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DOLPHIN TALES



May Birthdays:

Collins Ostlund	5/2
Eleanor Heller	5/3
Adithri Samala	5/9
Benjamin Cramer	5/12
Annalise McClain	5/18
Hank Rogers	5/19
Beckham Woodall	5/22

Important Dates and Information

Thursday, May 20
Graduation 6:00
N.W. GA Housing Authority
Gymnasium

Friday, May 21
Last day of school ; half day

Sign up Here for
Graduation Pictures

<https://www.signupgeenius.com/go/10c0c45aaa823abf9c43-graduation>



Toddler News from Ms. Ginny & Ms. Kayla

Wow! We made it to the end of the year! It's been a great year and we've learned so much. It's amazing to see how much all of the kids have grown and progressed through the year.

Thank you to all who donated and attended the pancake breakfast this past Saturday. Everyone looked great! With the last week of school approaching, we have some fun things planned for our students. The last day you will need to pack lunch for your child is Wednesday, May 19. On Thursday, May 20 we are having a Chick-fil-a birthday lunch celebration for Michael!



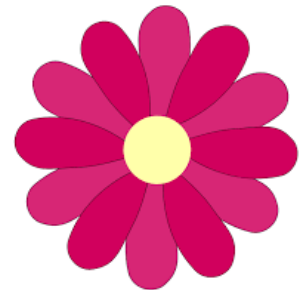
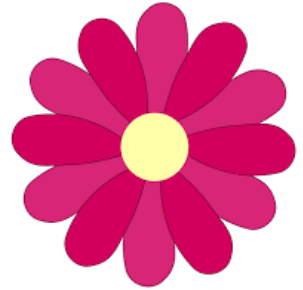
Toddler News from Ms. Shannon & Ms. Rachel

I can't believe it's the final month of the school year! This year has really flown by! We have had a wonderful year. This class has been one full of personality and the students have kept us laughing! We have really enjoyed spending time with your children. It is the most amazing thing to watch them come in at the beginning of the year and blossom by spring. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to work with and love on your children!

This month we will be learning about the ocean. We will learn about the sea creatures that live in it. We will also have lessons on sinking and floating, the land and sea, and talk about different types of water. We will be singing lots of fun songs and making some fun fishy crafts too!

To end the school year, we love to have some fun! On May 18th, we will have a swim day. We will set up kiddy pools on the upper playground and swim all morning. We will also have a cleaning day on the 19th. The kids will spend the morning scrubbing tables and chairs and cleaning all the toys in shaving cream and water. They love it!! I will send more detailed information closer to time.

The last day of school is May 21st. This will be a half-day. Our dismissal time is 11. Please send in a large bag on that Thursday so we can pack up all of your child's belongings to send home.



Primary News from Ms. Valerie & Ms. Christina

It is hard to believe that the school year is coming to an end. It has been so much fun to watch the children grow throughout the school year. We have all become like family; more so than ever this year by staying in our cohort. We faced some challenges along the way, but we preserved and made the best of every moment. We wanted to say thank you to all the amazing families that have been a part of our community! We could not have done it without you and your support! We love you all and are so thankful for our Montessori Family!

We started the school year acclimating back into the classroom after almost 5 months away. We studied so many wonderful things like space, the ocean, Egypt, and many more. We made so many special memories together. The children amazed us with how much information they absorbed, their ability to acclimate back into the classroom, their kind hearts, resilience, and their ability to grow and become independent.

We are blown away by how far all the students have come academically, socially, and emotionally! We are honored to be their teachers and are so grateful for the special moments we get to witness every day.

We wanted to share some tips for this summer with your children:

- Please continue to read stories with your child every day. There are many benefits to reading with your child. It builds a strong phonological awareness, enhances their vocabulary, and expands their creativity about the world around them.
- If your child is reading, please encourage them to practice every day this summer and continue to check out readers. If your child is done with the readers, we will email a list of appropriate books they can check out at your local library and read.
- Create a daily schedule for your child. Having a daily routine helps your child stay structured and gives them a sense of security and confidence.
- Give your child responsibilities/chores this summer. This will encourage them to gain independence, self-awareness, and allow for your child to gain confidence in themselves.
- Limit their screen-time during the week. The American Pediatric Association recommends that screen time usage be no more than 1 hour per day. There are many alternatives to screen-time such as playing outdoors, creative play, arts and crafts, sports, puzzles, etc.

Thank you so much for making this a wonderful year!

We are so thankful for you all.

