

Dolphin Tales

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December Birthdays

Lilah P.	12/4	Vihaan P.	12/16
Quentin J.	12/6	Fraunchez D.	12/18
Ria R.	12/11	Jameson F.	12/18
Robert C.	12/12	Lyra Y.	12/22
Sadie M.	12/13	Victoria V.	12/24
Liam A.	12/13	Will S.	12/29
Eva R.	12/16		

Important Dates

December 12th	Holiday Program
December 15th	Holiday Classroom Celebrations (1/2 Day)
December 18th–January 1st	Winter Break
January 2nd	School Resumes



Montessori School of Rome

Presents:

A Montessori Muppet Christmas!

Tuesday, December 12th

6:00pm

Rome City Auditorium



"We tend to think that the realm of music is the privileged area of some happy few. Experience has taught us, however, that if offered the right kind of education from a very early age onwards, anyone is capable of entering the realm of music."

— Maria Montessori



Submit order form to Office with payment to reserve your tickets!

Adults: \$10/each

Children Ages 4-12: \$5/each

Children 3 and under are free

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Don't find yourself standing in line on the night of.... Order your tickets ahead of time!

Our ticket pricing helps cover the rental costs of the auditorium, musician and music fees, technician fees, decorations, and more! We are so excited to have you join us for our MSR 2023 Holiday Program.

Ticket Order Form

Child's Name _____

Parent's Name _____

Parent's Signature _____

Please write down the number of tickets you would like to order in the blanks provided below and submit this form along with your payment to reserve your tickets. You may return your order form and payment (cash or check only) in your child's lunchbox or drop off in the Office. Please make checks payable to Montessori School of Rome. Purchased tickets will be sent home in your child's lunchbox.

How many tickets would you like to purchase?

_____ Adult Ticket(s) - \$10.00

_____ Child Ticket(s) [4-12 Years] - \$5.00

*Children 3 years and under are free.

Deadline to pre-order tickets is Monday, December 11th.

Toddler News

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



★Holiday Program Information

We can't believe it is already December! We've been practicing our Christmas songs in preparation for our Holiday Program on December 12th at the City Auditorium. Please make sure you have ordered your [child's pajamas](#) by now! These will serve as their costumes for the program. Please have your child to the auditorium by 5:45 that evening; we will load the stage for the opening number shortly after that. The program begins at 6pm! You may order your tickets at the front desk with Ms. Jamie. As a reminder, we'll be singing and dancing to [The Christmas Freeze Dance](#) and [Clap Your Hands](#).



★Also coming up...

Wednesday, December 13th, will be a movie and pajama day. Friday, December 15th will be a half day of school. If your child attends school that day, they will need to be picked up by 11AM. Our staggered pick up time will be 11:00-11:10AM but the parking lot can become quite congested so if you'd like to pick up earlier, you may!

We will not be having lunch at school that day. We would love to have a special sweet treat for our toddlers that day, as well. If anyone would like to donate plain sugar cookies, icing, sprinkles, and another fun snack (veggie straws or pirate's booty), we will have a Christmas cookie decorating party to kick off our break!



Toddler News

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



I hope you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving break. The children were ready to be back in school. We are settling back into our routine. December is a busy and short month! This month, we will work on our songs for our Holiday Program and make lots of cute ornaments for your trees.

In December, we will also be learning nursery rhymes. Nursery rhymes help teach cadence to help with reading. This is a fun study. We'll jump over the candlestick, like Jack in the poem "Jack Be Nimble," to work on our gross motor skills. On our language shelf, there will be objects to explore in our nursery rhyme sensory box. We'll also work on our rhyming words and opposites in this unit.

The Holiday Program is on December 12th. I have all the pajamas and headbands for the children. I will send them home that day so they won't get misplaced. The children will be with us through the entirety of the program. I will meet you in the back of the auditorium to walk them back to where we will be staged. We will be dismissed after the show from the stage. I will send more information closer to the date.

Our last day of school for the year is December 15th. It is a half day so we will be dismissed at 11:00. We will have a Grinch party that day. I will send more information in class notes with things we need help with. Our break will be from December 17th–January 2nd. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday and enjoy your time together!



Primary News

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

Christmas Around the World!

With the holidays approaching, I found a couple of great resources that you may want to share with your children. It gives some detail of how the holidays are celebrated in other countries. We enjoy learning about different customs and cultures.

Ms. Karabeth, Ms. Ribar and I would like to say thank you for always making our classroom amazing. Thank you for allowing us to be part of the golden triangle. We are honored to have them. Happy Holidays,

Ms. Angie, Ms. Karabeth, & Ms. Ribar



“Every culture that celebrates Christmas also has its own festive ways to make the holiday special. Some of those involve dishes or treats that only appear once a year. Others give gifts that carry a particular meaning, and still others decorate in a particular way, hold festivals, parades or parties to ring in the season...

