and an email will come home when the day of celebration has been decided.



We've reached the midpoint of our school year and as quickly as it seems like the first half has gone by, the rest will fly by much faster. The next few months will be filled with Open Houses (tentatively scheduled for January 31 and February 2), International Day (February 22), parent/teacher conferences (March 8) and Science Fair (March 21).

We will be studying the country of Spain!!! Let me know if you have any resources that you'd like to contribute (books, souvenirs, time (yours or that of a friend who has visited Spain and would like to share the experience with our class). Please plan to join us in class on February 22 for Paella and Flan Day. International Day is an important part of our Montessori cultural studies. Through rich exploration of the Spanish culture, specifically the people, terrain, and flora/fauna, your child will come to better understand the larger world around them.

Elementary News from Ms. Rebecca & Ms. Kaitlin

Bauso: Why Children Should Still Learn Cursive

Author: Diane M. Bauso

https://auburnpub.com/lifestyles/bauso-why-children-should-still-learn-cursive/article_51eaef95-08cf-5114-8075-a951fd37112f.html?mobile_touch=true%C2%A0

- Cursive writing is easier to write.
- The hardest movement for the hand to make are perfect circles and a perfectly vertical line which are common in print writing.
- You do not need to pick your hand up as much with cursive writing as you do with print.
- The natural flow of cursive writing prevents common letter reversals (b and d, p and q) found in print writing.
- The act of connecting the letters to form a word in cursive writing helps the child's mind see those letters as a word.
- Children who learn to read cursive words first make a very quick transition to reading print. The reverse is more difficult.



New research points out the benefits of cursive writing for cognitive development. One study concluded that the typical elementary student needs at least 15 minutes of handwriting daily for cognitive, writing and motor skills and reading comprehension improvement. Another study showed that cursive writing helps train the brain to integrate visual and tactile information, and fine motor dexterity.

Announcements



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We invite you to connect with us on social media! We post regularly on Facebook and Instagram and just re-launched our Twitter. Please follow us to stay updated on school events and to view a ton of great photos of our students at work. We look forward to connecting and communicating with you. We hope you like and comment on our posts and feel free to ask any questions or share our content with family and friends.

Happy New Year,
Chandler Lawrence
Administrative Assistant



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Explore Montessori & Open House




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EXPLORE MONTESSORI

Want to learn more about our program? Please join us!

When: Thursday, January 24th
Time: 8:00 to 12:00 (if you need child care after this time, please advise)
 If this date does not work, please email to set up a different date to explore our school.
 R.S.V.P to Melanie Montanaro at office@msor.org



"Do not tell them how to do it. Show them how to do it and do not say a word. If you tell them, they will watch your lips move. If you show them, they will want to do it themselves."
- Maria Montessori

"The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child's own natural desire to learn."
- Maria Montessori

"Education is a natural process carried out by the human individual, and is acquired not by listening to words, but by experiences in the environment."
- Maria Montessori


The most important period of life is not the age of university studies, but the first one, the period from birth to the age of six." - Maria Montessori



Word of mouth referrals are our favorites! We want more wonderful families like you. Please share this information about Explore Montessori and our Open House with friends and family. We appreciate you so much!

Also, if you would like to write a testimonial for our website, please email it to melanie@msor.org. We love to hear your thoughts and experiences about our special school!

Best,
Ms. Melanie

MONTESSORI SCHOOL of ROME

We invite you to attend our annual Open House!
 We will be giving tours of the school and discussing our unique, whole child educational programs.

Please plan to join us!

Toddler & Primary	Elementary & Adolescent
February 2, 2019	February 2, 2019
5:30-6:30pm	6:30-7:30pm

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