

Weekly Notes August 24, 2022

Office Notes

Welcome Back!

We have officially kicked off the 2022-2023 school year and things are off to a great start! Additionally, we are excited to welcome over 20 new families to the Montessori School of Rome.

As a reminder we will hold our Daddy's Night / Back to School Celebration this Friday, August 26th from 5:30-7:30pm.

This event is meant for the whole family (not just our amazing Daddies), so we hope to see everyone there for an evening of food (hotdogs), fun, and inflatables!

Remember to BE READY!

Just a quick reminder that children need to be ready to exit the vehicle at the time of drop-off. We still have some students arriving that are missing shoes, haven't collected their belongings, etc. It is imperative that students be fully dressed and have their items ready to go (beside them or beneath their feet) when you arrive for drop-off. This ensures not only the drop-off line can continue to run smoothly with fewer delays, but also that your child can get to his/her class with plenty of time to put their belongings away before getting started. Let's work together to start the day off right!

Ms. Ginny's and Ms. Kelly's Toddler Class

What a wonderful start to the new school year and an absolute great group of children.

We are learning all about colors and shapes, reading books and singing lots of songs! They love music!! We are giving lessons on work and teaching them how to use mats for their workspace.

I want to thank all of you for getting your children here between 8:15 - 8:25. Also, for picking them up by 2:15 - 2:25. You all are doing a great job and it's helps so well with the traffic situation.

Please remember the Daddy's Night and picnic this Friday night from 5:30 - 7:30.

Hope you all can make it! There will be inflatables for the children and plenty of food.

Please don't hesitate to text me if you have any concerns!

Ms. Ginny & Ms. Kelly

Ms. Shannon's, Ms. Jessica's, and Ms. Kristin's Toddler Class

The children are settling in nicely. We are learning to sit on the line. Today we talked about apples and colors. We sang a fun song about Farmer John and his 5 green apples. The children are also working on getting their work from the shelf, working with it and returning it to the shelf. I'm really happy with the way that they are all starting to adjust.

This Friday is our Back to School Picnic/Daddy's Day celebration. It will be on the playground from 5:30 to 7:30, weather permitting. I hope to see you all there!

It didn't take a long for us to start passing around some germs. I have noticed that some of the children already have runny noses and coughs. Please be thoughtful of others and keep your child home if they are not feeling well. If their cough is bad, drainage is not clear, have a fever, or not themselves they might need a day to rest or a trip to the pediatrician. We are washing hands and cleaning daily. I'm hoping that we can all stay well!

Some housekeeping notes:

- Students can only wear tennis shoes to school. The rocks on the playground make it hard to navigate.
- Please make sure their shoes fit properly. We have several children whose shoes come off very easily so it's a fall hazard.
- Lunch boxes need ice packs and silverware daily.
- Please make sure to be at school by 8:30. If at all possible, a few minutes earlier.
- If we send home dirty clothes, please return clean clothes the following day.

Ms. Shannon

Ms. Angie's, Ms. Karabeth's, and Ms. Rana's Primary Class

Hi everyone!!

It has been a great first few days of school. The children love being in school with their friends. We have Daddy's Day this Friday from 5:30-7:30 I hope everyone can drop by. There will be food, fun, and family time for all to enjoy.

***Please make sure that EVERYTHING is labeled.

***Lunches are looking great.

***Please make sure that you know our drop off and pick up times. We have been doing an awesome job with this so far.

Here is to the beginning of a great year!!

Ms. Angie

Ms. Krystle's and Ms. Macy's Primary Class

Hello families,

I hope you are all well and are settling into a nice routine. The children are doing well in the classroom and settling seemingly into our routines as well.

We are doing many grace and courtesy lessons. Thank you for all of your support in getting your child dropped off (& picked up in a timely manner).

Please remember that Friday is Daddy's Night (the entire family is invited). We will have food, fun and bounce houses (pending on the weather). I hope to see you all. The event is from 5:30-7:30.

Thank you for your support.

Ms. Krystle & Ms. Macy

Ms. Robin's and Ms. Dolores's Lower Elementary Class

We have had a very busy first few days in the classroom. Our class has seven new students, so we are all getting to know one another and community building. Students have enjoyed presenting their summer projects. If your child hasn't sent one in, they may bring it by this Friday.

Drop off and dismissal have been shortened by five minutes this year. Thank you for getting the children dropped off promptly in the morning. It really helps our day get off to a smooth start. I've stayed out a few minutes extra these first few days, but from now on I will be leaving the gate at 7:55 to join the class. If you arrive after 7:55, please drive around and drop off at the main/primary building.

Drop off: 7:45-7:55

Dismissal: 3:00-3:10

If you have not done so, please send in a change of clothes for your child, labeled and placed in a large Ziploc bag. If your child needs to use bug spray and sunscreen, please send these with their name on the bottles. If your child comes home with dirty clothing, socks, etc., please send a replacement for their extra clothing bag.

This week we are presenting the first Montessori Great Lesson. The students will learn about how the universe and our earth were formed. This helps them to understand their place in the universe and helps them to develop an appreciation for the world around them. This lesson is also known as "The Coming of the Universe," and "God With No Hands." This is a good time to discuss any family beliefs about the formation of the universe with your children. We will have many follow-up works next week as we begin our history and science studies to follow this lesson.

