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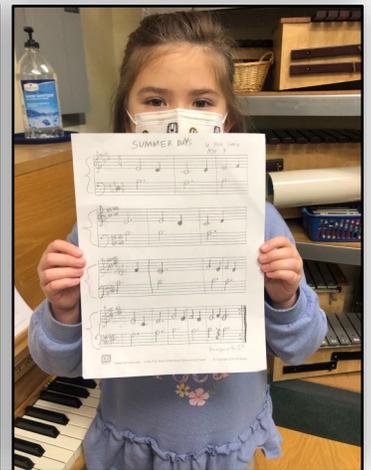
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# DOLPHIN TALES



## March Birthdays:

Bodie P.	3/4
Dhiren K.	3/6
Heidi M.	3/6
Thomas D.	3/9
Rajveer S.	3/9
Kaylie M.	3/12
Charlene S.	3/13
Julia H.	3/14
Levi H.	3/18
Aurora C.	3/19
Noah D.	3/23
Sienna B.	3/23
Lilian O.	3/27
Jamesen H.	3/31



## Important Dates:

**Spring Break is coming up!**  
**April 4th-8th**

**April 15th - Easter Egg Hunt (TBD)**

**April 22nd - Gardening Day**

**April 25th-29th**  
**ITBS Testing**  
**2nd-8th Grade (Tentative)**



## Toddler News from Ms. Ginny & Ms. Kelly



Spring is in the air! Can't you feel it? The beautiful sunshine and warm weather is just what the doctor ordered after a long, cold February.

We had so much fun learning about Mexico last month for International Day. We'll be sharing videos of our students dancing, singing, and telling us what they learned about Mexico in the coming days. We want to send a big THANK YOU out to all of our parents for helping to make this year's International Day Fiesta a fantastic one. Thank you for your generous donations of Mexican cuisine and the candy-filled pinata. Our toddlers loved it...especially hitting the pinata and watching all the candy fall down

This month, we are learning all about the farm and farm animals. We'll study the different types of farms and different types of animals that live on the farm. On March 25th, we'll welcome some special farm animals to MSOR that our students can learn about and even pet!

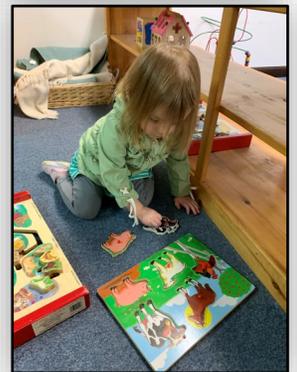
Just a reminder that Spring Break is April 4-8th.



# Toddler News from Ms. Shannon, Ms. Rachel & Ms. Savannah



We had a fabulous time learning about Turkey. Thank you to everyone for all your help with International Day. A special thank you to Leo's family for sending all the yummy food and sharing all your Turkish artifacts. I would like to also thank Noah's family for sending Turkish children's clothes and drum in for the children to enjoy.



This month we will learn about the farm. This is one of our favorite units. We will learn about the animals and what we get from them. The children will make lots of fun crafts and sing lots of songs. We will culminate our studies with a visit from Cook Farms on Friday, March 25th. There will be a mini horse, mini donkey, baby goats and lambs, rabbits, a calf, and maybe chickens and ducklings for the children to feed and pet!



Thank you all for taking the time to meet with me for your children's conference. It is always so nice to get to talk to you about your children. We have really enjoyed your children and appreciate you trusting us to help them grow.



As the weather begins to change, make sure to check your temperatures in the morning. We are now in the layering stages. It's still a little chilly in the mornings but warm when the children go out to late stay. With that said, you might want to send in a season appropriate outfit for your child's cubby. Please make sure to label everything.



## Primary News from Ms. Valerie & Ms. Christina

### Montessori Language Curriculum

The goal of the Montessori Language area is to support the child's natural process for acquiring and perfecting the language. For the young child, language is something to be discovered and created rather than learned. Adults can support this natural development by providing language-rich environments and serving as good models.

The Montessori environment is designed to support the development of both **receptive** and **expressive** language skills. Receptive language is the ability to hear or read ideas communicated and process the information so that one can respond appropriately. Expressive language is the ability to communicate one's ideas to others. Both receptive and expressive language skills are devel-

oped through engaging the child in conversation, telling stories, sharing literature, listening to the child, and encouraging self-expression. This is all done through numerous games and activities in the language area and throughout the classroom. The language area specifically provides activities to support the development of both reading and writing.

