

Weekly Notes April 12, 2023

Office Notes

Are You Smarter Than a Third Grader? – This Thursday, April 13th

Dhiren Kanthala & Abigail Rogers – In this event, local “celebrity” contestants are pitted against each other to test their knowledge of all things 3rd grade! This rendition of “Are You Smarter than a 3rd Grader?” is taken from the well-known game show, “Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader?”, in which adult contestants test their knowledge against 5th graders to see how much they have forgotten since grade school in such subjects as language, math, geography, and social studies. This event is meant to be lighthearted and a very exciting way for our students to engage with leaders in the community and show off what they have learned! All proceeds benefit the Rome-Floyd County Commission on Children and Youth (RFCCCY) and the event will take place on Thursday, April 13th at 6:00pm at the Rome City Auditorium.

We look forward to seeing Dhiren and Abigail take the stage to represent MSOR!

Tickets can be purchased directly from the RFCCCY by clicking here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rfcccy-presents-are-you-smarter-than-a-3rd-grader-tickets-568396167237>



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We are so excited to welcome Spring with one of our most favorite MSOR traditions - Gardening / Special Person Day on Friday, April 21st! This fun event is an opportunity for your child to invite a special person - parent, grandparent, or other - to bring a plant to school and join them as they plant them in our classroom garden areas.

Please view the schedules and notes below for additional details for your child's specific program. **Please note that your child's teacher may also share additional details and/or changes with you directly.**

Toddler:

- Please come inside to plant with your child at the time of 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 - Robin's & Ms. Dolores's Class:

- Please arrive any time between 8:00-11:00 to plant with your child.
- If you need a later time, please let Ms. Dolores or Ms. Robin know.
- Please bring your own tools for planting.
- Teachers will send out a wish-list.

Lower El - Ms. Stefanie's Class:

- Please arrive any time before 10:00 to plant with your child.
- Please see e-mail from Ms. Stefanie for additional details for her class only.
- Please bring your own tools for planting.
- Teachers will send out a wish-list.

Upper El:

- We will determine our time for Gardening Day in the near future.
- 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.

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

We love this month's theme of Insects, Flowers, and Gardening. We are reading many buggy books, learning the life cycle of a plant, and singing lots of fun songs. You can practice "Shoo Fly Don't Bother Me" and "I'm Bringing Home a Baby Bumblebee" songs at home, if you'd like.

We are excited for Gardening Day on Friday, April 21st from drop off time until 10AM. Please bring a beautiful plant to plant on our patio. We will also be emailing a sign up sheet for some items we are looking forward to receiving on Gardening Day.

Ms. Ginny & Ms. Kelly

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

The kids are so excited to be back at school. We've had a fun first couple of days! We have started our insect unit. Today we learned that insects have 6 legs and 3 body parts(head, thorax, and abdomen). We played a fun game with some plastic insects identifying which were bugs or insects.

Special Person/Gardening Day is coming up on Friday, April 21st. Your child is welcome to invite a grandparent, aunt/uncle, cousin, neighbor, or even you to come plant a flower with them. I have emailed out my sign-up sheet, and I have also posted it on the bulletin board in the hall outside our classroom. If you see anything you are willing to donate and need me to sign up for you, please let me know.

Just wanted to give you a heads up about upcoming events. We will have our May Day celebration on May 1. We will go on a field trip to the Tennessee Aquarium on May 12.

Ms. Shannon, Ms. Jessica, & Ms. Kristin

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

Wow!! The year is flying by and we have so many things happening. I have several important dates and information for you.

****May 12th----** THIRD YEARS ONLY We will have our year end field trip for the third years. We will go to the Creative Discovery Museum. We will meet as a group at 9:45 a.m. We will enjoy the Museum from 10:00-12:15. We will then go as a group to eat at Sticky Fingers which is within walking distance. After lunch, you may enjoy Chattanooga with your child . You will purchase your tickets at the Museum when you get there.

****May25th--**All third years will meet at Shorter College @ 8:00 a.m. for graduation practice. Your child will need to be picked up @10:30 at the chapel. Your child may go home and rest after practice. If your child returns to school, he/she will rest after lunch that day.

****GRADUATION ATTIRE FOR THIRD YEARS**

Third year girls need white dresses and white shoes.

More information about graduation will come from the office.

