

Dolphin Tales

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October Birthdays

Leo T.	10/2	Ms. Shemi	10/17
Mack P.	10/3	Laina M.	10/19
Ameera H.	10/11	Mateo B.	10/22
Declan S.	10/15	Yuvraj S.	10/23
Frida H.	10/16	Zoey W.	10/27
Chantz M.	10/16	Ms. Trudy	10/28

Important Dates

October 6th	Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)
October 13th	Toddler/Primary Field Trip Copper Creek Farm
October 13th	Fall Festival 5:30-7:00pm
October 17th-19th	Fall School Portraits
October 23rd	Historical Timeline
October 24th	NWGA Winds Concert feat. MSOR
October 31st	Halloween Celebration/Parade



FALL festival



FRIDAY OCTOBER 13



INFLATABLES!
DELICIOUS FOOD!
MSOR APPAREL!
ARTISAN GOODS AND CRAFTS!
FALL FESTIVAL SLEEPOVER...
AND MORE!

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE UPCOMING
MSOR ADOLESCENT & SECONDARY
TRIP TO AUSTRALIA!



Toddler News

Ms. Ginny's & Ms. Kelly's Class



★ What we have been learning...

October is off to a great start. We're studying nocturnal animals this month and introducing new work to the shelves. Thank you to all of our parents for successful Parent/Teacher conferences this fall. It was a joy to meet with each of you and discuss how your child is adapting to our classroom.

We will have our first field trip of the school year next Friday, October 13 to Copper Creek Farm in Calhoun. We will send more information in Weekly Notes about the meeting time. Parents will be responsible for driving their child to the field trip and spending the morning at the Pumpkin Patch. There will not be care for students at the school that day.

That evening, MSOR will host their annual Fall Festival from 5:30-7:00PM here at the school. There will be food, inflatables, and fun for the whole family!

The following week, we will have fall portraits taken here at the school. These photos will go in the yearbook. Be on the lookout for more information about purchasing options.



On Tuesday, October 31, we will have our Halloween parade in the morning. Your child will come to school dressed in their halloween costume along with their trick or treat bucket (and some treats to share with their friends). Look for more information in the coming weeks in our Weekly Notes!



We are in need of a few pumpkins and/or interesting gourds for our classroom. We'd love a large pumpkin to carve and a large pumpkin to wash as a work activity. Also, if you find any interesting gourds your child would like to share, we'd love to have them. If you'd be willing to donate, please let us know!

Toddler News

Ms. Shannon's & Ms. Kristin's Class

★ What we have been learning...

We loved our time learning about the zoo animals. October is our time to learn about all things night-time. We will be learning about different nocturnal animals and some things about space.

We will also be having lots of fun learning about the pumpkin's life cycle in preparation for our trip to the pumpkin patch! We would love to have some pumpkins donated for our classroom. We need a couple of pie-sized, one for carving, and maybe some unusual ones that are bumpy or different colors. If you would like to donate one please let us know.

Our outing to Copper Creek will be on October 13. We will all meet there and you can pay for you and your child at the gate when you get there. More details will be in next week's notes. We will also have our Fall Festival that night at school.



Coming up...

October is a great time to have some fun at home with your little one. There are so many fun things you can do to work with the five senses this month. Check out these awesome ideas to try at home:

Fizzy pumpkins



Fluffy pumpkin foam

Halloween bubble foam



Pumpkin spice playdough

Fall sensory activities for toddlers

Fall scavenger hunt



Primary News

Ms. Angie's, Ms. Karabeth's, & Ms. Ribar's Class



Interesting reading...★

Manners, Naturally

Our children adore us.

They love us with their entire being. Whatever we do, they want to do. They want to be close to us; they want to watch us, hear us, learn from us, and be loved by us. They want to be just like us. So instilling manners, aka "social competence," is simple and natural in these early years, from the age of 3 or 4 on.

Now is the time.

Young children want to know—actually, crave knowing—the right thing to do. Their bodies and minds have grown beyond the toddler stage. Now that they are sturdy on their feet and language can be employed in meaningful communication, they are ready for the next phase of self-construction: socialization. They encounter the world as if asking, "What am I to do here? And would someone please show me how?"

[Read more here!](#)



Primary News

Ms. Ortrud's, Ms. Camela's, & Ms. Trudy's Class



Grace and Courtesy is an important part of a Montessori education. In a rapidly evolving world, instilling good manners in young children remains a crucial aspect of their development. Teaching manners not only shapes their behavior but also molds their character, enabling them to navigate social interactions with empathy and grace.

Teaching children to use the words "please", "thank you" and "sorry" cultivates understanding and empathy, prompting stronger relationships and a caring environment. However, in today's fast paced and device driven world, children are exposed to various influences that can sometimes overshadow traditional etiquette.

Busy schedules, increased screen time and changes in societal norms increase the need for deliberate and consistent teaching of manners. In the classroom we work on social graces, table manners and kindness. It is important for this to also be modeled and practiced at home.

For more information see the article under the following link: <https://www.verywellfamily.com/teaching-children-manners-620111>



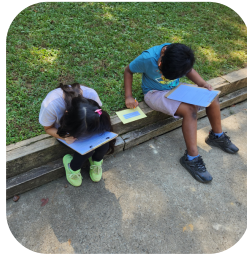
Lower EI News

Ms. Robin's, Ms. Dolores's, & Ms. Rana's Class



2023 Isaac Newton Olympics!★

Our students completed hands-on activities at numerous stations while evaluating what they have learned and how it relates to real life. They had a great time!



Upper El News

Ms. Kathleen's & Ms. Anja's Class



★ Coming up...

We will visit the Tellus Science Museum on October 10th and are looking for volunteer drivers. Please message us if you would like to help! We will start from school at 8:50am and will be back by 12:30pm. Lunch will be eaten in school. Please make sure to have a good breakfast on that going out day.

Families, this week we conducted our Classical Roots and Math Box tests and also collected Historical Timeline book reports. There are lots of exciting events right around the corner!

The curriculum offered in the Montessori environment is called 'Cosmic Education'. Through this curriculum, we give the children "the Universe". We use impressionistic charts, many interesting stories, and demonstrations to enable children to "imagine reality" and stimulate the reasoning mind. In zoology, we welcomed our first special guest, the Leopard Gecko (*Eublepharis macularius*). This ground-dwelling lizard is native to the rocky dry grassland and desert regions of Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan, India, and Nepal!

As we also start diving into botany, we will hear stories like 'The Story of Plants'. As the children ponder the story, question after question will follow: "I wonder what the first plants look like?", "Can plants move?", "Do all plants have green leaves?". The story provides an overview, the children then investigate the discipline in detail. Storytelling in the Montessori classroom is dramatic, yet clear and simple. The guide is a storyteller of the truth. The whole is given first while details are added later.

Our ultimate aim during botany for example is to arouse appreciation for plants and respect for the diversity of the plants' adaptive strategies, and cleverness of survival techniques.

For our afternoon key lessons it is important that we will not give all the information to the children. We will just give enough to stir the interest. Explorations (during follow up work) must ultimately be motivated by the interests of the children. This exploration is the beginning of the construction of knowledge, as it challenges their minds to be flexible and unprejudiced.

We already witnessed the awakening of great curious minds and are looking forward to spark the thirst for true knowledge with all our afternoon subjects: anatomy, botany, zoology, geography and chemistry/physics!