

Weekly Notes November 14, 2023

Office Notes

Fall School Portrait Order Update:

Quick reminder that orders for Fall School Portraits will be delivered by Friday, December 1st. Your child's photos will be sent home from the Office when they arrive!

Thanksgiving:

Our Classroom Thanksgiving feasts will take place this Friday. Please see communication from your child's Guide(s) for more information!

The school will be closed the week of Thanksgiving, November 20th-24th to allow our students and faculty spend time with their families. Please enjoy this time and we will look forward to welcoming your child back after the break on Monday, November 27th!

Holiday Program – Tuesday, December 12th:

Our Holiday Program is just around the corner and we are looking forward to a wonderful event! This year's theme is A Montessori Muppet Christmas. Tickets to the performance will go on sale after Thanksgiving Break, so keep an eye out for more from the Office.

The morning of our Program we will hold a rehearsal at the Rome City Auditorium for Primary and older. Parents should plan to drop students off for rehearsal at the following times:

- Toddlers **will not** attend morning rehearsal
- Elementary and older – Arrive promptly at 8:00
- Primary – Arrive between 8:15-8:30

Faculty members will be ready to welcome students dropped off during these timeframes only.

Parents, if you are planning to stay for the duration of rehearsal, please park outside of the side door by the Water Department and walk your child inside.

Rehearsal will likely end between 10:00-10:30. Please plan to pick your child up at this time from the Rome City Auditorium.

Following rehearsal, Primary students are encouraged to go home and rest for the day until call time for the program, or parents may return them to school if needed.

If returning to school, **please keep in mind our Late Stay Program will end early at 4:15pm on the day of our Holiday Program** so everyone has an opportunity to get dressed and arrive at the auditorium that evening.

On Tuesday evening all students are asked to arrive at the Rome City Auditorium no later than 5:30pm. Students should plan to arrive fully dressed and ready to go. Classes with multiple costume changes: please wear your first costume and bring your clean costume change(s) on a hanger. We will begin to load the stage promptly at 5:45pm.

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

We are so excited for our Thanksgiving Feast this Friday. The lunch will start at 11:15AM. Please plan your arrival accordingly. We will have chicken nuggets from Chick-fil-a and the side dishes that you have so graciously signed up to bring. Please remember to bring your dishes already warmed as we do not have an oven on site. Please make sure to Venmo your \$5 per person to Ms. Ginny (@Mary-Alford-12) for the chicken nuggets.

We sent out a [link](#) to a pair of pajamas that we will wear for the Christmas Program on Tuesday, December 12. The program will be at the City Auditorium that evening. We will sing/perform two songs with our class as well as take part in the opening and closing numbers. This year's theme is A Montessori Muppet Christmas. We're working hard on learning the dance and words to our songs this year. PLEASE PURCHASE THESE PAJAMAS AS THEY WILL SELL OUT QUICKLY! They are currently on sale for 30% off so only \$8.40!

Ms. Ginny

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

This week we are talking about thankfulness as we near Thanksgiving. We talked about the story of the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag today. They were surprised to learn that there were not all the creature comforts that we have now. I also got some pretty interesting answers as to what the children were thankful for. Just a reminder that we are closed during the week of Thanksgiving.

I hope you are having a great time disguising your turkey with your child. This is a great tool to spark creativity and work on language. We have seen some really cute ones! Please get them in as soon as possible so we can hang them up for the feast!

The class Thanksgiving feast is this Friday. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to bring something in. We still have a few items left on the list. Please make sure to scroll to the bottom or go to the next page and find your child's name to RSVP. This will help everyone to know how much food to prepare. All your dishes should be ready to go with serving pieces. Unfortunately, we don't have a microwave(that is big enough) or a stove to warm up food here. We will begin at 11. You are welcome to take your child after lunch and begin your holiday early. Please be thoughtful of your little one if they have a hard time with separation anxiety. We had a few who really struggled after the Halloween parade.

