

## *Weekly Notes August 30, 2022*

### *Office Notes*

Hello MSOR families!

We had a wonderful time at our Daddy's Night and Back to School Picnic! We would like to extend an extra special 'thank you' to not only all of our families who attended, but also to our Adolescent and Secondary students who worked hard to make our event a success.

Mark your calendars for Fall Pictures to take place Wednesday and Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our rain dates will be November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. We will publish a schedule for which programs will take photos on which days, so keep an eye out for that announcement soon!

We have a very limited number of extra 2021-2022 yearbooks available for sale. If you did not order one for last year and wish to purchase one now, please contact the Office immediately. These will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost is \$21.00 per yearbook and cash or check is accepted.

Our Adolescent and Secondary Program is excited to announce Clubs are back! Keep an eye out for announcements regarding Sports Club, Art Club, Spanish Club, Creative Movement Club, and Cyber/Tech Club in the near future.

Speaking of Clubs, Mr. Lee Miller is also eager to bring back our Chess Club starting this Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please reach out to the Office by this Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, for information regarding scheduling and tuition cost.

Have a wonderful week!

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

The second week of school is going great! The children are settling in well. Thank you for those families that were able to come out for Daddy's Night and our Back to School Picnic. It sure was hot but so much fun!

We are talking about colors, shapes, and numbers this week. We've enjoyed singing and moving to many songs about colors like "Walking in the Green Grass" and even doing some color yoga. I'm

As a reminder, we will be closed Monday, Sept. 5 for Labor Day. Enjoy your extra-long three-day weekend!

*Ms. Ginny & Ms. Kelly*

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

Thank you for coming to our Back to School Picnic/Daddy's Day! It was great to visit with you! I think the kids all had a great time!

We are continuing to work on our shapes and colors. We are also focusing on grace and courtesy. Please work on reinforcing manners at home.

Next week is Labor Day weekend. We will be closed on Monday.

*Ms. Shannon*

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

Hello everyone!!

It was so good to see so many of you at our Back To School/ Daddy's Day event on Friday. The children had so much fun and it is always nice for the parents to get together. The weather seemed perfect for the evening. The year has had a good start. The children are getting used to the daily routine. We are seeing lots of materials being used throughout the morning and the children are loving the lessons. There are a few reminders for the week.

\*\*\*READERS have gone home with several children. After summer, we evaluated where the reading child was and began there to ensure that the foundation was strong and stable. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Readers are due on Mondays and Thursdays.

\*\*\*Please make sure that your child has extra clothes in their box at school.

\*\*\*Please send in utensils with their lunch, if needed.

\*\*\*Thank you for respecting our drop off and pick up times.

\*\*\*We are studying planets. If your child wants to share anything pertaining to our studies, he/ she may bring it in to share.

Have a great week!!

*Ms. Angie*

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

Hello families,

We are already into our second full week of school! The children are settling in nicely and are working hard on independence. All of the children are getting many lessons, and we are pleased with their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn!

Readers will be going home tomorrow! They are due on Mondays and Thursdays. We hope that we were able to evaluate your child, and they were given a reader that was challenging. If you have any questions or concerns, please see one of us.

Dismissal is between 2:35 PM and 2:45 PM. For arrival and dismissal, please pull between the main entrance and Ms. Shannon's door. We ask that you please utilize the two lanes, and that you pull forward as the lines move. We are also asking parents and guardians to please stay in your vehicles. A teacher will come get your child out of the vehicle. This is going to help the children foster their independence. If you need to buckle your child into their carseat during dismissal, please pull forward to the black fence to do so! All of these procedures help us keep arrival and dismissal as safe and quick as possible!

Friday is Library Day! Library books will be sent home with your child on Friday afternoons and must be returned by the following Friday morning. Students who do not return their library books on Friday mornings will not be allowed to pick out a new book. Library books will come home in a library bag, so keep an eye out when you are collecting your child's belongings on Friday afternoons!

Again, if you have any concerns or questions, please let us know!