We've had a few very tired students this week. It's a big adjustment to get back into a school routine, so please help them to get a good night's sleep, a hearty breakfast, and, as Ms. Shemi requested- no screen time during the school week. I read a study last week that said that screen time in the morning interferes with a student's ability to learn for two hours at school.

We're planning a fun year of lessons, exploration, and field trips. Thank you so much for sharing your children with us!

Ms. Robin & Ms. Dolores

Ms. Stefanie's Lower Elementary Class

The 1st week of school is off to a great start! Thank you all for helping us start this school year off with positive attitudes that look forward to a wonderful year filled with new lessons, presentations, field trips, and fantastic books to read! The book project presentations went smoothly today, and we heard about some very interesting stories that other students have decided they would like to read.

Thank you to those who have volunteered their time to be classroom helpers. As schedules are created and the class normalizes, I'll be in contact with more volunteer information.

This Friday evening, the 26th, will be the Daddy's Day Picnic at the school from 5:30-7:30. Please join us for hotdogs, inflatables, and socializing!

Please make sure your child has indoor shoes that are to be left in the classroom and worn only indoors. It really helps to keep the playground dirt out of the building! Thank you!

As a reminder, students should not wear or bring jewelry to school. There are many opportunities for it to be lost and it often creates a distraction. Additionally, items from home which are not necessary at school should be left at home, please.

If your child is late stay, they are welcome to bring an additional snack to be eaten during that time. If you send a late stay snack, please communicate to your child that one of their snacks should be saved for late stay.

Please remember to only send lunch items/containers and water bottles that your child is able to manage independently. Also, please send any forks or spoons that are needed as we don't have flatware here at school. It's a great idea to involve your child in packing his or her snacks & lunch, so they can gain knowledge of choosing balanced nutrition and grow their independence.

This Friday, we will present the First Great Lesson called "The Coming of the Universe". It's designed to give students a sense of their place in the Universe by learning about the stars, the Sun, the planets, how Earth was formed, states of matter, particle behavior, and much more. If your family has certain beliefs about the origin of the Universe, then please take the time to discuss them with your child.

One more important note regarding bug spray/insect repellent and sunscreen. Please use the weekends to help your child practice applying these items so they can apply them independently.

Please help your child continue to have a successful week by encouraging an early bedtime, allowing them plenty of time to prepare for the day in the morning, and encouraging a healthy breakfast.

Thank you all for everything you do to support our school!

Ms. Stefanie

Upper Elementary Class

Hello!

We are all happy to be back in the classroom! We are busy adjusting to our new class schedule and learning about the creation of the universe.

Please remember that drop off is from 7:35-7:45. Students need to bring in their lunchbox and water bottle every day. Please send in labeled sunscreen and/or bug spray if needed. Please refer to our [handbook](#) regarding our dress code.

Girls- Shirts need to fall below mid-thigh if you are wearing leggings. If you haven't done so already, please bring in your teacup and decaf tea with honey.

Tennis begins this Thursday, August 25th. We still need drivers. Please email us if you are available to drive. 5th and 6th years- Use the same tennis racket from previous years. 4th years- Please bring a youth tennis racket on Thursday.

Homework will be given out on Friday. Homework lab in late stay will begin next Monday, August 29th. We will send an email regarding books for Classical Roots.

Our Daddy's Day/ Back to School Celebration is this Friday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing the whole family there!

Upper Elementary Guides

Adolescent & Secondary Classes

Hello,

Welcome back to school! We are eager and excited to kickstart another great year. We welcome one new faculty member to the Adolescent/Secondary Community this year... everyone please welcome the new TA, Mr. Jeff! We look forward to every great thing he will bring to the table for our Programs!

Last week, Adolescent and Secondary students assisted teachers across the MSOR community with drop off and pick up, helped direct traffic, and helped with playground maintenance to earn Community Service Hours! On Friday, Ms. Gabi, Mr. Jim and Mr. Jeff joined the students on a hike up the House of Dreams trail at Berry College!

Academics /School Supplies:

Monday, August 22 marked the official start of academics. Parents, please make sure that your students have obtained all the necessary school supplies and textbook home copies and workbooks! Email individual teachers if they require additional materials. Students must have a personal academic planner, and they need it every day... tests and quizzes are already being scheduled!

Please especially make sure your students obtain and start bringing these items ASAP:

- Personal Academic Planner
- White (no other colors) 2-inch Binders for every class, plus 2 more for Semester Test Binders
- College Ruled Paper (plenty of both reinforced and loose leaf are needed)

*** School Textbooks MAY be taken to and from school for the first two weeks of class only. We do not have extra copies to lend if they leave their school copies at home. ***

Lunches

We are so impressed with all the healthy lunches, and we thank you for fostering the healthy food habits at home. As a reminder, please either keep warm food in a thermos , or send cold lunches to school- we will not be using the microwave to heat lunches.

Businesses and Clubs:

We are excited to soon offer a variety of clubs and fundraisers to the school community, which include Spanish Club, Art Club, Sports Club, Breakfast Box, and more. Information pertaining to these opportunities and how to sign up/pay is forthcoming!

Ariana Thomas

Adolescent and Secondary Programs Coordinator