We are also beginning to practice our songs for the holiday program. We are performing two songs. They both can be found on YouTube. The titles are "Jump For Christmas" Toddler Fun Learning Version and "Mana Mana (feat. Animal)" ABC Kids Version. I have ordered some pajamas and a headband for the kids to wear that night. The cost for both pieces is \$15. Please Venmo or send me the cash as soon as possible. Thanks!

Ms. Shannon

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

November is officially in full swing and there is lots happening at MSOR!

Classroom Observations:

I would love for each of you to find some time to come by for an observation of your child. The observations are brief, lasting only about 15 minutes, and this is a perfect time to ask questions and learn more about your child's academic performance. Keep in mind, our observation windows allow you, the parent, to look in the classroom but the classroom cannot see the observer. It is always exciting and interesting to observe your child in their element. Please reach out to me to schedule a time.

Thanksgiving Lunch for This Friday:

Thank you to everyone for signing up so quickly! If you have not signed up, please do so right away so we can plan accordingly. As a reminder, please remember to send food in already warmed as we will not be able to warm food once it arrives. Additionally, please remember to send in \$4.00 for the chicken. I will order a large tray of nuggets from Chick-Fil-A to accompany all the other delicious items coming in!

Our lunch will take place at 11:30 on Friday and we kindly invite our parents to join us for this feast.

Birthday Celebrations:

If your child has a birthday in November or December and you wish to celebrate in the classroom, please let me know. I realized that we have several birthdays coming up.

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We will begin to load the stage promptly at 5:45pm. Our class will sing *We Wish You A Merry Christmas* and *Run, Run Rudolph* both from the Muppets Christmas with John Denver.

Our class will also participate in the schoolwide numbers including the *12 Days of Christmas (John Denver)* and *Happy Holiday*.

Costumes are as follows:

- Wyatt and William - Old Men (the hecklers)
- Ria, Vittoria, Eleanor, Kayleigh - Ms. Piggy
- All other boys – Kermit the Frog
- All other Girls – Fozzie Bear (you can make them girl bears)

We are leaving it up to parents to style and create your child's costume. We are loving what we are seeing so far! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

As a reminder the school will be closed all next week, November 20th-24th, so our students and faculty can enjoy the Thanksgiving break with their families. Enjoy this special time and we look forward to welcoming your child back on Monday, November 27th!

Ms. Angie

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

This week we will be having two parties. A pizza lunch birthday on Thursday, so no need to pack a lunch and our Thanksgiving feast on Friday.

Thank you for volunteering to make the feast a success. The children are very excited about it.

You are, of course, all invited to join the children at 11:30. Looking forward to another fun classroom party.

Ms. Ortrud

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

We are excited about our big day on Friday. We will be visiting residents of The Spires at Berry College to complete a craft activity, and then we will come back to school for our Thanksgiving feast. Please use our Sign-Up Genius link to sign up to bring a dish and include the number of people attending. (I resent the link last night.) Please remember to include a serving utensil with your dish. We still need several items, especially mini turkey sandwiches, mashed potatoes, and vegetables.

Please send the signed field trip permission form by Wednesday. A paper copy should have come home with your child today.

We look forward to seeing you all on Friday.

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

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

Dear families,

Last week, we sent our first letters to the Egyptian Montessori students. We also started learning Arabic (greetings, alphabet, and numbers) and now we are eagerly waiting for a reply from our friends from the transcontinental country. In the future, we would like to practice writing letters with fountain pens.

This week, we will have our Thanksgiving Lunch on Friday at 12:00. Please send in the \$5 and please get in touch if you have any questions. Our classroom will be open to set up all dishes at 11:45 am.

Parents, please check with your child about the 4H Project Achievement progress. This is a month-long, non-teacher guided homework and it is due on November 28. Please also see the email '4H Project Achievement'.

Thank you,

Upper Elementary Guides