Warm Regards,

Ms. Valerie, Ms. Christina, and Ms. Trudy



Primary News from Ms. Angie & Ms. Carolina, & Ms. Nikki

Mrs. Angie's, Mrs. Carolina's, and Mrs. Nikki's Class

Thank you for all that attended our Mother's Day Brunch. The children did a great job! It is such a fun and busy time of the year. In lieu of a 3rd year field trip, we will have a 3rd year fun day. Unfortunately, graduation will be a bit different this year. As much as we enjoy our usual ceremony and hearing all the children sing together, only graduates and their families will be able to attend. It has been an amazing year. It's hard to believe that it is coming to an end. Please bring a bag labeled with your child's name. We will use it to send home all of their things on the last day of school. The last day of school will be a ½ day. It will be a buggy funny day. Third year parents, below you will find what you need to know about graduation. If you have any more questions just let us know.

Graduation Date: Thursday, May 20, 2021

Group Picture Time: 6:00 **VERY IMPORTANT TO BE HERE BY THIS TIME**

Graduation Time: 6:30 p.m.

Graduation Location: N.W. GA Housing Authority Gymnasium, also known as the Willingham at Division Gymnasium. 560 N. Division St, Rome, GA

Graduation Dress: We adhere to the following dress code for graduation.

Girls: White or Ecru dress and shoes. No strapless or spaghetti strap dress. No high heels. Primary: flats or sandals with a strap across the heel. Elementary: no more than 3/4 inch heel. Sandals need to have a strap across the heel.

Boys: White Oxford shirts, Khaki dress pants, Navy Jackets, with any colored standard or bow-tie. Dress socks and dress shoes.

Flowers and boutonnieres: We order small nosegays and boutonnieres from Bussey's Florist. They will be distributed at the gym before pictures.

Mark Law Photography will be available to take our graduation photos this year. A sign-up sheet will be posted online and in this week's newsletter, and the individual picture times begin at 4:30. Then they will take the group picture at 6:00. Package information will be sent home, and you make the payments to Mark Law or you may Venmo him. The info will be on the package form.

Refreshments: Alexis Wilson of Sweet Crumb Company is making a yummy graduation cookie for our graduates.



Elementary News from Ms. Maggie and Ms. Stefanie



As we come to the end of a particularly challenging school year, it is encouraging to observe the growth and maturity in our students, despite the circumstances we have all had to endure. We are incredibly thankful for you, the parents, who have been so gracious through it all! It hasn't been easy following the necessary modifications needed to keep us all safe and healthy, but we have successfully finished this pandemic year. Our students have learned to symbolize articles, adjectives, nouns, verbs, prepositions, conjunctions, and interjections. They have conjugated verbs and learned the rules of punctuation and capitalization. There has been memorization of multiplication facts, abstraction of long division, and simplification of fractions. Just as importantly, we have observed friendships fostered, manners improved, growth of independence, enhanced self-awareness, and continuous curiosity about the world around us. These Lower Elementary students have continued to move through their lives, growing, learning, and developing, just as they do every year. Dr. Montessori expressed it best when she stated, "We discovered that education is not something which the teacher does, but that it is a natural process which develops spontaneously in the human being." This year, we found this to still be true, even during a pandemic. We are excited to share our students' favorite memories of this school year. Please enjoy reading their responses. We are proud of our students and their perseverance throughout this year. Have a fantastic summer! We look forward to seeing you all again in the Fall.

Grayson – "I liked when we did the candles for May Day. I liked breaking the crayons and watching them melt."

Braylen – "I liked when we painted the picture of the Titanic, and the games we played at Christmas, like Pictionary."

Om – "I liked playing basketball, jackpot, four-square, hide-n-seek, and kickball on the playground. I liked making more friends."

Nick – "I liked saying my speech at Science Fair."

Ryder – "I liked when we practiced singing 'A Branch of May' for May Day and playing Pictionary at Christmas."

Ansley – "I liked painting the picture of the Titanic and taking care of the baby caterpillars."

Rex – "I liked saying my Historical Timeline speech on Google Classroom and playing chess during indoor recess."

Anika – "I liked watching the caterpillars turn into butterflies, making new friends at school, painting, and planting on Gardening Day."

Wanling – "I liked International Day and filling out the quiz paper on Uruguay."

Sydney – "I liked indoor recess on rainy days and playing Old Maid."

Sabrina – "I liked making the candles for our mothers. My mother said she liked it."

Sniya – "I liked going outside for the fire drills. I like the sound the fire alarm makes."

Jase – "I liked seeing everybody's costumes at Halloween."

Corbin – "I liked decorating the pumpkins at the Halloween party."

Abigail – "I liked watching my plants grow for my Science project."

Charlene – "I liked doing the Science Fair and having recess with Ms. Dolores's class (in April & May)."

Andrew – "I liked decorating the pumpkins and doing the crafts at Halloween."

