

Weekly Notes October 24, 2023

Office Notes

Historical Timeline was a great success! Thank you to all of our students and families who worked so hard to bring this spectacular program to life, and thank you to our entire community for supporting another year of this wonderful Montessori tradition.

R.O.M.E. with NWGA Winds Performance feat. MSOR – TONIGHT!

Our 3rd Year Primary, Lower/Upper Elementary, Adolescent, and Secondary students have been rehearsing each week with Ms. Angela in anticipation of the upcoming performance with NWGA Winds under the direction of Dr. Sam Baltzer tonight! This performance, celebrating 100 years of Disney, will take place at the Rome City Auditorium and students should arrive at 5:30pm to allow time for soundchecks, blocking, etc. Students are asked to wear their black field trip shirts, the Land's End polo shirt with the MSOR logo, and khaki pants. **The performance will begin at 7:00pm, but students should arrive at 5:30pm.**

Halloween Celebration

Our annual Halloween Parade will take place on Tuesday, October 31st at 10:30am. Parents are invited to attend and watch as our students parade around the Elementary playground in their Halloween costumes! As with any of our events, available parking will be very limited so please be aware when you arrive that day.

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

We are enjoying our study of nocturnal animals and have started talking about Halloween, too. We read a funny story about a pumpkin who found out he was a squash! We compared our real pumpkins with our real gourds (thank you to Maggie's family for the donation!) and talked about the similarities and differences. Then we sang our pumpkin song and danced to Dem Bones. We're also taking advantage of this beautiful weather and enjoying stories on the patio.

Remember, next Tuesday 10/31 will be our Halloween Parade. Please send your child dressed in their costumes with a change of clothes and shoes to school. They will also need a trick or treat bucket with their name on it. You may send in little treats for your child to pass out to their friends; we have 14 students. We are asking if anyone would like to send in a sweet treat to share with the classroom (cookies would be great)! Please text Ms. Ginny if you'd like to volunteer.

Ms. Ginny

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

We had a great lesson today about bears. We learned what they like to eat, how many cubs they have, where they live, and the different types. We followed it with a class favorite, "Going on a Bear Hunt" by Greg and Steve.

Please remember to send in an extra change of clothes for fall and label each piece. Just a little reminder that our recess time is 9-10. We are outside as long as the weather permits and if the temperature is above 32 degrees. During these crazy times of fall in the morning and summer in the afternoon, please layer your kids for comfort.

We will celebrate Halloween on Tuesday, October 31st. The children should be dressed in their costumes when they arrive at school. If they are newly potty-trained, I would put on a diaper with their undergarments. We will have a parade around the playground dressed in our costumes at 10:30. This parade is very short. If you have a child who struggles with separation anxiety, then I would suggest that it might not be best for you to attend unless you plan on taking them home after the parade. We would love to have someone send in a special treat for Halloween. Please let me know if you would like to send something.

Ms. Shannon

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

We are looking forward to our Halloween Parade on Tuesday, October 31st. It will be at 10:30. Please check the office weekly notes for more information on this. We would love to have a spooky Halloween treat for our class. If you would like to send in a treat for the class, please let me know.

I love seeing parents taking advantage of the classroom observation appointments recently. I hope that you are enjoying the work cycle and observing the many things that your child is working with now. If you would like to make an appointment to observe, please contact the office and Jamie will take care of it.

Thanks for being flexible during picture day. The children looked great and were wonderful with the pictures. An available makeup date for pictures will be sent out from the office soon just in case you need to take advantage of it.

Please make sure that ALL things are labeled that you send in for your child. We have a few water bottles and jackets that have misplaced our owners.

Have a great week!!

Ms. Angie

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

Halloween is fast approaching and as we are busy crafting fun and also a little bit scary decorations, we would love to include one or two Jack-O-Lanterns in our repertoire. We would appreciate it if any of you would like to gift one or two large, carvable pumpkins to the classroom.

Thank you in advance.

Favorite activities for the week have been, whisking, table washing, stripes/spots/or one color, the sand-tray and the hundred board.

Ms. Ortrud

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

Our students made us proud last night at the Historical Timeline presentation! Thank you to all of the students and parents who worked together to bring history to life.