Thank you!

*Ms. Krystle & Ms. Macy*

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

Our students enjoyed The First Great Lesson, and we've begun our science experiments and demonstrations to follow up on all the laws we observed in the lesson. We have been learning about states of matter, gravity, density, and centrifugal force. We will continue with our scientific exploration this week, and we will also share stories of creation from other cultures around the world as we investigate the nature of humankind's questioning mind.

Wednesday, we will visit Upper Elementary to see their Timeline of Life presentations.

Homework will be sent home on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. We will always send it home on Friday; it is due the following Thursday. This gives your child a week to complete the assignments, and you can help them plan the best times during your week to have them complete it at home. We will also send home the Historical Timeline packets on the 9<sup>th</sup>, so your child can start thinking about a historical person to research for that assignment. All choices must be approved by teachers before they begin the project.

We will celebrate the September birthdays of Seanna and George this Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will have a pizza lunch and cupcakes. You do not need to send lunch that day, but please pack a snack.

The children are more energetic this week! They are adjusting nicely to their new schedules and increased expectations.

*Ms. Robin & Ms. Dolores*

## *Ms. Stefanie's Lower Elementary Class*

This week, we are starting off strong with Math and Language lessons. Spelling lists were given out Monday and students will be practicing their spelling words with different assignments and activities throughout the week. Every Friday, students will take a spelling test and math facts test. Students practice math facts daily and should be bringing home their practice sheets to finish at home for additional practice if they didn't finish it at school.

We will also begin cursive lessons this week. The students are very excited to work on creating beautiful handwriting.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Great Lesson will be presented on Wednesday. This lesson is called The Coming of Life. In telling the Coming of Life story, the Montessori Timeline of Life material is used. It charts the Paleozoic, Mesozoic and Cenozoic eras, and the various plants and animals that appeared and eventually disappeared along the history of life on earth. If your family has specific beliefs about how life on earth began, please discuss them with your child.

Junior Great Books, or JGB, also begins this week. Your child will be part of a shared reading inquiry with other students in his or her group. Students learn reading comprehension, critical thinking, and writing skills.

We'll have library day on Fridays this year. Each class will visit the school library and students may choose two books to check out. The books will be due the following Friday. If previously checked-out books are not returned, students will not be able to check out new books. To make sure books get returned on time, it helps to have a specific, visible location in your home for storing library books until they are due.

It's hard to believe, but Historical Timeline will be here before you know it! This is an enjoyable and educational experience where students choose to research an influential historical person who is no longer living. Then, they represent this person by giving a speech as if they were the historical person. More information will be coming after Labor Day, but please begin a discussion with your child about someone from history who may interest them. It's not yet time to make a final decision. Please just begin discussing possible interests of your child.

Thank you for continuing to support your child's education by ensuring they receive adequate sleep the night before a school day & proper nutrition for breakfast. We have had many students complaining of sleepiness or hunger which causes them to struggle with concentrating on their work or lessons in the mornings.

Thank you all for arriving on time for drop-off and pick-up. It has really helped with the flow of traffic & beginning our school days on time!

I appreciate you all for the eagerness to learn that you instill in your children. It makes giving lessons a joyful experience for everyone!

*Ms. Stefanie*

## *Upper Elementary Class*

Hello,

Thank you for coming to our Daddy's Day/Back to School Picnic. We enjoyed sharing this special event with all of you!

We are studying our second Great Lesson: The Timeline of Life. We are taking a look at the different eras and learning about how life began.

Please be sure to arrive on time in the morning. Drop off is 7:35-7:45. Students need 5 minutes at lockers and in the classroom to prepare for the morning work time. Class begins promptly at 7:50. Math homework will be going home on Wednesday. This Friday will be our first Classical Roots and Math Box test. Please be sure to study each night for these tests. As a reminder, Tennis class is from 3-4 p.m. on Thursdays. 4<sup>th</sup> years- Please practice multiplication facts each night.

Thank you,

*Upper Elementary Guides*