

Weekly Notes September 12, 2023

Office Notes

September is in full swing and the students are settling in nicely! Thank you all for your continued support.

Quick update to our calendar – There were a few changes to our 2023-2024 academic calendar you may, or may not, have noticed. A copy of our up-to-date calendar is available on our website <https://msor.org/calendar/>

Below are recent changes that are important to note:

Friday, October 13th – Toddler/Primary Field Trip to Copper Creek Farm.

Previously we had chosen Rocky Hollow Farm, however, due to a scheduling conflict we will be going back to Copper Creek on this day.

Friday October 13th – Fall Festival.

Our Fall Festival was previously scheduled for Friday, October 20th, but it was moved back one week. This will be the evening of the trip to Copper Creek, so Toddler/Primary families may take the afternoon to rest before joining us that evening for our celebration. Please take note of this change as we would love to see everyone there!

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, October 17th-19th – Fall Portrait Days.

Fall Portraits will take place on the following days:

- **Tuesday, October 17th** – Toddler Program & sibling photos including Toddler sibling
- **Wednesday, October 18th** – Primary Program & sibling photos including Primary sibling
- **Thursday, October 19th** – Elementary, Adolescent, & Secondary Programs (including sibling photos for elementary and older)

Our photographer this year will be Mark Law and we are eager to have him capture these wonderful moments! Information on photo package ordering instructions is to come.

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

We are continuing our study of the zoo this month. We are reading stories and looking at pictures of different types of animals that live in the zoo. We are even listening to the different sounds that these animals make. We are practicing walking around the line to the song The Elephant by Hap Palmer. The students love when the elephant sees the tiger or the mean old hunter and we get to run around the line.

Reminder that if your child comes home with a bag of soiled clothes, please send replacements the next day.

Thank you for keeping your littles home when they are not feeling well. That helps keep everyone as healthy as possible.

Ms. Ginny & Ms. Kelly

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

We are having a great time learning about zoo animals. The kids are so excited about this topic. We painted a zebra with a marble yesterday. It was so cute! If you have anything to share with the class this month about the zoo animals please feel free to send it in.

Please remember to send in ice packs and silverware each day. Also if your child comes home with dirty clothes, please send clean clothes the following day. One last thing, our drop off is from 8:15-8:25, if you do not have a child in one of our older programs then you should not arrive until 8:15. Please try to be on time so our line goes smoothly and your child doesn't miss out on line time.

Ms. Shannon

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

This week we are wrapping up our study of space and moving into our study of the ocean. The students are very excited and are looking forward to learning more about sea life. We encourage you to ask your child what they learned about space - they love to share their knowledge!

The weeks are beginning to move more quickly as we settle into the groove of the school year. We are well on our way to normalization and we are looking forward to Parent/Teacher Conferences coming up on Friday, October 6th. A Sign-Up Genius will be sent out this weekend to reserve your time for conferences. Please also keep an eye out for 30-day letters to be sent home very soon!

Remember to mark your calendars for our trip to Copper Creek Farm on Friday, October 13th. This is a parent-chaperoned field trip and each student must have a designated parent/guardian attend with them. We look forward to this trip each year! There will be more information to come.

As always, thank you for your continued support of our classroom!

Ms. Angie

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

Dear Parents,

We had a great week with our first birthday celebration. A walk around the sun followed by a delicious catered lunch. Thank you to Lucille and her family.

Favorite activities this week included brass polishing, flower arranging, the human body puzzle, the skip counting chains, spontaneous walking on the line, perusing books in our book corner and whisking.

This week we will celebrate another birthday on Wednesday, again followed by a catered lunch. If you are not sure that your child will be open to eating the catered lunch, please still provide her/him with a home packed one.

We would still love to have a few more potted plants for the classroom. If anybody would like to send one in we would appreciate it.

Our library day is Friday. You may keep the book until Wednesday and return it to school on Thursday, so your child may select a new one on Friday.

Ms. Ortrud

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

We've started our science exploration with a mystery box activity designed to teach students how to make observations and predictions. We will follow up with a classroom science experiment day so that they can practice these skills. We are still adjusting to new routines and schedules as we add things to our busy weeks. This week, Spanish begins on Thursday with Ms. Lelia. Next week, we will start our Junior Great Books literature series. I will send a letter regarding our JGB curriculum next week.

We're in our fourth week of school, and many children are still struggling to get out of summer mode. We've been practicing our grace and courtesy in the classroom. Many of our fun classroom lessons and activities require good listening skills and cooperation with peers. Please speak with your children about the importance of always using grace and courtesy at home and in the classroom.

Everyone has chosen Historical Timeline characters and should have a children's book that can be read alone or with help from a parent. The next deadline is the costume plan, which is due on September 21st.

We're getting ready for parent conference time, and I will be sending home a pre-conference questionnaire for parents to fill out to help us prepare. I will contact some parents early to set up conferences before the scheduled conference day because we can't have 24 conferences in one day! I will also send out a Sign-Up Genius.

Have a great week!

Ms. Robin, Ms. Dolores, and Ms. Rana

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

Dear families,

Our first birthday celebration at school is this Wednesday, September 13th, 2023. Thank you, Ms. Samia, for helping us organize this lunch. We observed in the past that students are sometimes still hungry and will also consume their normal lunch

on such a day. Please consider sending in a healthy snack during birthday celebrations and communicate with your child about the birthday lunch experience.

Our bonding trip to Cloudland Canyon was very exciting. We had a lot of fun and everyone thoroughly enjoyed this first going out day! If you still need to prepay for all of this year's going out trips (except Jekyll Island) please do so (\$100).

Tennis will be this Thursday. If you have not paid, please pay coach Jan directly!

If your child uses index cards in preparation for the Friday test, please kindly consider sending a package of index cards to school.

This week, your child will have additional homework: character selection for Historical Timeline. Please kindly sign the character proposal form and send it back to school by Friday, September 15th.

Thank you,

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