

Weekly Notes April 21, 2022

Office Notes



Spring is in full bloom at MSOR! We are so excited to be spending more time outside as the weather warms up and the children just love this time of year. As a reminder, please be sure to apply sunscreen and bug repellent to your child, if you wish. You can also send these items (with your little one's name on them) to school if you wish for them to be applied by your child's teacher for late stay.

This Friday, April 22nd, is also full of excitement as we prepare for two separate events: Gardening / Special Person Day that morning and Family Fun Night that evening. More information on each of these events can be found below.

We are excited to welcome a new staff member, Stacey Brown, to our MSOR Family. Ms. Stacey is a welcome addition and will be assisting in the office some as well as helping out during Late Stay. She and her husband, Tom, will be at our Family Fun Night this Friday evening and we look forward everyone meeting her then!

Ms. Jamie

Gardening / Special Person Day

Toddler:

- Please come into plant with your child at morning drop-off.
- If you have your own gardening tools, please bring them with you and remember to take them back home with you!
- Teachers will send out a wish-list.

Primary:

- Please arrive any time between 8:30-10:30 to plant with your child.
- If you have your own gardening tools, please bring them with you and remember to take them back home with you!
- Teachers will send out a wish-list.

Lower El:

- Please arrive any time between 8:30-12:00 to plant with your child.
- If you need a later time, please let your child's teacher know.
- Please bring your own tools for planting.
- Teachers will send out a wish-list.

Upper El:

- Gardening will take place between 9:45-10:45. Please meet behind building in our outdoor area.
- If you have your own gardening tools, please bring them with you and remember to take them back home with you.
- Teachers will send out wish list and detailed email to families.

Spring Family Fun Night (weather permitting)

You are invited to join us for an evening of food, fun, and friendship with our MSR family! We will be grilling hotdogs (and vegetarian options) and will also have inflatables for our students of all ages to enjoy! This event is sure to be a great opportunity for parents (and students) to reconnect with one another!

We will have inflatables for the students and if we have any parents who would like to volunteer 20-30 minutes that evening to help us man the inflatable stations, that would be great! Please let Ms. Jamie know if you would like to volunteer.

We also want to give a big shout-out and thank you to Ava's mom, Jenna Guzman, and International Paper for sponsoring this event. She and her team have kindly donated bottled water and some other goodies for this event! Thank you so much!!

We kindly request everyone RSVP so we can plan accordingly. If you have not done so already, please e-mail office@msor.org and let us know if your family will be in attendance.

Ms. Ginny & Ms. Kelly's Class

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter.

This month we are talking about insects and gardening. The children seem to be enjoying it a lot. Most of them like bugs:))!

Remember, this Friday is Gardening Day and each child may have one special person to come help them plant. The best time for this will be at drop off.

Thank you to all the parents that have already signed up on our wish list. A couple more things were added recently. You will need to bring a plant/flower to plant on our patio. If you'd like to bring gardening tools/gloves....you can. We look forward to seeing you.

Also, Friday evening is Spring Family Fun Night from 5:30 - 7:30. You need to RSVP if you plan to attend. There will be hot dogs for all and also inflatables for the children to enjoy (weather permitting).

Ms. Ginny & Ms. Kelly

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

The students are enjoying our study of insects this month. This week the class went over the lifecycle of the ladybug. Ask your child to sing "the ladybug song" for you (to the tune of Jingle Bells)!

We are also looking forward to Gardening Day this Friday. Your child can invite you, or whomever you like, to garden with them that day. I know not everyone is able to be here at drop off to plant so please just come when you can. We ask that you try to come closer to drop off because the kids don't understand why their person isn't here to plant with them. It's also hard for them to understand why they can't leave with their special person after planting, so please make sure to talk about this with them ahead of time. We will have a small craft to make, too. We would like everyone to be finished up by 10:00 at the latest - This will allow us plenty of time to get settled for the rest of the day.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you will be able to send in any of the things on the wish list sent out this week.

Thanks!

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

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

Hello everyone!!

I hope that you had a wonderful Easter weekend with your family. This week we have Family Fun Night at the school from 5:30 to 7:30. It sounds like a great time to enjoy hanging out with our Montessori family and a great way to end the week. There will be food to enjoy and inflatables to use the energy of the children. Please RSVP to the office so that they can get a count of people.

We have Gardening / Special Person Day this Friday. You may drop by anytime between 8:30-10:30. Please allow your child to bring in a plant/flower to plant with that special person. We all love digging in the dirt. We have a gorgeous patio that needs a little TLC to make it even more beautiful. Here is a wish list of things that we could use for our patio.

- Potting soil (several bags)
- Wind chimes
- Birdhouse
- Perhaps 4 to 6 pots

- Hummingbird feeder and feed
- Small gardening tools
- Child size rakes (2)
- Colored chalk

Please be sure to send in at least one plant/ flower for your child to plant with their special person.

Field Trip Reminder

Information about our upcoming Field Trip on the 29th went out on Friday. Please send in your \$8 for your child by the end of this week so that we can see who is attending. The children are so excited about the Cave Spring field trip. Any questions, please let me know.

