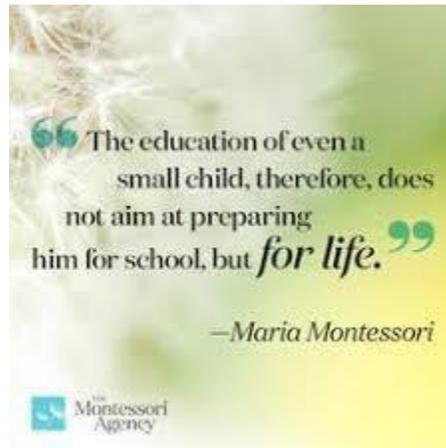


## *Weekly Notes October 28, 2020*

### *Office Notes:*



***Weather:*** Many of you have asked if we plan to close tomorrow due to weather concerns. We are planning on being open with a normal day. As always, let safety be your guide. If it is unsafe to travel or you do not feel comfortable sending your child to school due to weather conditions in your area, the absence will be excused.

**Facebook, Instagram, Twitter:** If you would like to see pictures of your children at work and play, be sure and follow us on these platforms. We post every day or so, and we do not want you to miss it!

**School pictures:** Weather permitting, individual make up pictures are on Wednesday, November 4. Even if you do not purchase a package, we want to be sure and get a photograph of everyone for the yearbook! Please let your child's teacher know if you need a make-up picture.

**Class Group Photos:** We are also taking group class photos of these classes on Wednesday, November 4:

Ms. Angie, Ms. Valerie, Ms. Dolores, Ms. Maggie, Ms. Rebecca, Ms. Shemi. The toddler class pictures are completed.

**Halloween:** Halloween celebrations are taking place in classroom on Friday. Please see the individual plans from your child's teachers as written in their notes.

*Ms. Ginny and Ms. Kayla's class*

First, I would like to thank all the families that sent in pumpkins for our classroom (Yonn'si, Vee's, EB's) to carve, wash, pass around, and paint! The children are really enjoying them! We have also enjoyed some Halloween cookies from Vee and Yuvraj's families! Thank you all!

This week, we are mainly enjoying Halloween crafts, stories, and songs. The children are loving it!

We will celebrate Halloween this Friday with a small classroom party. We are letting the children decorate bags and are asking each family to send in an individually wrapped treat or candy for them to go "Trick or Treating" in the classroom. They can wear their costumes to school Friday if you wish. They will need a change of clothes. Please have in a bag with their name on it. We have a total of 12 children.

If anyone would like to send in a special snack for the children on Friday morning for our party, please let me know. The snack needs to be individually wrapped and preferably from a store.

Picture Make Up Day is Wednesday, November 4, weather permitting.

Thank you all for being such great parents!

### *Ms. Shannon and Ms. Rachel's Class*

We had a great time carving our pumpkin yesterday. The kids were not really loving the slimy insides and pumpkin seeds. There were only a few who would help me get them out. We roasted the seeds with garlic salt, cinnamon sugar, and butter. They all tried them. They said they tasted like popcorn.

This Friday we will celebrate Halloween in our classroom. The children can dress up. We will do a small parade in our classroom. I will post it to our Google classroom for everyone to see. If you would like your child to be changed before lunch, please send in extra clothes.

We would like to have a small trick or treat for our class party. Please send in something for your children to share. It can be a piece of candy, a pack of stickers, or some of the little toys that you can buy for a party treat bag. We will decorate bags in class and let them take turns giving their friends a treat. If you would like to send in your treats on Thursday that would be great since Friday will be such a crazy day. All treats need to be individually wrapped and preferably from a store.

### *Ms. Valerie and Ms. Christina's Class*

Weekly Notes:

We are so grateful to be back in the classroom. We are taking every step to be cautious and stay healthy right now! The children are doing a wonderful job keeping their masks on throughout the day.

This week we are learning all about owls, bats, and the life cycle of a pumpkin. The children thought it was so funny when we told them that when we were in school, we dissected owl pellets! Ask your child what interesting facts they learned about owls this week! We will carve a pumpkin on Thursday and learn about the different parts of the pumpkin. Thank you to all the families who have donated pumpkins this month! The children have really enjoyed pumpkin scrubbing work and all the fall decorations in the classroom.

This year we will not be having a Halloween parade. Instead, we will be having a Halloween celebration inside the classroom. Your child may wear their costume to school (no scary costumes or weapons please). Please make sure to label all your child's costume. Please send in a change of clothes for your child so they will not get their costume dirty. We will change out of the costumes before we go to the playground! If you would like to bring in a treat to share with the class, please make sure that it is individually wrapped and from a store! Ms. Christina and I are going to plan some fun crafts and activities for our Halloween celebration.

We are carrying on the tradition of the witch house story! The children really love it! We cut a sheet of orange paper for the witch house that turns into a pumpkin. Here is a link for the story:  
<https://typicallysimple.com/the-little-orange-house/>

Important Dates:

Picture Make-Up Day will be Wednesday, November 4 weather permitting. Since we were missing some classmates yesterday, we want to take another casual group class photo next week. Between the two photos, we hope to have 100% participation.

Thank you for celebrating Ms. Trudy with us today! Ms. Melanie will post a group picture on our social media sites.

Warm Regards,

Ms. Valerie and Ms. Christina

*Ms. Angie and Ms. Carolina's Class*

Hello everyone.

