

## *Tuesday Notes August 20, 2019*

### *Upcoming Events:*

**Facebook, Instagram, Twitter:** We are trying to be more active on Social Media. Please like us and follow us on these accounts, and we often post pictures and information on special events.

*Monday, September 2 Labor Day. No school. Enjoy the long weekend!*

*Thursday, September 5: Whole School Parent Mixer 5:30 to 7:30 at Mellow Mushroom third floor.* Get your babysitting lined up now!

### *Booster Club:*

Thank you to our Booster Club for providing such a great Back to School Picnic. We requested donations for the Booster Club, but so far only a few families have remembered to donate. 😞

**Please send in a check or cash labeled for MSR Booster Club so that we will have more fun events like the picnic!**

### *Hot Dog Lunch: Thursday!*

Hot Dog Lunch has been moved to Thursday, August 29. Please place your order before Wednesday at 5. There is a box for money in the main lobby and order forms are on the bulletin board.

### *Chess for ages 5 and up:*

Begins on Friday 8/30. Mr. Lee will be back with us to explore the game of chess. Order forms are in the main lobby. Checks are to be made to Mr. Lee Miller.

## *Lil Gunners for Primary:*

Please email [office@msor.org](mailto:office@msor.org) and return the registration form which was emailed earlier. There are extra order forms in the main lobby on top of the bookcase in the file folders. Checks are to be made to Rome YMCA. Members \$40 and Potential Members \$60.

## *Ms. Ginny's Class:*

Thank you to all who attended our Back to School Daddy day event! Please consider making a donation to the Booster Club who sponsored this event and many more through the year.

The children love to learn about colors and shapes. We sing a song where we call out their name and ask what color they are wearing, or we ask who is wearing a blue shirt, etc., and they enjoy learning while singing. Try it at home! We have several Montessori materials that deal with shapes, and we just received some brand-new Montessori materials that we are eager to try!

Thank you so much for arriving to school on time! You all are doing great! We know mornings are hectic, and we are grateful for commitment to timeliness. It makes our day start great when we all gather together at line time at 8:30.

As a reminder please be sure to cut grapes, hotdogs, carrots etc. in the appropriate manner. Please be sure all containers are labeled. Also please do not put items that need to be heated in with those that don't need heated.

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Thank you for all your help! We love our class!

## *Ms. Shannon's Class:*

This week are continuing to learn about colors and shapes. Today we read a fun book about a color clown who mixes primary colors to get secondary colors. We did a color mixing lesson with food coloring after. They loved it!

We are seeing a few issues with lunches. Each lunch should include a protein, grain, vegetable, dairy, and fruit. There have been a few that are missing some of the food groups. Our lunches can be inspected by Bright from The Start, the state regulatory agency when they visit, and the school can receive a citation. Please make sure to put hot and cold foods in separate containers. It makes it difficult to warm up lunches if they are together,

and lunch is a hectic time getting all the little ones fed and ready for nap. Food should be something that your child can manage on their own. It needs to be cut and ready for them to eat. Thank you for remembering your ice packs and silverware daily.

We go out every day unless it is actively raining. They are toddlers and will get dirty because they sit down on the rocks or dig in the rocks with the buckets and shovels, or draw with sidewalk chalk. It is best to send them in play clothes and tennis shoes. They look so cute when they walk in the door and messy when they leave us, but that means they are having fun!

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We will go to the library on Thursdays. We will send their book home on in their bag. Please return book and bag on Wednesdays.

It was so nice to visit was so nice to see so many of you on Friday night at Back to School/Daddy's Day! Our Booster Club events are a great way to get involved and meet other families. Our Booster Club sponsors several events throughout the year. They also provide pizza lunch on Halloween for the students, give each classroom a gift card to buy something special for the class, buy the teachers lunch occasionally, and do large projects like our outdoor classroom and structures for the playground. Please consider getting involved or making a donation.

### *Ms. Ana Maria's Class*

Hello! It was so good to see so many of you at the back to school picnic. If you were not able to make it, you can find your Daddy's Day gift in your child's cubby.

**Nap Rolls-** Be sure to bring back nap rolls on Monday mornings. You or your child can bring the nap rolls right into the classroom. Please be sure to take them home each Friday so you can wash them.

**Readers-** I am still waiting for a few readers to be sent back to school from this summer. Please be sure to send them back. I really want to start readers this week. Readers need to be sent back on Mondays and Thursdays. A good way to work on readers is to make it part of your nightly routine. Your child does not need to read the whole reader in one sitting. Of course if they want to, that is awesome! Reading a few pages each night is perfect. The children do need to practice their reader each day but we do not want them to get frustrated. We want them to not only learn to read but to love to read.

**Library Books-** The children loved going to the library on Thursday. They learned how to take care of the books and how to check them out. Your child will need to bring back their library books in their library bag every Thursday. Unfortunately, if your child does not bring their library book back, they will be unable to check out a new book. Please continue to teach your child how to handle the books nicely at home.

**Sand Paper Letters-** In Montessori schools, we learn the letters sounds first not the letter names. In our first step on your child's journey to reading, we will learn all the letter sounds using sand paper letters. You will start seeing your child come home with letters written on their hand. We do this to help them learn and retain the letter sound. A great activity to do with them, on the way home, is to ask your child what sound the letter makes and then try to come up with words together that start with that sound. For example: apple, alligator, and astronaut start with the letter "a." As the children learn the letters you can also play I Spy. (I spy something that starts with "c") Please be sure to use the letter sound and not the letter names. The children will learn the letter names later and it can confuse them right now to learn the names.