Thanks,

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

Ms. Valerie & Ms. Christina's Class

Hello,

We hope everyone had a wonderful Easter weekend. We have a busy month ahead of us! This week we will be talking about the importance of recycling and ways we can help protect the environment. The children gave some great answers on how we can help the environment by picking up trash, conserving water, planting trees and flowers, and taking care of animals.

Thank you to all the families who donated items for our outdoor space! We really appreciate the donations.

Important Dates:

Thursday, April 21st: \$8 is due for your child's admission to *Rocky Hollow Farm*. Please send in cash only.

Friday, April 22nd: *Gardening Day*- You may arrive anytime between 8:30-10:30 am to plant with your child. Please have your child bring in a plant or flower to plant with their special person.

Friday, April 22nd: *Family Fun Night* from 5:30-7:30 pm. Food will be served and there will be inflatables for the children to play on. Please make sure to RSVP to the office so we can get a headcount of how many people are attending.

Friday, April 29th: *Field Trip to Rocky Hollow Farms at 9:30 am* - Please see the email sent last week for details!

Monday, May 2nd: May Day/ Mother's Day Program- As soon as details are finalized, I will let everyone know the time (It usually occurs in the morning). This is an event to celebrate all the mothers at our school. Mothers will be invited to attend.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Warm Regards,

Ms. Valerie and Ms. Christina

Ms. Dolores & Ms. Robin's Class

We sent home another ITBS practice booklet with second- and third-year students on Friday. I had already assigned language book homework to second and some third-year students. Please prioritize the ITBS practice homework booklets this week. If your child wants to and can complete the other language lessons this week they should do so.

First year students SHOULD complete their language book work since they do not have ITBS practice work.

Additional information about ITBS testing will be coming in a future email to parents.

Students made invitations for Gardening Day and brought them home on Friday. Students may invite a parent, relative, caregiver, etc.- any adult who is special to your child, to visit on Friday morning, 4/22. They may come to school any time between 8:00-11:00am. (If that time is impossible for someone, please contact us and we will make special arrangements.) The guests will help their students to plant something in our container garden. Children should bring plants to school on Friday, along with any gardening tools and gloves that they can use for gardening.

Our outdoor area, Ms. Kumar's garden, is very shady. We need plants that do not require much sun. Here is our wish list:

Begonia

Coleus

Cast-Iron Plant- Aspidistra

Boston Fern

Azalea

Creeping Jenny-Lysimachus

Columbine

Cyclamen

Impatiens

Thank you to Abby Samia and family for providing a geranium for our botany experiment this week, and a bag of potting soil.

We still need more potting soil; our containers have gotten low. If anyone has any large planters that you no longer need, we will happily take them! Practical life activities this week will include cleaning our outdoor space and preparing the containers for planting, so please send tools, gloves, and soil earlier in the week to help with our preparations.

Thank you in advance for your contributions. The children are excited about beautifying their space.

Ms. Robin & Ms. Dolores

Ms. Stefanie's Class

It's a busy time at MSR! Please be sure to read all emails from the office or our classroom to keep up with all the activities and events.

This Friday, April 22nd, is Gardening/Special Persons Day. Your child may invite a special adult in his or her life to come plant in our gardening space located between the back of our classroom and the elementary playground. We will welcome visitors beginning at arrival (7:50 am) until 10:00 am. There will be refreshments to enjoy and a small activity to do with your child. Please remember to keep your plant choices to vegetables, herbs, or flowers that can be planted in containers. It's always a good idea to bring gardening gloves for your child and their special person. We look forward to enjoying this special event with you all!

Additionally, this Friday is also Family Fun Day at MSR. There will be a time to enjoy socializing with one another in the evening. Please see the email from the office for more information.

Next week is ITBS testing! It is very important that you read the office email regarding essential testing information when you receive it. Most importantly, please arrive on time. Thank you for all you do to help your student be prepared for a successful week!

Monday, May 2nd, we will all get to enjoy May Day once again! Graduation is planned for Thursday, May 26th. Please look for more information on these events coming soon.

At some point, between May Day and graduation, I hope we will be taking our annual field trip to the LCCL Strawberry Farm. I am still working on scheduling a date with the people at LCCL. I believe we have had sufficient drivers volunteer for this trip.

Thank you all for giving your time! As soon as I confirm the date & time, I will send out the information, including cost. Thank you for your patience.

Ms. Stefanie

Ms. Rebecca & Ms. Kaitlin's Class

Parents:

There are lots of exciting events happening on Friday:

- * Special Person /Gardening Day 9:45-10:45
- * Classical Roots & Math Box Tests
- * Birthday Lunch

After the classical roots and math box tests on Friday, our class will go outside in our backyard area to prepare for Gardening Day. If you would like to join, please meet us in the back of our building at 9:45 - 10:45am. Our objective is to clean-up the area, replant the flower pots, and weed/replant the herb boxes. Gloves, hand tools, flowers, herbs, and potting soil are welcome donations. If you bring or send personal items, please label clearly so that they may return home. This will be a dirty job, please remember to wear gardening clothes.

We will also celebrate April birthdays on Friday with a pizza lunch. Our class has 8 students with April birthdays!! Please remember to send a refillable water bottle with your child every day.

Ms. Rebecca & Ms. Kaitlin