I hope all is well. Our classroom has adapted well to taking each day and making the best of it. Ms. Carolina and Ms. Nikki will return on Monday, Nov. 2nd. We are excited about this and so very thankful for everyone who has helped us. Ms. Carol has jumped in and helped us and even cut out crafts for us to do this week. We really appreciate it so much. It takes a village, and we love our village.

The pictures went great, and I am positive that you are going to love them. I am sure that you have seen the sneak preview that Ms. Melanie has been posting. We will have our class picture taken once the other teachers return. We want to try for Wednesday, November 4 for our class picture make up day.

We will have a special lunch on Friday. Each child needs to bring in their favorite sandwich. I have bought individual packs of Halloween cheese balls, apple sauce packets, and individually wrapped yogurt for that day as my treat. Children can wear their costumes, and we will do our own Halloween walk-in class. If anyone wants to send in anything, please make sure that it is individually wrapped and preferably from a store.

Have a great week.

Ms. Angie

*Ms. Dolores and Ms. Robin's Class*

October has flown by, and we still have so much to do! I sent a brief note about Halloween on Monday, but I will repeat the important information here:

Students may wear Halloween costumes to school on Friday. Please do not send weapons with costumes. You may send Halloween candy for your child to share with the class if they are individually wrapped from the store.

We had class pictures taken on 10/27. Class make-up pictures will be taken on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. All students please come to school on that day dressed for a class group photo. We are hoping that more of our classmates will be back in school by that day.

Historical Timeline will be celebrated on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. We will be practicing at school, but please continue practicing at home. Students are doing a wonderful job memorizing their speeches, and it is so gratifying to watch them gain confidence with each practice.

We have been learning about voting, the election process, and studying the political map of the United States: first by labeling all the states by name on a map, then labeling them by abbreviations. Today we learned how many electoral votes each state has, and we will play a game in class to see which team can win the most electoral votes.

We will also have some fun creating a Halloween art project.

Enjoy the rest of the week,

Ms. Robin and Ms. Dolores

### *Ms. Maggie and Ms. Stefanie's Class*

Hello,

Thank you for your participation and support the past two weeks. We are happy to be back in the classroom and we look forward to seeing the rest of our classroom community very soon!

Historical Timeline will be November 5<sup>th</sup>. All students will present on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Students need to come to school in their costume on that Thursday. Please send in a change of clothes for after the presentation.

Bookbags have been approved for Thursday and Friday each week.

We will celebrate Halloween on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. We encourage all students to come in costume (non-violent costumes/non-violent props). Students can bring individually vendor wrapped treats for the class to enjoy (not a requirement).

Masks are required each day. Please be sure that your child is in a mask at drop-off. Please return all library books and notebooks to class.

Weather permitting, class photo make-up pictures will be taken on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. All students please come to school on that day dressed for a class group photo. We are hoping that more of our classmates and Ms. Stefanie will be back in school by that day.

Thank you,

Ms. Maggie & Ms. Stefanie

### *Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Kaitlin's Class:*

Today we welcome Ms. Rebecca back! Thank you for your well wishes during her recovery.

Historical Timeline begins tomorrow! Students may come in costumes and we will do presentations first thing in the morning. I will record each student and post them on Google Classroom for you all to see.

We went ahead and took a Classic Roots test today since this week is so hectic and Friday is Halloween Celebration. As always, students may re-take any test whenever they are ready if they wish. Most students did very well today!

Halloween treats may be sent in on Friday. They just need to be store bought or from a bakery. Students may dress up if they wish. No scary costumes please.

Picture make up day for any students who were absent today AND class photo for all students on November 4th.

Ms. Kaitlin Akvan

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### *Adolescent and Secondary Class*

We are happy to be back in person class, and we are almost back to 100% attendance! Our class picture day will be next Wednesday, November 4, weather permitting. Anyone who missed the individual pics may have them made at this time as well.

The Adolescents are working on their Native American book which will be published this year! "For the next few weeks, Maddie, Zeke, Felipe, Price, Lee, Sophie, Katie, Lily, and Joshua will work on a history project. The Georgia History class will begin working on the individual books that each student will partake in researching, writing, and rewriting all leading up to a published work about the tribe. These books will be informative as well as visually appealing. The students look forward to sharing their knowledge!" Sophie Strickland

We will have our rescheduled Georgia Studies trip in the second week of November and look forward to finally getting to explore this area of Georgia. "We are leaving on Tuesday, November 10 and will return late on November 13. We are traveling to multiple places including Helen, Blairsville, Athens, and Blue Ridge. We will hike Brasstown Bald when we are in Blue Ridge. We will participate in many different activities in each area such as hiking, walking around the towns, and seeing the tree that owns itself. We will all enjoy!" Maddie Green and Katie Holwell

"In our academic areas, for Math, we are reviewing fractions, decimals, percentages, ratios, properties, and unit conversions. In Science, we are studying Newton's Laws of Motion and studying the net force, unbalanced and balanced forces, gravity, mass, and friction. In Literature, we are finishing up the unit on Uprising and Flesh and Blood about the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire. Next, we will read A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry. In Spanish, we are learning the verb "estar", locations, and identifying classroom items; we are also working on conjugating verbs". Report from Zeke, Felipe, Lee, and Price.

Thank you for your endless support this year!

We have learned much from one another and look forward to maybe, just maybe, a bit of normalcy in the weeks to come.