Tuesday Notes January 15, 2019 No school on Monday 1/21 to celebrate MLK Jr. Day. Open Houses:

A change in times for the Open Houses. Please disregard the newsletter times and go by these times:

If your child is moving up the next program, then please plan on attending one of these Open Houses! Example: Toddlers who will be 3 on September 1, 2019 need to attend the Primary Open House. 3rd year primary students need to attend the Elementary Open Houses. 3rd year Lower Elementary students need to attend the Upper Elementary Open Houses. 6th year Upper Elementary need to attend the Adolescent Open House.

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. All current students moving to the next program should attend!

Please plan to join us!

Toddler & Primary	Elementary & Adolescent
January 31, 2019	January 31, 2019
5:30-6:30pm	6:30-7:30pm

Toddler & Primary Elementary & Adolescent

February 2, 2019 February 2, 2019

10:00-11:00am 11:00am-12:00pm

Our school depends on word of mouth referrals. We have limited openings and would love to give first choice to referrals from our current families.

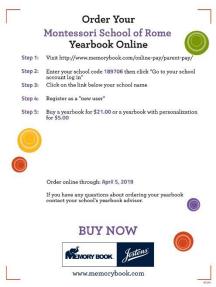
Do you know any future Montessorians?

If so, please complete the following information or email the office at office@msor.org. We would like to send them an invitation to our Open Houses. We have discovered through our 38 years of operation that although there are many ways to advertise our program, our parents are consistently our best source of referrals. When considering your family, friends, and colleagues, please keep us in mind if any of them are seeking a quality education—an education redefined—an education of the whole child.

We truly appreciate your support of the school! Even if you do not know of a child to refer, please visit our Facebook page, like the Open House event and share it!

Prospective Parents:	
Address /email:	
Child's Name:	Child's Age:
May we let them know you referred us? yes	no
If yes, please give us your name	

Yearbook Ordering Directions:



Ms. Robin has also placed posters on the doors of the school with the ordering information. If you want to have the yearbook personalized, it is \$5.00 extra.

Tuition:

Several families utilize online bill pay through their bank. Please make sure that your bank sends the checks for receipt by the 5th of each month. When they are sending paper checks, it sometimes takes up to seven days for us to receive them, making the tuition payment late. Thank you!

Ms. Ginny and Ms. Pam

Good news – birthday lunch this Friday, January 18 for Atticus's birthday, so no lunch needed Friday. More good news: January 28, no lunch is needed because Christian is celebrating his second birthday!

The children are learning all about Arctic animals. We have learned or are learning a couple of new songs and have also made two crafts, a penguin and moose. Hopefully, we will get around to making a couple more arctic animal crafts this week.

Please make sure your child has extra clothing in case of accidents. Also, please label all coats, mittens and boggins with their name.

Reminder that this coming Monday is Martin Luther King Day and there will be no school (1/21).

Open House: toddlers who will be 3 on or before September 1 are moving up to Primary and need to attend one of the Open Houses on 1/31 or 2/2 to learn about the Primary Program. Details are in the Office Announcements above. Please also send referrals to office@msor.org.

Thanks for all you do and getting your child to school on time. It has made such a difference for the beginning of our day!

Ms. Shannon, Ms. Rachel, and Ms. Kayla

Today we had a fun lesson on ice and read *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats! We talked about how ice melts and turns into water. We held ice to see if our hands were warm enough to melt it. We also talked about how water freezes and turns into ice.

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Remember we go outside if it is above freezing! So, please dress the children warmly!

Ms. Ana María and Ms. Valeríe

Hello,

The school year is off to great start!

Here are a few reminders:

- -Please remember that readers need to come back to school on Monday and Thursdays. Even if you think they are not ready for a new reader, please send it back so we can build words from the reader and evaluate how they are doing. This helps us know what they need to work on in class.
- Please remember that if your child needs to eat breakfast at school, they need to arrive at school before 8:15am. We clean up before 8:30am, so they can be ready for line time. If your child wants to play outside, please plan accordingly. We are outside from 7:35am to 8:15am.
- Please label everything! I have already had mittens and hats go missing. If you are picking up your child from late stay, please check to see if they still have anything you sent to school.