Maybe you'll even want to try out some of the most beloved Christmas traditions from around the world in your own home. You might just find a new cherished activity that your children and grandchildren (and their grandchildren!) won't be able to do without.” Read more below:

<https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/christmas-ideas/g34837704/how-christmas-is-celebrated-around-the-world/>

Find out how Christmas Traditions are celebrated in lots of different countries and cultures around the world! Read more below:

<https://www.whychristmas.com/cultures/>



Primary News

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

Dear Parents,

Montessori education at home for three to six-year-olds is more than a method; it's a philosophy that recognizes and celebrates each child's individuality. Dr. Maria Montessori, the visionary behind this approach, believed in cultivating a child's natural inclination to explore, discover, and learn at their own pace. Here's why incorporating Montessori principles into your home environment can make a significant difference:

- 1. Child-Centric Learning:** Montessori education places the child at the center of their learning experience. By tailoring activities to match their interests and abilities, children develop a love for learning that extends beyond the confines of a traditional classroom.
- 2. Hands-On Exploration:** The Montessori method emphasizes hands-on, experiential learning. Through carefully designed materials and activities, children engage their senses and develop essential skills like fine and gross motor control, concentration, and problem-solving.
- 3. Independence and Responsibility:** Foster a sense of independence and responsibility in your child by allowing them to make choices within a structured environment. Montessori education empowers children to take ownership of their learning, cultivating self-discipline and a positive work ethic.
- 4. Social and Emotional Development:** In a Montessori environment, children learn to respect themselves, others, and their surroundings. The emphasis on grace and courtesy helps develop strong social skills, empathy, and emotional intelligence.

5. Individualized Progress: Recognizing that each child is unique, Montessori education allows for personalized learning journeys. This approach ensures that your child progresses at their own pace, building a strong foundation for future academic success.

As we embark on this exciting journey together, incorporating Montessori principles at home offers a rich and engaging environment for your child's development. It's about nurturing a lifelong love for learning, fostering independence, and laying the groundwork for future success.

Please see the following article regarding Montessori at home. I am available to speak with you if you have any questions.

- Ms. Ortrud

<https://www.flagmontessori.com/blog/7-ways-to-reinforce-the-montessori-method-at-home/>



Lower EI News

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

Cultural Celebrations in the Montessori Environment – Winter Holidays from Around the World!

In the Montessori environment, celebrating holidays and festivals is an important and exciting study for the students that focuses on the tradition and rituals of celebrations.

Teachers provide students with long lasting impressionistic lessons that reinforce the idea that people around the world have distinctive yet similar celebrations. Students retain the joy of holiday celebrations as they learn about a variety of cultural observances. Learning about the holidays of different cultures embraces the Montessori principles of inclusion and peace and helps students understand that celebrations have had a great significance to people throughout time and across all cultures. Holidays are a way that people come together to worship that which they hold dear, to rejoice, and usually to feast with their community and families. The message is clear: it is wonderful to be different and honor what is unique about each culture and person, but let us celebrate our humanity together.

A number of holidays begin with the arrival of winter. As the days grow shorter and nights grow longer, many cultures celebrate light. Samhain, the first day of winter in the Celtic calendar, is celebrated from sunset on October 31 to sunset on November 1 and is symbolized by the lighting of bonfires on hilltops. Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights, celebrates the victory of good versus evil. And Dia de los Muertos traces its origins to the Aztec celebration Catrina, the goddess of the dead. November first issues Calan Gaeaf, the Welsh first day of winter, and December welcomes a number of significant celebrations, including Chanukah, Christmas, Kwanza, and New Year's.

For adults, it is easy to become stressed and cynical over the commercialism of holiday celebrations. Let's help our children develop healthy behaviors and attitudes toward the holidays by giving them the opportunity to experience the peace and light that is cherished by all cultures.

[From the North American Montessori Center teacher training blog](#)



Upper El News

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

Dear families,

Thank you very much for participating in our Thanksgiving Lunch. We hope that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

This week, we started practicing our Christmas songs.

On Thursday, 12/7/23, our class will share the Christmas spirit through singing. We will visit the Renaissance Marquis Retirement Village in the afternoon, just before going to tennis. Please also see the email labeled "Christmas Caroling".

Our students voted that, during the coming weeks, if we stay inside during recess due to weather we will work on arts and crafts. Our projects will include pipecleaners and pompoms. Please kindly send in 2 to 3 packets of pipecleaners in the color of your child's choice as well as pompoms next week.

Thank you very much,

Upper Elementary Guides