Third year boys will need a navy blazer, white button down shirt with collar, tie, and khaki pants.

**May 17th--Third Years Only will have a play date and lunch at Ridge Ferry Park. The children will need to be at the park at 11:30--2:30. It will be a lot of fun for these kiddos.

**Special Person/ Gardening Day is April 21st. Please have someone be the special person for your child. It is always a fun time for the children to be able to plant on the patio and share the classroom with their person. Each child needs to bring in a flower to plant for that day.

**Also needed for that day: hanging baskets, wind chimes, soil, soil, soil, bird seed, and small or medium flower pots.

**May 1st--May Day / Mother's Day celebration. More information to come.

**May 25th--Graduation at Shorter College.

*****Thursday, April 13th--No lunch needed. Juliet and her family will provide lunch for our class to celebrate Juliet's birthday.

If your child has a summer birthday, and you want to celebrate with the class before the end of the school year, please let us know.

Have a great week!!

Ms. Angie, Ms. Karabeth, & Ms. Rana

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

Happy Tuesday!!! I hope everyone had a fantastic spring break and Easter. It is nice to be back in the classroom again together. The children have settled into our normal routine nicely and are working hard! April will be a fairly quiet month, with not many festivities happening. I am sending out a reminder (as this was in our monthly newsletter) that on April 21st will be our gardening day. I ask that each child bring in a flower/plant to contribute to our patio area to make it look beautiful. In addition to the botany item, please sign up for one of the following items on our wishlist- see here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoE44ACAC2CAAFFC25-gardening>. We will need these items by 4/21. Each child **needs** to bring in **one** special adult with them to help (your) child plant their botany item. It will be a drop in style from 8:30 A.M. -10:30 A.M. You may meet us on the patio when you come in. If you have your own gardening tools/gloves, please bring those items with you as well.

Your child will also be planting a flower seed in a cup on Friday 4/14. It will stay at school, so we can observe our plant and your child then may take home their cup on 4/21 gardening day.

Parents please try to grab this item when you leave our classroom

We look forward to having everyone join our classroom on gardening day.

Ms. Krystle, Ms. Macy, & Ms. Trudy

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

Everyone is back to business after a refreshing spring break. Science Fair was a great send-off! Thank you all for attending, for guiding your children to use the scientific method, and for helping them develop a passion for science.

We sent homework books/folders home on Friday, 3/24 and they are due this week, on Thursday, 4/13. Students should be close to completing the next language lesson in their books/folders.

1st years- Lesson 20

2nd years- Lesson 21

3rd years have individual assignments in different books.

Math facts should be completed as well.

Students will make invitations for Gardening Day and bring 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, 4/21. 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 4/21, 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

Ms. Robin & Ms. Dolores

Ms. Stefanie's & Ms. Ribar's Lower Elementary Class

Welcome back from Spring Break! I hope you all had a restful break.

Gardening Day will be Friday, April 21st. Please be sure to send gardening gloves with your child on that Friday. Also, please remember we only have pots and 3 raised garden beds for us to use

for planting. Small plants that don't grow very large work best. We enjoy planting one bed of herbs, one of flowers, and one of vegetables. Gardening soil is always appreciated! You're welcome to come in the morning to plant with your child and enjoy refreshments!

ITBS testing for 2nd and 3rd years will be the week of April 24th. First year students do not test. 2nd and 3rd year students will have test practice beginning next week. Please make sure your child gets plenty of sleep and rest the week of testing. It's also very important for them to eat a good breakfast.

Thank you all for supporting your child's education!

Ms. Stefanie & Ms. Ribar

Upper Elementary Class

Good morning,

Classical Roots Test- Students will take their Classical Roots test next Thursday (4/20). This test will consist of 2 lessons (their lesson from this week as well as next week's lesson).

Gardening Day- April 21st

Special persons are welcome any time in the morning. You are also welcome to bring a lunch and enjoy this time with your child. ☺

Requested items (herbs, well-established cherry tomatoes, lettuce, bags of soil (all natural), Zinnias, Coreopsis, Milkweeds (*Asclepias Tuberosa*), pots, part-sun plants)

We plan to clean up in the front and side of our building as well. Please bring your own tools (shovel, rake, etc). We look forward to seeing you!

ITBS Testing- April 24-28

We are looking forward to a great trip to D.C.!

Upper Elementary Guides