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February 21st- International Day- Our parent performance will be at 11am with lunch immediately following. If you cannot make it to the parent performance, we will be doing two more performances that morning for the rest of the school. That schedule will be going out soon. I really hope you all will be able to attend. I know it is very difficult since it is during the work day. The children work very hard preparing for it.

March 8th- No school (Parent/Teacher conferences)

What is international day?

- -Every year each classroom will choose a country and we study it in great detail. We transform our classroom. The children learn all about the culture, what they eat, the music, the customs, and so much more. The children always soak up all the facts.
- -We transform the classroom into the country. We will put up pictures of animals and landmarks.
- -On international Day, the children will dress up in outfits from our country and do a performance. They will tell you facts about our country, sing a song, and maybe some more. (We are still trying to figure out the details. We have done dances in the past, but I am not sure we are doing one this year.)
- After the parent performance, we will have a lunch with traditional food from our country. This is where you come in. We will need help from the parents to make this happen. We will put a sign up list, just like we did for Thanksgiving, and we will need everyone to bring in something.

Our international day-

We are studying Nepal. We are very excited to study a country in Asia. I think we have figured out costumes, but we will need some help. Does anyone know how to sew? Or maybe someone in your family does? We need to make a very simple skirt for the girls and a very simple vest for the boys.

We will also need help painting things for the classroom. Please let me know if you would like to paint something after school one day.

International Day is very exciting, but it also makes for a very busy month. We appreciate all the help!

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ana Maria

Ms. Angie and Ms. Carolina

We are already thinking about International Day! We are studying the Philippines, and Abby's mother will give us recipes. We will need volunteers to help with the recipes. Watch for a sign up sheet!

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Ms. Dolores and Ms. Robin

We're studying the continent of Europe and have briefly discussed Spain. The children are excitedly talking about food and room decorations. This year's International Day will be amazing.

Please make sure that your child wears a coat to school every day. They need to have one in order to go outside to play.

We'll be having an Open House on January 31 and February 2. We will need student volunteers to help out in the classroom. Also, let Ms. Melanie know if you are aware of any friends with school aged children who may be interested in attending.

Another shout out is due to Walter Attaway for his tireless efforts to provide us with an awesome fish tank. It still becomes a gathering place in our classroom – some love to search for the shrimp, others just to gaze.

Ms. Maggie and Ms. Stefanie

Hello.

We have many important events coming up in the next several months. International day is on February 22nd. Our country this year is Ghana! The food sign up list is posted on our classroom door. I will send out links to the food items closer to time. We encourage each family to make the food item together! The students enjoy telling the class how they prepared it!

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Science fair is on March 21st. This week we are discussing the scientific method and different project ideas. Project approval and due date information will be sent out at the end of February. Please remember that we do not allow science kits! We want the students to be interested in how they can uniquely test their science question!

Please continue to send your child to school with a water bottle and winter coat. Many students are lacking vegetables and fruits in their lunch. We will be discussing food groups and what students need to start eating to promote a healthy dietary lifestyle. We are encouraging all students to try new foods!

This past Friday we started basketball at the Y.M.C.A. Students need to come to school in their gym attire. We will not be changing at the school. Many students did not have a water bottle. Students stay in the gym the entire time and are running around a good bit. They need water! Please help them remember to bring in their water bottle every day.

Many students still have overdue books in the library. Please continue to search for them and turn them in as soon as you can! Martin Luther King Jr. Day is Monday, January 21st-No school!

Our students enjoyed throwing Mr. Emanuel a surprise/going away party on Friday! Thank you to the families who sent in snacks and treats for them to enjoy together!

Thank you,

Ms. Maggie and Ms. Stefanie

Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Kaitlin

Please see the Open House information above and send any referrals to office@msor.org.

We are having a field trip to the Booth Western Museum on 1/22! Please return the permission slip with your payment before this Friday.

Ms. Rebecca will send out weekly reminders.