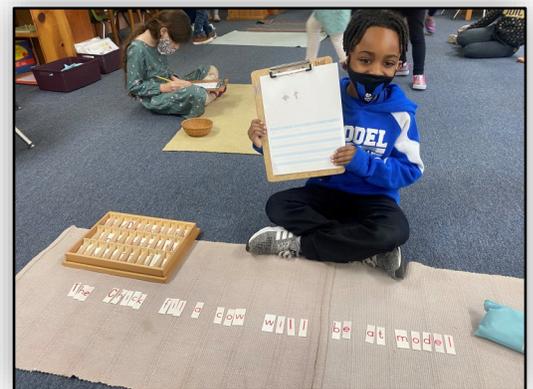
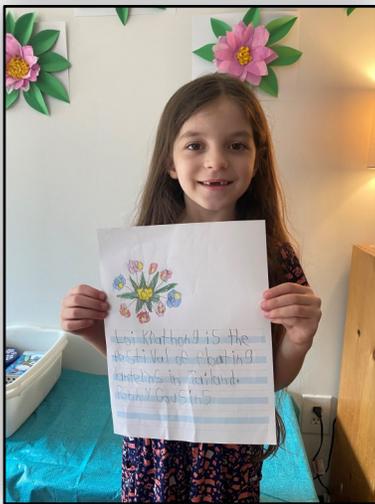
The heart of the language area focuses on three main materials: **Metal Insets**, **Sandpaper Letters**, and **the Moveable Alphabet**. In addition to these materials, we have multiple shelves full of language activities. These three materials serve as the focal point for much of the child's work for preparing to write and read. We have many materials in the classroom such as pre-language activities, writing materials, reading materials, grammar materials, and many other lessons.

Here are some great articles that explain the Montessori Language Curriculum:

<https://www.mcspb.org/montessori-basics-the-language-curriculum>

<https://www.guidepostmontessori.com/blog/teaching-reading-writing-montessori>

<https://www.amontessoristory.com/journal/teach-montessori-reading>



# Primary News from Ms. Angie, Ms. Sydney & Ms. Anna Kate



We have enjoyed learning about American Samoa. It is a very interesting territory and now we all are ready to go visit. For March, we want to do some science experiments because it is Science Fair month for elementary. If your child has a science experiment that they would like to share with the class, we would love for them to bring it and demonstrate. Exploring science is always fun.



At this time of year when it is re-enrollment time, we look at why choose primary Montessori. I found a great article that I would like to share.

<https://amshq.org/Families/Why-Choose-Montessori/Benefits-of-Montessori>



## Lower Elementary News from Ms. Stefanie

International Day was a great success! The students enjoyed presenting the information they had learned about South Africa, and they sang beautifully for the South African national anthem. I am working on getting the videos posted to Google Classroom. Please be patient as it takes time!

A big thank you goes out to Mr. Glover for providing our delicious South African food! We all enjoyed it tremendously. Some students even came back for fourth helpings!

Thank you all for taking the time to come in for conferences. I enjoyed being able to meet with everyone and showing the beautiful work the children have been doing!

International Day is another spectacular opportunity for preparing children to know and understand the diversity that exists in the world we live in. I appreciate all the opportunities we have to help our students understand we live in a world full of wonderful differences! These differences are something we teach our students to celebrate and appreciate. Dr. Montessori once said, "The education of even a small child, therefore, does not aim at preparing him for school, but for life." International Day is another way for us to prepare our students for the people and circumstances they will come across as they journey through life.



# Lower Elementary News from Ms. Dolores & Ms. Robin



We had great time learning about Morocco! Now it's time to get ready for science fair. All students have had their projects approved and should be starting their experiments.

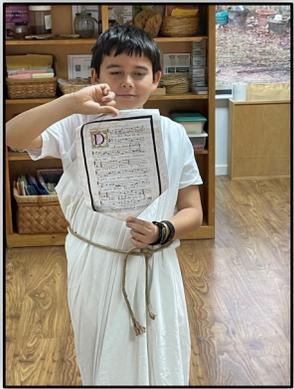


We all hear a lot about children's exposure to screen time. Below is a link to an informative article that discusses screen time from a Montessori perspective. It's long, but worth your time!

<https://forestbluffschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Screen-Time-Your-Childs-Development-2019.pdf>



# Upper Elementary News from Ms. Rebecca & Ms. Kaitlin



"International Day is fun and allows creativity to bloom and flourish whilst also teaching us about ancient cultures. International Day is an excellent experience and wonderful opportunity." **-Jaquiline Stoner**

"I enjoyed the dancing and singing that we did for International Day. I also liked saying our speeches about what we learned." **-Om Patel**

"I learned so many things. I loved the food. I tasted so many new things and all of them were scrumptious." **-Charl Glover**

"I liked wearing the traditional togas. It is fun to dress up like ancient people." **-Sam Durbin**

"My favorite part of International Day was trying the food. It was very unique." **-Ryder Corbin**

"I loved learning about the different clothing that was worn. The food was also very tasty." **-Zoey Reynolds**

"I loved the Greek dance that we performed and the music in general. I also enjoyed dressing up in traditional clothing." **-Anthony Rutledge**



"I loved making our speeches and learning about new places." **-Aubrey Greenway**



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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.

Thank you,

Jamie Foster

Executive Administrator