# Weekly Notes September 19, 2023 Office Notes

**International Day of Peace** is here again! This annual tradition will be familiar to many of our students, but for those who are new to us we have shared information below regarding the purpose and mission of this special day.

We hope you sing! On Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, Montessori schools all over the world will sing for peace. The song travels from the eastern shores of New Zealand to the western shores of Hawaii. From country to country, city to city, children take a few moments on this special International Day of Peace to remember the world needs peace more than ever! Join us and help spread the message to light a candle for peace, for love, for life!

From: https://singpeacearoundtheworld.com/

Other resource: <u>https://peaceoneday.org</u>

Each year students across the globe join together in singing "Light a Candle for Peace". The students have been working hard to rehearse, and Thursday we will celebrate International Day of Peace by gathering all students to sing together.

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

We are continuing our studies of zoo animals this week. We enjoyed listening to the sounds the different animals make at the zoo and trying to mimic them.

Thursday is International Day of Peace, a holiday dedicated to world peace. We read The Peace book by Todd Parr and talked about different ways we can be peaceful. Encourage your child to give to someone who needs it, offer a hug, speak kind words, and be who they are.

If you send in a jacket for your child, please make sure it is labeled with your child's first and last name.

Ms. Ginny & Ms. Kelly

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

The children are continuing to settle in nicely. They are doing a great job sitting on the line and listening. We are continuing with our studies on zoo animals. Have you heard lots of things about different continents at home lately? We've been looking at the globe and discussing where the different animals live.

There are lots of things coming up in October. We will have our conference day on Friday, October 6th. There will be no school on that Friday. I start my conferences early so you can enjoy the day and not worry about coming to the school for a short meeting. This is the link for the Signup Genius for a conference time:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848ADAE2FA7F49-44300526-2023

Please make sure to mark your calendar for our upcoming field trip to the pumpkin patch on October 13th. All toddlers have to have a parent or an adult to accompany them for the day. If you choose not to attend, no one will be available at the school to watch your child.

Have a wonderful week!

Ms. Shannon

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

I hope everyone is enjoying the weather. It has cooled off and the children are loving it. They are settling into a routine and the classroom nicely. Our thirty days of school is coming up so we will send each of you a note home about how your child is doing in the classroom, materials that they enjoy working with, and friends that they love to work and play with. It has been a great beginning of the year. We also have conferences in the next couple of weeks. Most everyone has already signed up. Thank you so much for that. If you haven't signed up and need a time that is not offered, please get in touch with me and I will definitely work something out. I love sharing information with you about your child.

There is an elementary game night on Friday evening offered by the adolescents and secondary class as a fundraiser to help with their expenses to travel to Australia. Please check the information in the school weekly notes to see if it is something that you may be interested in for your child. It sounds like so much fun.

We are beginning our studies of the ocean. If your child has something they would like to share about the ocean, please send it in.

Have a great week!!

Ms. Angie

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

Dear Parents,

We are excited to send you the first update of the year regarding what and how your child has been doing in the class community in the form of the 30 day letter. You will receive yours by the end of this week.

We are also preparing a Sign-Up Genius for our first parent teacher conferences in October. If your child has a sibling in the other primary class, please let me know, so we can schedule you back to back.

This week the school will also celebrate World Peace Day. All students will gather and sing together. "Light a Candle for Peace" is sung around the world by all Montessori students on this very special day.

There are lots of exciting things happening! Thank you for your continued support.

Ms. Ortrud

#### Ms. Robín's, Ms. Dolores's, and Ms. Rana's Lower Elementary Class

We started our Junior Great books series on Monday. Please remember to have your children return the books to class tomorrow, Wednesday 9/20.

Thank you for signing up for conferences on Sign Up genius. Please schedule a conference if you have not yet done so.

Costume plans for The Historical Timeline are due this Thursday. Your children should be close to finishing reading their books so that they can complete the outline for the following week.

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

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

Dear families,

Last week, we studied how our ancestors developed their communication skills. This week, we will begin to study the development of usage of numbers in humans.

This Thursday, we will celebrate Peace Day and sing our peace song along many other schools around the world. Please come in formal clothes for the day and change into tennis clothes later that day.

Every student has chosen a character to research about for Historical Timeline. Please bring in the book (e.g. biography) that will be used to write the book report about the person of interest as well as the Historical Timeline speech. You can check Rome's Library or a bookshops for suitable literature.

Thank you,

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