

Weekly Notes August 22, 2023

Office Notes

Welcome Back!

We have officially kicked off the 2023-2024 school year and things are off to a great start! Additionally, we are excited to welcome nearly 30 new families to the Montessori School of Rome.

Daddy's Night is This Friday!

As a reminder we will hold our Daddy's Night / Back to School Celebration this Friday, August 25th from 5:30-7:00pm. 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, fun, and inflatables! **Please Note: Due to the anticipated high temperatures outside this week, we will hold this event at the Willingham Gymnasium located at 560 North Division St. NW in Rome.** This is the same gym where we hold our Historical Timeline and Science Fair. Join us between 5:30-7:00pm this Friday at the Willingham Gymnasium for MSOR Daddy's Night!

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!

Yearbooks are in!

Our 2022-2023 Yearbooks have arrived! If you placed an order and have not yet received your yearbook, please contact Ms. Jamie to arrange pickup. We have a very limited number of extra yearbooks available for purchase. These are available on a first-come, first-served basis and the cost is \$21.00 payable via cash or check to Montessori School of Rome. If you would like to purchase a yearbook please let Ms. Jamie know.



Calling all Montessori Moms! Flowers at Floyd Springs invites you for an afternoon of fellowship among the flowers with our MSOR community. Join fellow MSOR-Moms, current and before, for a glass of wine and surround yourself with the beauty of Jennie Pruitt's flower fields. Gorgeous flowers/bouquets will also be available for purchase.

Kindly RSVP to Jennie at 706.506.0688 or make the Office aware if you plan to attend. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Parent Volunteer Background Checks

We have had many parents offer to serve as volunteers this year, whether by helping in the classroom, chaperoning on field trips, or driving students to and from Tennis practice. We are so thankful for this outpouring of generosity to ensure all students are in safe hands at all times!

In an effort to further promote the safety of our community, we are requiring all parent volunteers undergo a thorough background check through Fieldprint. Fieldprint is the service approved and utilized by Bright From the Start and is the trusted choice for thousands of entities in the government, private, and public sector.

To arrange an appointment for a background check, please visit the following link:

<https://www.fieldprintusa.com/FBIHomePage.aspx?PostingID=540&ChannelID=264>

Select "Schedule an Appointment" to be directed to a page where you will be prompted to create a free account. Once you have signed up and verified your account through your e-mail, you will be prompted to

complete an application for the background check. Once you have completed and submitted the application, you will be contacted by Fieldprint within 24 hours via e-mail to take the next steps in the scheduling process.

Once you have completed the background check and fingerprinting process, please provide a copy of the result to Ms. Jamie as soon as it becomes available. This will be placed on file so you are cleared to join us as a parent volunteer.

We appreciate your willingness to be a part of our classrooms and we look forward to having you join us!

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

We have had such a great start to the school year! We are so excited to get to know all of you and your families. We've been talking about colors and shapes as we are normalizing to the classroom and routine. We hope to see everyone this Friday evening at Daddy's Day. Just a few classroom reminders:

You guys are doing a great job with lunches but please remember that we **cannot** heat food up in the classroom. If you would like to provide a warm lunch for your child, the food must be kept in a thermos in their lunchbox. We provide the plate for the food to go on but it will need to be kept warm in a thermos until our lunch time.

Pick up begins at 2:15PM and ends at 2:25PM. Since we are the first class that dismisses, if you'd like to come earlier to "beat the traffic" you could arrive as early as 2PM. The Primary classes must dismiss about 50 students beginning at 2:25PM. This can cause a back-up in the parking lot so the sooner you get here, the sooner you can get on your way!

We've had a few sicknesses in our class. Not a fun way to start the school year but can be expected with children getting acclimated to a new environment with new germs. Thank you all for keeping your children home while they are under the weather. Our policy is that if a child is running a fever of 101°, they must stay home until they are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicines. This helps mitigate the spread of those germs and keeps our toddlers and teachers well.

Thank you for adhering to our morning drop off time! It helps keep our mornings on track. 😊

Ms. Ginny

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

We are settling into our routine. Thank you so much for your patience as we figure out the carline and all the things these first couple of weeks! We still have a few kids missing slippers so if you could get those sent in, that would be great.