**Third year homework and book bags-** (This only pertains to the children who are in Ms. Angie's afternoon class.) I hope everyone picked up their child's homework folder on Friday. These will be due back on Thursdays and then new homework will be sent out on Fridays. Your child is welcome to bring their homework back in a book bag. The book bag will go straight into Ms. Angie's classroom, so she can check the homework and put the new homework in. Your child will then take their book bag home on Friday.

The children are loving learning all about space. Be sure to ask them about the planets and the sun.

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Thanks,

Ana María

*Ms. Angie's Class*

Hello everyone!

Thank you so much to everybody that came to Daddy's Day, it was a huge success and luckily the rain stayed away for all of us to enjoy the evening. Please consider making a donation to the Booster Club who sponsored this event and many more!

We had a great first full week of school. Children were ready to get back to school and do some beautiful work. We are working on grace and courtesy lessons; we are talking about manners, being respectful and following rules in our class. They are also enjoying making new friends!

Here are a few reminders to have a successful primary school year:

-Please make sure that your child has extra changes of clothes, including underwear, socks, and shoes. We have extra clothing in our closet, but sometimes the sizes do not fit them appropriately.

-Send water bottles every day, make sure they are labeled. And please, fill it with **water only**.

-We will have music class on Wednesdays and our library day is on **Thursdays at 8:30 am**. Please have your child arrive early so they won't miss it. Also please make sure to bring back the library on Thursdays that way your child can check out a different book.

We are looking for helpers in our class to do sandpaper letters/numbers or any other activity. We know parents are busy, but we will love to have Grandparents, uncles & aunts, or anybody from your family that would like to come and do something fun with our class.

Looking ahead, we have a Parent Mixer next Thursday, Sept. 5th at the Mellow Mushroom. It is for grownups only, so please get your babysitting lined up now. It will be on the third floor of Mellow Mushroom.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Angie & Carolina.

### *Ms. Dolores's Class*

It was great seeing all the families at our Daddy's Day/Welcome Back picnic. The weather cooperated and everyone had a great time. If you were unable to attend, your child will bring dad's gift home today in their backpack (hopefully in one piece). Using a hot glue gun is NOT my superpower. Please consider making a donation to the Booster Club who sponsored the picnic.

Yesterday, all elementary students attended a presentation of the First Great Lesson (The Birth of the Universe). If they didn't come home talking about it, you should certainly ask them to share with you. Now would be an excellent time to discuss your family's belief about creation. We will spend the rest of this week reading the creation stories of different ancient civilizations and your children will work together in groups, use their imaginations and write their own stories.

Next Wednesday, our 3<sup>rd</sup> year students will participate in the presentation of the Second Great Lesson (The Timeline of Life – single celled organisms through early man). I'll talk more about the Great Lessons and their place in the lower elementary curriculum in next week's newsletter.

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We are still looking for a room parent to plan classroom parties and coordinate important events. Please let me know if you are available or would like to share this experience with another parent.

Dolores

### *Ms. Maggie's Class*

The second full week of school has been busy already! The students are beginning to settle into a routine and are becoming more independent in their work. Math and Language lessons are progressing, and the class is enjoying working with new materials.

Thank you to Christina Greenway (Grayson, Ansley, and Aubrey's mom) for coming in to work on handwriting with students on Monday. We are always happy to have parent volunteers!

The students enjoyed their first Great Lesson which was presented last Friday. The next Great Lesson will be presented on Wednesday of next week. We will be discussing creation stories that come from different cultures in afternoon class this week and next. If your family has specific beliefs about creation, then this would be a great time to discuss those beliefs with your child!

Thank you all for sending in water bottles daily! We appreciate your diligence in making sure your child stays hydrated!

Everyone seemed to enjoy their time at the Y last week. The students always have fun on the Y fields learning new team building skills! We will be going out to the Y fields again this week on Friday. so all students need to come dressed in P.E. clothes with a water bottle.

Ms. Maggie and Ms. Stefanie

### *Ms. Rebecca's Class*

Parents:

The Upper Elementary students are buckling down for their first full week of uninterrupted routine. We are exploring the beginning of all things during our afternoon classes which allows me the opportunity to introduce the first sciences like **Chemistry** and **Physics**, then **Physical Geography** as we discuss the formation of Earth's features . Next, 'The Timeline of Life', the beginnings of life on Earth and the introduction of **Biology** and classifications of all living things.

Hopefully, your student has already shared the fabulous news about Ms. Kaitlin's and her absence in our classroom. There is an outstanding article on the online newspaper, Rome News Wire, regarding Ms. Kaitlin's accomplishments and upcoming participation in the horseback archery competition. As the upper elementary students were climbing 500 steps, Ms. Kaitlin was traveling to South Korea. We are all so very proud of her and we are going to miss her, but she will return to the classroom on September 5th. Please keep this in mind

when communicating; she will not be able to respond to emails during this time. inquiries regarding the classroom may be sent to me or the office.

This week is the last week of August (so hard to believe). Some things to remember this week:

- \* Math HW - due Monday
- \* Lang HW - due Thursday (it will be given Tuesday)
- \* JGB HW - due on designated class days
- \* Students should be studying every day for their first Classical Roots test this Friday
- \* 6th Years begin reading "The Book Thief" Monday

**Thursday:** The Adolescent and Secondary class are sponsoring a hot dog lunch. Order forms are in the main lobby. Order before 5 on Wednesday.

**Friday** - Our summer and August birthday students will be celebrated with a **taco bar lunch** this Friday!!! Thank you, parents for participating and providing lunch for the class.

**NEXT Thursday: Thursday, September 5:** Whole School Parent Mixer 5:30 to 7:30 at Mellow Mushroom third floor. Get your babysitting lined up now! Please come socialize and enjoy dinner with other Montessori families!

Thank you,

Ms. Rebecca Fussell