

Weekly Notes January 21, 2022

Office Notes

Dear MSR Families,

Quick Reminder: As we proceed into 2022 we continue to remain cautious and aware of the ever-changing COVID-19 environment. As a quick reminder, please note that if your child or a member of your immediate household tests positive for COVID-19 we ask that the student not return to school until all members of the household can present a negative PCR test. Southeastern Pathology is an available resource and offers daily testing until 12:00pm. Results are typically available same-day. Thank you all for your continued efforts to help keep our MSR community safe and healthy!

We also have a special announcement!

Congratulations to Jacob "J.D." Sisson on becoming a big brother! JessAnn Elizabeth Sisson was born on January 11th. Welcome to the world, baby JessAnn!

Ms. Ginny & Ms. Kelly's Class

We hope everyone enjoyed their long weekend! We want to take a minute to welcome our newest student, Aurora, to our classroom. She's such a smiley and sweet addition to our class. We're continuing to learn all about arctic animals this week and talking about the winter weather we experienced this past weekend (snow!).

Valentine's Day is just around the corner! We will be making bags in class for the children to use for their Valentine's Day exchange on Monday, Feb. 14. If you would like to send in Valentines cards for your child to pass out, you may address the card "To My Friend" and sign your child's name. This will make it super easy for each child to pass them out :). We will have 14 children in our class.

Also -- Don't forget that on Monday, January 24th no lunches will be needed! Peyton's parents are providing a pizza lunch to celebrate Peyton's third birthday!

Ms. Ginny & Ms. Kelly

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

I hope you all had a fabulous long weekend. This week we are continuing with our Arctic studies. Today we talked about snow. They were so excited talking about the snow they saw over the weekend. We learned about where snow comes from, how many points on a snowflake, how no two snowflakes are the same, and what happens to snow when it gets warm. See if you can get your child to sing the "Chubby Little Snowman." It's so cute! I know the Valentine cards have already hit the shelves. We will exchange cards in class for Valentine's Day. The small simple ones are fine. If you want to choose a card with a surprise on it please make sure that it is not a choking hazard or chocolate. We will have 21 kids for the exchange. When addressing them you only need to write who they are from so they can deliver them to their friends easily without searching for a particular name.

Ms. Shannon, Ms. Rachel, & Ms. Savannah

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

Hello everyone. I hope that you had a wonderful weekend and got to enjoy some snow somewhere. We are continuing our studies of the Arctic and Antarctica. The children are enjoying learning about the animals and the ice. If your child would like to share something that pertains to this, please send it in.

We are also preparing for International Day for February. We are studying American Samoan Islands and we have a great resource with Bodie and his family. We are very excited about this and are looking forward to finding out things about a new country to us. We will learn about people, food, music, homes, economy, government, clothing, famous people, geography, and animals. If you find any information that you would like to share, please let me know. We will definitely let you know when we decide on the costume and menu for our International Day presentation.

Please make sure that your child has extra masks at school in case they are needed. Label all outerwear garments. We are finding gloves and hats that the children are not claiming as theirs. Have a great week and please get in touch if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Ms. Angie, Ms. Sydney, and Ms. Anna Kate

Ms. Valerie & Ms. Christina's Class

Hello,

We hope everyone had a wonderful weekend. We are so excited that we will be studying Thailand for International day! We will begin introducing the Asia Continent this week. Have you ever traveled to Thailand before? We would love to see pictures.

What is International Day and When is it?

International Day is a celebration at our school in which each classroom studies a country in depth. We explore a countries culture, language, food, animals, famous places, geography, history, art, music, etc.

International Day is scheduled for Thursday, February 24th. At this time, the school will continue to monitor covid cases over the next several weeks and determine whether we can have our celebration in person or not. If we can't have our traditional celebration in person, we plan to film our performance and make it special and memorable.

** If anyone has large cardboard sheets that we could paint on, we would greatly appreciate donations.

** Over the next couple of weeks we will begin to brainstorm costume ideas for the children. If anyone can sew, we may need your assistance.

Why do we celebrate International Day?

Maria Montessori believed that children should gain a worldview at an early age. Children begin to realize that they are part of a bigger community. Maria Montessori's goal was to promote global understanding and international peace.

This understanding begins through geography and cultural lessons. The children become aware of where they live in the world, and then begin learning to identify the continents and many countries. Their world begins to expand. Montessori cultural lessons expose children to different people and their cultures. We want to create an atmosphere where we embrace and celebrate the many different cultures around the world.

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

Warm Regards,

Ms. Valerie and Ms. Christina

Ms. Dolores & Ms. Robin's Class

This week we're continuing our studies of Africa and are preparing to take a deep dive into Morocco. Thank you so much to the Headrick family for providing us with some brand new books about Morocco!

Studies will also include botany- ask your children about the carbon cycle. We've got a few root experiments starting to branch out for next week. We will introduce/review the scientific method in preparation for Science Fair, and close out the week with some mountain geography.

Have a great week!

Ms. Dolores & Ms. Robin

Ms. Stefanie's Class

Please continue to remind your child to dress appropriately for winter weather. If their supply of extra clothes at school are still for summer, please send in an extra change of winter clothes. Students may slip in the mud on the playground. It is best for them to have clothes to change into, so the mud is not spread around the classroom. Thank you!

All students need to have jackets to wear for recess when temperatures are below 50 degrees outside. Please have your child keep their jacket in a place that will be easy for them to remember it on school mornings.

We do not have utensils in the classroom. If your child's lunch requires a spoon or fork, please pack one inside his or her lunchbox. Thank you!

We are beginning our study of South Africa for International Day. The students are very excited to begin learning about the history, animals, plants, people, and geography of this country located on the earth's second largest continent.

Ms. Stefanie

Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Kaitlin's Class

We hope that you all had a wonderful holiday weekend!

Classic Roots Cumulative Book Test begins Thursday. Students will be tested on the first and last words in each word list. Part 1 on Thursday is spelling and part of speech for each word. Any roots that students can remember are bonus points. On Friday, students can choose 10 definitions and 10 sentences to write down for Part 2 of the test.

The only Language homework this week is to study.

Ms. Rebecca & Ms. Kaitlin