Parker – "I liked peeling the crayons to make the candles for May Day."

Elementary News from Ms. Dolores & Ms. Robin

"To confer the gift of drawing, we must create an eye that sees, a hand that obeys, a soul that feels; and in this task, the whole life must cooperate. In this sense, life itself is the only preparation for drawing. Once we have lived, the inner spark of vision does the rest."

-Maria Montessori

As this school year draws to an end, there is much to be thankful for. We are grateful for the opportunities we had this year that so many others did not share. Thank you so much for entrusting us with your precious children and supporting all of our endeavors during this unusual year. We appreciate each and every one of you!

Ms. Dolores and Ms. Robin



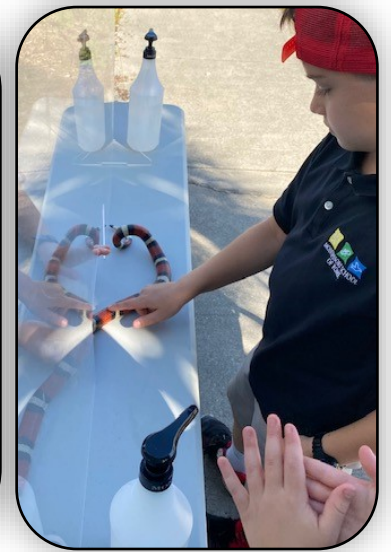
Elementary News from Ms. Rebecca & Ms. Kaitlin, & Ms. Rachel

Fundamental to the Montessori classroom, and more valuable than academic lessons, are the lessons which help children learn social strategies. These strategies help navigate friendships and collaboration with others, benefitting children throughout their life. Grace and courtesy is an integral part of the Montessori curriculum beginning in the early childhood classroom and continuing through the elementary levels. In The Montessori Method, Dr. Maria Montessori stated, "Considering the method as a whole, we must begin our work by preparing the child for the forms of social life, and we must attract his attention to these forms".

Examples of individual lessons which isolate the positive behavior for a respectful classroom:

- Accepting or declining an invitation
- Accepting help
- Asking permission
- Excusing oneself
- Greeting or saying goodbye to another person
- Helping a classmate
- Inviting a classmate
- Observing lessons
- Refusing help
- Requesting privacy
- Speaking in a low voice
- Waiting for help
- Serving snack

Grace and courtesy lessons in the elementary environment take the form of group problem-solving and community meetings. Because the students have entered the second plane of development, they are able to process situations differently. Small meetings between classmates or larger community meetings help students navigate social situations. Students learn the role of civil discourse, allowing one person to speak at a time. Students discuss situations, and they offer solutions. Students continually evaluate these solutions until there is one which works for everyone. These lessons are vital for children to learn, as they provide a solid foundation on how to navigate





MSOR Summer Camp

Returns - Come Join the Fun

Reserve your spot!

Camp is run by Ms. Shemi, The Adolescent, Secondary Class & Adult Camp Guides.



Clean, Safe Fun with Montessori Friends

Toddler / Primary Camp

We welcome - All potty-trained Toddler Students and up to rising Primary Third Years. Maximum 15 - 18 students.

Elementary Camp

We welcome - All Lower & Upper Students. Maximum 20 Students.

Daily Camp Themes

Mystery, Day of Adventure, Travel, Music/Dance, Fantasy, Sports, Magic, Science, Animals, Water Day, Around The World,

Camp Dates for Primary & Elementary Camps

June 7 - 18
June 21 - July 2
July 12 - 23
July 26 - August 6

Thank you for your support; we use all funds raised to support our travels throughout the School year.

- Sign up for one camp session or, better yet, the whole summer!
- Camp Hours: 8:30 to 3:00 Late Stay is Available upon request.
- The cost per camp session is \$350
- Parents provide lunch. We provide fun & snacks.
- If you want to attend for a single day (space permitting) daily rates are \$50 for the day.

In addition to a great time, MSOR Summer Camp can also help elementary students complete their Summer Homework. We work one-on-one with students to formulate a plan and accomplish summer reading, math, and writing homework. Campers will get a full day of fun, but we work on unfinished summer work during quiet time. Ask for more details.





Singing in the



Lots of outdoor fun



Best Camp Friends



Imagination, Creativity, & FUN!





Good Old Fashion FUN!



Water Day!



Announcements



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We invite you to connect with us on social media! We post regularly on Facebook and Instagram, and 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.

SCHOOL MESSENGER: To opt in to receive text messages from school messenger please text the letter **y** or **yes** to **67587**. We use school messenger to update parents on weather, delayed openings or school closures, etc.

Warm Wishes,

Melanie Haigwood

Director of Schools