

Weekly Notes September 13, 2022

Office Notes

Fall is right around the corner and this morning we were feeling the cooler weather sneaking in! As students begin bringing jackets and outwear to school please make sure everything is labeled with your child's name.

Along with the cooler weather also comes cold and flu season. Please help us protect the overall health of our MSOR community by keeping your child home if he or she is not well. Per our Parent/Student Handbook, please also be aware you will be contacted to pick your child up from school if he or she exhibits any of the following symptoms:

- Fever of 101
- Influenza
- Diarrhea or vomiting
- Severe coughing
- Difficulty breathing
- Pink eye
- Sore throat or trouble swallowing
- Unusual rash
- Severe itching
- Severe headache or stiff neck
- Lethargy

Keep in mind this list is not all-inclusive. If a child is observed to not be feeling well, our teachers may exercise their discretion and ask that the child be taken home.

In other news, our afterschool clubs are off to a great start! Our students really seem to be enjoying them and we hope they are sharing with you the fun they are having. Please remember all payments for clubs are due and your child's spot in the club may be forfeited if payment is not received.

We still 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.

Have a wonderful week!

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

Hope all is well this week with you all. The children seem to be on the mend! Thank you so much for keeping them home while they were sick. It helps keep the rest of us healthy 😊.

Please remember that our drop off time is from 8:15-8:25 and our dismissal time pick up is from 2:15-2:25. It's really important that we follow this because it helps tremendously with traffic flow and enables us to stick with our schedule.

The kids are really enjoying learning about zoo animals and having fun making several different crafts!!

The weather is beginning to get chilly in the mornings. If your child wears outerwear, please be sure to put their name on them!

Ms. Ginny & Ms. Kelly

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

We are continuing with our zoo studies this week. This week we've learned about tigers and giraffes. We have also learned how to determine if a lion is a male or female.

We've also been talking a lot about shapes. I made simple shapes out of cardstock that we use to identify shapes. A fun activity to do at home to enforce this would be to cut out shapes that they can hold and go around the house on a shape hunt.

Just a few of quick reminders:

- If your child brings home dirty clothes then please send in clean ones the next day.
- If your child gets a note about diapers please bring them in the next morning. We usually send them when they are down to three.
- We go out each morning for an hour at 9. Please send a jacket on cool mornings. Make sure to label your jackets.
- We go to the library on Friday. If they don't return a book in its bag then they don't get to choose a book. This makes for a sad kid. Please return books on Thursdays.

Ms. Shannon

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

School is going great!!! The children are enjoying all the new lessons that they are being given. They love making new friends and playing with their old friends also. It has been a great start to our new year. I have a few reminders for everyone.

***Readers are due on Mondays and Thursdays. Practice nightly for a few minutes.

***We are still looking for reader and sandpaper letter helpers. Please let us know if you would like to be a volunteer.

***Conferences are coming up. I will have a signup sheet available via email beginning tomorrow.

***We are studying the ocean this month. You may send in books that pertain to our study if you like.

Have a great week!!

Ms. Angie

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

Hello families!

We hope everyone had a wonderful and restful weekend, and we are so excited to be back with all the children in the classroom again. On Monday and Tuesday, the children will be finishing their crafts from Friday. These crafts are mobiles of our solar system! Several of them are already hung up around the classroom, and once they are all hung up, we will send some pictures your way. These solar systems will remain in our classroom until the end of the month when they go home!

We are now asking for volunteers for our garden! We would love any parents to come in and help be our Garden Parents!

We also have Music Time starting up in the coming weeks. This will be on Fridays at 10:30 in the morning.

Here are some important dates to look out for:

- October 7th, 2022: Parent/ Teacher Conferences (signup Genius to follow)
- October 13th, 2022: Copper Creek Farm Field Trip
- October 21st, 2022: Fall Festival
- October 24th - 25th, 2022: Historical Timeline
- October 31st, 2022: Halloween Parade at 10:30
- November 2nd - 3rd, 2022: Picture Days

Lastly, readers are due Mondays and Thursdays. Thank you for bearing with us as we have flipped days around and tried to figure out what works best. We will only be doing readers on Mondays and Thursdays, and we will have parent volunteers coming on those days to be doing readers. Thank you!

Ms. Krystle & Ms. Macy

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

We've been working on solidifying routines, including classroom jobs, work requirements, and the use of classroom planners to record daily work. Students have settled into the morning work cycle and are starting to make more independent choices as they navigate the classroom. Students have enjoyed our first Junior Great Books stories with Ms. Carol (1st years), Ms. Robin (2nd years), and Ms. Stefanie (3rd years.)

Students have written creation stories and illustrated an Iroquois creation story to create a class book. We will continue our follow up work on the First Great Lesson as we study volcanoes, the earth's layers, igneous rocks, and landforms through the end of September. We are also learning about the concept of time: starting with how long ago the universe and earth were created, then on to the measurement of days, weeks, months, and how the students fit into this ever-lengthening timeline. Today, we will visit Upper Elementary to see their presentation of the third great lesson, The Coming of Man. We will be revisiting the Coming of Life Lesson in our classroom next week, which will lead us into our year-long zoology work.

Our first Historical Timeline deadline is this Thursday, 9/15/22. Character choices and book selection are due, along with the first homework assignments.

We are excited to start music class with Ms. Ariana this Friday. Any library books not needed for Historical Timeline should be returned to school by Friday.

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for Friday, October 7th. We will have afternoon time slots available daily starting on Monday, October 3rd. Sign-ups will be posted next week.

Ms. Robin & Ms. Dolores

Ms. Stefanie's Lower Elementary Class

We had a great week with Spelling, Math, Geometry, Language, History, and Cursive lessons and new weekly planners to encourage the students to begin managing their time during the morning work cycle.

During afternoon lessons this week, we worked on finishing our planet booklets. Next week, we'll be going to the next Great Lesson from upper elementary on *The Coming of Humans*. If your family has specific beliefs on how human beings came into existence, please discuss them with your child.

Please remember to send in any spoons or forks your child will need for snacks or lunches as we do not have these items at school. Thank you for sending a clean water bottle to school daily! It is vital for students to stay healthy and hydrated!

Last Friday, students had the opportunity to choose a book from the school library on a historical person they might enjoy portraying for Historical Timeline. Please ask your child to share his/her book choice with you and discuss his/her interest in this person. Your child will research their chosen person, dress up as this person and prepare to give a presentation about them. The presentation should be given as if

your child were really the historical person speaking in 1st person. First, presentations are given to the other classrooms at school. Then, the school has an evening of presentations at the Willingham at Division Gymnasium located at 560 N. Division St. Historical Timeline will be at the end of October. A blue folder with more information and due dates was sent home with homework.

Homework will be sent out every Friday and will be due the following Thursday. Please allow your child to complete his/her homework independently. If your child is struggling with this task, please contact me.

Thank you for continuing to send in plants for your child to care for in the classroom. It brightens up the room and creates a beautiful, clean, and peaceful atmosphere!

Ms. Stefanie

Upper Elementary Class

Hello,

This week we are studying and presenting the third Great Lesson: The Coming of Man. The students enjoy learning about the different time periods and portraying it in art. The students did a great job with their presentations!

Our field trip to the Carlos Museum is Tuesday, September 27th at 10:00 a.m.

Please arrive each morning between 7:35-7:45 a.m. Class begins promptly at 7:50. Students need to turn in homework on the day that it is due. Our second Classical Roots test is this Friday. Please be sure to study!

Historical Timeline is October 24th and 25th. Please be reading the book on your character.

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