

Weekly Notes October 19, 2021

Office Notes

It's really starting to cool off outside! We are welcoming the Fall season here at MSR and have lots to look forward to. Upcoming events include our Historical Timeline (October 25th & 26th) and our Halloween Parade for students. The Halloween parade will be for students only this year, but teachers will be taking lots of pictures to share with parents!

Please note: MAKE-UP DAY FOR SCHOOL PICTURES IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

If your child was absent for picture day, please have them prepared for make-up photos on Wednesday, October 27th (weather pending).

Ms. Ginny and Ms. Kayla's Class

Thank you to all for a great trip to the pumpkin patch. The students loved it and it was great to see everyone on such a beautiful day!

We would also like to thank Heidi's parents for sending in small pumpkins for the classroom. The children have especially enjoyed washing the pumpkins!

As the colder weather gets here please remember to have all water bottles, jackets and other outerwear labeled. We have lots of children with lots of jackets, so we really appreciate being able to know what belongs to who.

Thank you to all the parents who have scheduled classroom observations. We hope you have enjoyed seeing your children in the Montessori learning environment!

Ms. Ginny & Ms. Kayla

Ms. Shannon, Ms. Rachel and Ms. Savannah's Class

We had a great time at the pumpkin patch! I hope you did as well. We are continuing on with our nocturnal animal studies. Today we talked about bears-where they live, what they eat, and their babies.

Please remember to label everything that comes to school. We have a lot of kids in our class and inevitably someone will have the same water bottle, jacket, or hair bow.

I know the weather is constantly changing right now. We go out for recess in the morning at 8:30. It's been very chilly this week. Please send a labeled jacket for your child. We are outside for an hour. We will continue to go out even during the winter unless it's below freezing. Please dress your child accordingly.

Please make sure your child had extra clothes and shoes in their cubbies. We have introduced water work. This means that your child could be pouring, washing the pumpkin, whisking bubbles, or spreading just to name a few things. They are in charge of completing the work from start to finish. They wear smocks but there's a lot of spilling as they learn these fine motor tasks. Also, if your child comes home with wet clothes, please send a new set in the following day.

Ms. Shannon, Ms. Rachel & Ms. Savannah

Ms. Angie, Ms. Sydney, & Ms. Anna Kate's Class

We had so much fun at Copper Creek last Thursday. It was nice to be able to talk with so many parents and enjoy watching the children play. We took lots of pictures. If you took pictures and would like to share them with us, please send them to me by email and I can share them with our families.

The children enjoyed learning about pumpkins and carving one to see what was inside it. We are also studying North America and the Biomes. If you have anything to share from our beautiful continent, please let us know.

Please label all your child's belongings. We want your child to come home with his things. Our carpool time for drop off is 8:00 to 8:10. Pickup is 2:35 to 2:45.

Hope everyone has a great week!!

Ms. Angie, Ms. Sydney, & Ms. Anna Kate

Ms. Valerie and Ms. Christina's Class

Hello,

We hope everyone enjoyed going to the pumpkin patch last week. The children seemed to really enjoy the field trip. It was nice to see everyone in person.

Last week we learned all about pumpkins and introduced the different biomes.

Ask your child

Is a pumpkin a fruit or vegetable? Can you name the parts of the pumpkin?

Can you describe the life cycle of a pumpkin?

What must happen to the flowers for a pumpkin to grow?

Why do we carve pumpkins?

What biome do we live in? What is your favorite biome?

This week we will be learning about North America and the temperate forest. We will explore the countries of North America and learn fun facts about each country. If anyone has ventured to some of the countries in North America we would love for your child to share pictures with the class!

If you haven't had a chance to read the newsletter, please check out our segment about fostering independence in the classroom and at home. Giving your child independence is one of the greatest gifts you can give them. Please read the following article about the importance of fostering independence and how you can help your child achieve this <https://childmind.org/article/how-to-build-independence-in-preschoolers/>

Friendly Reminders:

*Please label all your child's belongings. Ms. Christina and I want to ensure that everything goes home with the right child.

* Our carpool time is from **8:10-8:20**. Please arrive on time. We start our morning lesson at 8:25 am.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to us!

Warm Regards,

Ms. Valerie & Ms. Christina

Ms. Dolores and Ms. Robin's Class

We are enjoying the amazing fall weather, playing outside, and collecting beautiful things to make fall nature collages.

We will have our in-class Historical Timeline on Tuesday, 10/26. Students should come to school in full costume, dressed as their character, on that day. They will line up according to year and present their speeches to the class. We will take lots of pictures at school. We sent original speeches home and made copies for school; please have your child practice each night. Parents can help to build excitement and confidence by having a dress rehearsal at home. Please send a change of clothes for your child on Tuesday.

Friday 10/29 is our school Halloween in-class celebration. Children may come to school in costume, however, they will need to be able to complete classwork in costumes, so they should not be distracting or cumbersome. Parents are welcome to send Halloween snacks or treats for the class. Please let me know if you plan to send a treat so that we don't duplicate. We will have P.E. and art on that afternoon, so another change of clothes will be needed on that day.

Homework folders are due on Thursdays. Our library books are usually delivered by Ms. Carol on Mondays, so please return library books by Monday each week. They are welcome to return library books whenever they are finished; we have a bin in the hallway where they deposit the books.

Have a good week!

Ms. Robin & Ms. Dolores

Ms. Stefanie and Ms. Abigail's Class

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful, cool Fall weather! Please remember Historical Timeline is next week! All third years and Abigail and Charlene will be giving their speeches on Monday the 25th. The rest of the 2nd years and all 1st years will be giving their speeches on Tuesday the 26th. Please make sure your child is practicing his or her speech at home. The speeches should be around 1 to 2 minutes long. If you find your child's speech is much shorter or longer than this, please work with your child to lengthen it or shorten it as needed. In addition, every student should be able to pronounce all words in his or her speech. The words in the speech should be the student's own words, even if a parent has helped with the writing of the speech.

Please make sure your child has a mask on as they enter the building every morning. Thank you for your help with keeping our community safe and healthy.

We are now having Homework Lab in late stay for 30 minutes after dismissal. If your child is in late stay, please make sure they have their homework with them at school so they can work on it here. They will be able to use classroom materials to assist them in completing their homework.

Tuesdays will be our day to get new library books. Please help your child remember to return all library books by Tuesday of the following week to check out new books. Thank you!

Ms. Stefanie & Ms. Abigail

Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Kaitlin's Class

Parents:

Only two weeks of October remain !!! Students are excited to present their group projects of the Timeline of Man in class this week. As we wrap up this assignment, we are focusing more on preparations for the Historical Timeline. Several students will be editing their speeches this week while others will be practicing their speeches.

Reminders for this week:

- * Classical Roots Test - Friday
- * Final Draft of Speech & Costume plan - Friday

Ms. Rebecca & Ms. Kaitlin