We will have a Back to School/Daddy's Day event this Friday night. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Ms. Shannon

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

We had a great beginning of the school year. The children seemed very happy to return to the classroom and the new children to our class were very eager to explore. We have made new friends and reacquainted with our old friends. A few reminders for our class.

**Please be patient with morning drop off. A teacher will come to your vehicle and assist your child. If you need to speak to us in the morning, feel free to text me. My number is 7065091160.

**Daddy's Day / Back to School is Friday evening from 5:30-7:00. We are excited to see everyone.

**Please send in a change of clothes for your child if you have not already done so.

** The lunches are looking great and healthy. Thank you.

**The office will be sending more information pertaining to the background check. Please be on the lookout for this. Thanks to all the volunteers for our class.

**Please send in water bottles daily.

If you still have readers issued over the summer at your home, please return these promptly so we may issue additional readers to your child. Thank you!

Have a great week.

Ms. Angie

Ms. Ortrud's, Ms. Camela's, and Ms. Trudy's Primary Class

Dear Parents,

Our first three days together have been so much fun already. The new children are working on settling in, the returning students are working on adjusting to new teachers and a few new routines, and we teachers are just excited to start a new school year. Our team is now complete and we spent Monday working on getting to know each other and establishing routines/daily schedules to make our new classroom a peaceful and joyful place to be. The rest of the week we will be continuing to build our community so each child will feel safe and happy. We will also be working on our Daddy's Night gift and everyone is looking forward to the event this Friday.

We would love to add a few nice houseplants to bring some natural beauty to our classroom environment and also to serve as an activity for the children to learn to take care of the plants. So, if you would like to support us with this, please bring in a plant. Thank you in advance.

If you still have readers issued over the summer at your home, please return these promptly so we may issue additional readers to your child. Thank you!

Ms.Trudy, Ms.Camela and I are looking forward to a very joyful, rich and fulfilling school year for all of us, children, parents and teachers.

Ms. Ortrud

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

We've had a busy three days learning new routines and getting to know one another. We are building our community and reviewing lots of grace and courtesy lessons. We're practicing math facts daily and completing spelling assessments to set up groups.

Summer reading project presentations began yesterday. It's wonderful to see such confident children. They have been eager to volunteer and share their projects with the class; they love to talk about books! Please send all projects/summer work into school by Friday.

A few items that need attention:

Please send a light sweater or jacket for use in the classroom. We keep the A/C and fan running continuously through the UV air purification system.

Please label everything that comes to school with your children.

Snack foods must be easy to eat; please don't send messy foods that drip, require spoons or cold packs for snack. They remove snacks from lunchboxes first thing in the morning and place them into our snack basket. We have a marker handy, but it is much easier if you label the snacks at home.

Daddy's Day is this Friday, August 25th, from 5:30-7:00 pm. Please join us for food, fellowship, and fun!

Ms. Robin

Ms. Kathleen's and Ms. Anja's Upper Elementary Class

We are officially into our first full week of school!

This week, we are studying The Second Great Lesson: 'The Coming of Life'. We are looking at the different eras and learning about how life began. The Great Lessons help us to encourage exploration, experimentation, creative thinking, and grasping concepts such as understanding our place in the world.

This year, we will be celebrating birthdays once a month with the first celebration at school in mid-September. Thank you, Ms. Samia, for being our 'classroom mom' and helping us organize these. We will also have our bonding trip to Cloudland Canyon in September (9/7/23-9/8/23). More information will follow. Please prepay for all of this year's going out trips (except Jekyll Island) by August 31st (\$100).

Language homework will be given on Monday and is due on Thursday. Math homework will be going home on Thursday. Tennis will also be on Thursday, starting in September. We are still looking for a 'tennis mom' who would be helping us by a weekly checking of our volunteer tennis driver availability. Please message us if you would like to help!

This Friday will be our first Classical Roots and Math Box test. Please be sure to remind your child to study for these tests. If your child uses index cards in preparation for the Friday test, please kindly consider sending a package of index cards to school.

Our annual Daddy's Day/Back to School Picnic will be this Friday (5:30-7:00 pm).

We are looking forward to a wonderful year,

Upper Elementary Guides