Tonight, our students will perform with the NW GA Winds at the Rome City Auditorium. Students should arrive by 5:30 for a pre-show rehearsal wearing their MSOR black uniform shirts and khaki bottoms. The concert begins at 7:00 and admission is free!

This Friday, 10/27, is our October birthday lunch. We will celebrate birthdays for Mack, Frida, Laina, and Zoe. Lunch will include pizza, fruit, and cupcakes. Please send a snack for that day.

We will have our annual Halloween parade on Halloween morning next week. Children may come to school in costume with a change of clothes for use after the parade. (Please, no scary costumes or weapons) Parents are welcome to attend the parade. We are in need of a parent volunteer(s) to send in a Halloween treat for the classroom.

Have a good week!

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

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

Dear families,

This week is a busy week. Following our Historical Timeline and the Disney concert, we will have a guest speaker from 4H in our classroom on Wednesday. On Thursday, we want to dive into biome research. We would love to share all our new knowledge about biomes with our new Montessori friends from Cairo, Egypt, through a brand new pen pal program. We will start writing letters in cursive about topics we learn in class. The goal is, that each student will write one letter per month to

an Egyptian peer. We will also receive letters from our new friends. For this project, we ask you to please send a full-size paper stationary to school with your child.

On Fridays, our Chemistry and Physics day, we will learn about DNA. We would love to create edible DNA (see example below). For this project, could you please send red licorice, toothpicks, mini marshmallows (green, pink, yellow and orange) in a labeled zip log bag?

Our Halloween celebration will be on October 31st. The children can come in costume and can bring 16 bagged Halloween treats on that day.

We also wanted to remind everyone that school drop-off in the morning finishes at 7:40am. Class starts at 7:45 am every day.

Quick reminder that Upper Elementary students should only have water to drink (no milk) with them at school.

Thank you so much and have a good week,

Upper Elementary Guides

Edible DNA



What you need

- 2 equal lengths of licorice
- 12 toothpicks
- Mini Marshmallows (9-green, 9-pink, 9-yellow, 9-orange)

How It Works

Choose either sequence below:

1. TACGTATGAAAC
2. TGGTTTAGAATT

(A) Adenine = Use green marshmallow

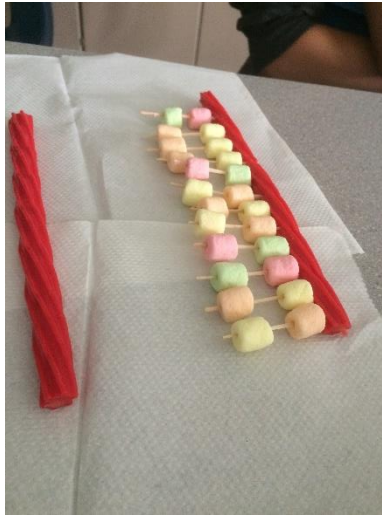
(T) Thymine = Use a pink marshmallow

(C) Cytosine = Use a yellow marshmallow

(G) Guanine = Use an orange marshmallow

Assemble one side of the DNA molecule by having the licorice form the backbone and marshmallows will be the chemical base. Insert the toothpick into one of the marshmallows so the point goes all the way through. Anchor the toothpick in the licorice backbone. Follow the order of the sequence you choose while using corresponding colored marshmallows. After you've completed the skewering the marshmallows and anchoring them, then match the appropriate base with what you've done. Keep in mind that A pairs with T and C pairs G. Once the pairs are

matched anchor the other piece of licorice to what you've done, twist and voila you have a DNA helix.



Fun Facts

DNA or Deoxyribonucleic Acid, provides instructions for how all living things grow and function. The instructions are divided into genes. The genes make proteins, which carry out specific functions in a cell. All living organisms have DNA and the genes each organism has is passed on to its offspring.

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Resources: <http://carnegiestemgirls.org/2017/08/03/edible-dna/> ; Picture 1- <https://cpb-ca-c1.wpmucdn.com/myriverside.sd43.bc.ca/dist/f/1774/files/2015/06/image-28pypj0.jpg>

Picture two-

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