

Dolphin Tales

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November Birthdays

Annabelle C.	11/2	Mr. Brian	11/16
Luca A.	11/4	Lincoln L.	11/18
Tegan A.	11/4	Aiden W.	11/19
Parker C.	11/4	Claire C.	11/22
Reynolds L.	11/6	Charles G.	11/27
Ms. Kelly	11/9	Ms. Ginny	11/28
Kriva S.	11/16	Serena C.	11/29

Important Dates

November 17th	Lower El Field Trip – The Spires
November 20th–24th	Thanksgiving Break
December 12th	Holiday Program
December 15th	Holiday Classroom Celebration (1/2 Day)
Dec. 18th– Jan. 1st	Winter Break
January 2nd	School Resumes



Toddler News

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



★ What we have been learning...

We had so much fun at the Halloween parade. Our toddlers looked so cute in their costumes and did so well marching around that big playground!

We're excited to talk about transportation this month and to continue to talk about the fall season. We'll read books related to these topics, sing songs, make art projects, and introduce new work throughout the month. We'll spend some time talking about the Thanksgiving holiday, too.

We will host our annual Thanksgiving Feast on Friday, November 17th. We will send an email out later this week with more information about our classroom's celebration. Reminder that we will be closed November 20-24 for Thanksgiving.

We are in need of plastic grocery bags. If you have any that you'd like to send in to school, we'd love to take them!



We had our first taste of cold weather this week! As long as the temperature is 32 degrees or higher, we will go outside on the playground. Please dress your child appropriately (hats, warm jackets, etc.) as well as label all outerwear that comes into the classroom.

[Here is a great video](#) on how we put on jackets in the Montessori classroom if you'd like to practice this with your child at home. We encourage you to adopt these independence-fostering moments at home.

"Any child who is self-sufficient, who can tie his shoes, dress or undress himself, reflects in his joy and sense of achievement the image of human dignity which is derived from a sense of independence."— Dr. Maria Montessori

Thank you for your support!

Toddler News

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



★ What we have been learning...

November is here! This month we will be learning about different modes of transportation and opposites. This morning we had a great lesson about wheels. We discussed their use and talked about lots of vehicles that have wheels. I'm sure you can imagine that the children were very excited about our new transportation work! [Click here for some fun things you can try at home!](#)

We will have a Thanksgiving celebration in our classroom on Friday, November 17th. I will send out a sign-up for everyone to bring food and RSVP. We will be closed the week of Thanksgiving.



Coming up...

Can you believe Christmas is around the corner? We're doing a "A Montessori Muppet Christmas" as our theme for this year's program. It will take place Tuesday, December 12th at the Rome City Auditorium. Our class will be performing two songs. We will also be in the opening and closing numbers with the rest of the school. I have already been looking for costumes for the kids to wear. I'm looking for simple striped Christmas color pajamas and a silly muppet-looking hat. I'm making sure that I have found the best price. I will email you when I find something to let you know the cost.

We are ready for an exciting month!

Primary News

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

★ Holiday Celebrations the Montessori Way

"As we plan to observe special days throughout the year, it can be difficult to keep a balance that allows us to experience the joy of the occasion without becoming overwhelmed and stressed. This can be especially challenging for children, who are much more sensitive to changes in routine and react more to overstimulation. Holiday celebrations are nonetheless important occasions for children, creating memories and adding to their lives in special ways..."

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Primary News

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

A Healthy Child Gets Ample Sleep, Nutrition & Activity...★

“The first five years of a child’s life are fundamentally important. Research has confirmed these years are particularly important for brain development. Children learn more quickly in these early years than any other time in life. With that in mind, your role in helping your child develop a healthy lifestyle becomes even more crucial. You are setting the stage for healthy habits your child will practice lifelong.

Many factors contribute to good health. **Good nutrition, physical fitness and a healthy sleep pattern are always important for child health development.** Of course, there are more than three factors that contribute to overall good health for your child – emotional health, family dynamics, oral and vision care, safety at home, etc. Establishing a relationship with a good pediatrician or family practice provider is not only important for immediate child care health needs, but it also provides you with a knowledgeable resource that can answer your questions...”

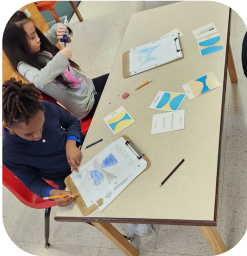
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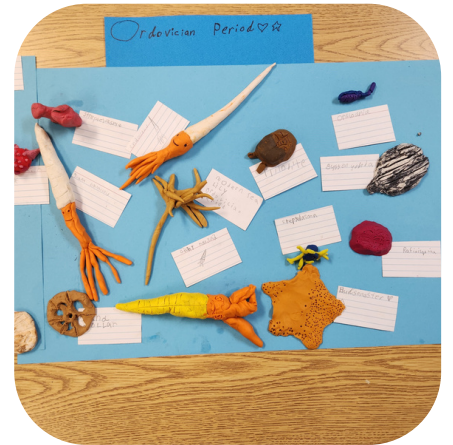
Lower EI News

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

★ What We Are Studying...



Students learned about land and water forms.

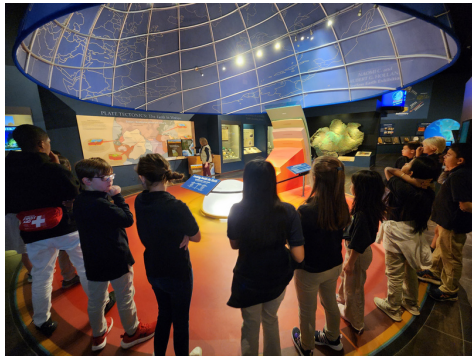


Students made clay animals and plants to illustrate the Age of Invertebrates as part of their Timeline of Life research.

The Great Lessons

Upper El News

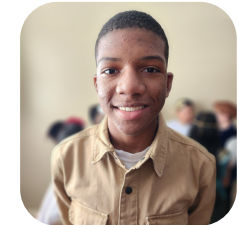
Ms. Kathleen's and Ms. Anja's Class



★ Classroom Happenings...

Last week was a busy week. Historical Timeline presentations were wonderful as was the Disney concert. Our guest speaker from 4H introduced the students to Project Achievement. Each student will pick a topic of interest to design a 2-minute speech and a board or power point presentation. We need all speeches and probs to be in classroom on November 28th. Please check with your child about the 4H Project Achievement progress. This is a month-long, non-teacher guided homework.

Last Thursday, we started 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 hope to start writing our first letters this week. 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 who are so excited about this opportunity. For this project, we ask you to please send a full size paper stationery to school with your child.



Adolescent & Secondary News

“Montessori Adolescents are Big Picture People” ★

Taken from "The Positive Personality of the Montessori Adolescent" by Pat Ludick:

"It continues to amaze me that they really come to us with those seeds of Cosmic Education planted deeply in their beings. [Adolescents] see the world in unique ways, with open arms and with ever opening minds. As their power to abstract increases, they tend to examine the world with that awareness; waiting, wondering, and realizing that there is more to see, more to understand, more to experience ... They see hope and they see solutions. They recognize the world as huge but amazingly accessible. They are connected with the natural world with an innate sense of advocacy and dedication."

[Read More Here...](#)



Congratulations to Ms. Gabi and Secondary Students on a wonderful school presentation about Dia de Los Muertos; a Mexican tradition honoring the passing of friends and family. This year, we chose to honor Ms. Trudy's late husband, the beloved Nick Botha.