

Weekly Notes January 9, 2024

Office Notes



PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23RD

5:30-6:30 PM

**PARENTS, CURRENT AND INTERESTED, ARE INVITED TO
JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
AS WE TAKE A DEEPER DIVE INTO THE ADVANTAGES
OF A MONTESSORI EDUCATION FEATURING WORK
DEMONSTRATIONS BY CURRENT MSOR STUDENTS.**



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

Our study of Scotland has gotten off to a great start. We've learned about what makes Scotland special: from the castles, to the "lochs," to the music and more. If anyone has any fun Scottish items they'd like to share with the class, we'd love to have them. International Day will be held on Thursday, February 8th.

We will be closed on Monday, January 15 for MLK, Jr. Day.

Ms. Ginny

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

We have jumped into our study of Norway. The children are settling in nicely and are excited to get back to work. Today we talked about the people of Norway. We discussed the Sami people, who are the natives of the country. We have also been talking about the Vikings. The children also learned a few words in Norwegian.

I ordered our costumes last night. I got the girls a precious little Scandinavian-type dress and the boys a crocheted Viking helmet and cape. Please Venmo \$15 to me at your earliest convenience. I have already paid for them on my card. I can't wait to see them all dressed up.

I've thought of a few things that we could use for this month. If you have any white Christmas lights that are on a white cord that we can borrow please let me know.

We are doing a lot of water work this month. Please send in extra clothes the following day, if your child comes home in theirs. Today a child had a bowl of water poured down their back trying to put their work away on the shelf by a child who was pouring out and cleaning up their work. This is why it's important to have extra clothes because you never know what's going to happen in a classroom full of toddlers. 😊

Ms. Shannon

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

2024 is off to a great start! We have enjoyed having everyone back as we head into the second semester of the year.

International Day is coming up on Thursday, February 8th. There will be a separate email forthcoming with more information about International Day, including a Sign-Up Genius.

As the weather stays chilly, please remember to dress your child appropriately each day. All outerwear items should be labeled, too. Changes of clothes and shoes kept at school should be updated for the season if you have not done so already.

Quick reminder about school lunches: Per our policy, *A nutritious lunch includes foods from the four basic food groups, and milk or 100% fruit juices. Each child is required to have a vegetable, fruit, protein, and grain/bread.*

Please be sure your child brings a lunch daily that has items from all of the mentioned food groups to maintain compliance with Bright From the Start. As a reminder- popcorn, raw carrots in any form, hot dogs in any form, grapes in any form, and cheese sticks in any form are not permitted.

We will be closed Monday, January 15th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Enjoy the long weekend!

Ms. Angie

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

Dear Parents,

Our class has chosen to learn more about the country of Pakistan for International Day. I would like to ask, if you are from Pakistan or have traveled to Pakistan or know somebody from Pakistan if you or the person you know would like to come visit our classroom and share your experiences and impressions with the children. Please let me know.

Also, upcoming, on the 23rd of January is our first Parent Education event. This will give you the chance to learn more about the place your child spends so much time in and will give you the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the way we work with the children in a Montessori environment. Please plan for at least one parent to attend. This is an adult only event.

Ms. Ortrud

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

Hello everyone,

We won't have school on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, next Monday, January 15th. Alexandra and Gabriella will have a birthday lunch next Friday the 19th. Please send your children to school in their Muppet T-shirts on that Friday. We would like to take some group pictures because one of our students couldn't attend the holiday program.

Next week, our third year students will begin visits to the Upper Elementary classroom to prepare them for next year's transition. We will also be hosting third year student visitors from the Primary classes.

Tanzania research is underway, and students are starting to complete craft activities. Please let us know if you are available to volunteer beginning next week. I will also post a Sign-Up Genius soon, after my East African cookbook arrives from Amazon!

I sent a note from Justin Pollard about a soccer team opportunity at the YMCA.

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, we focus on The Old Kingdom (c. 2686-2055 BCE), which includes information about the 4th and 5th Dynasties, the pyramids, the Great Sphinx, painting techniques, fashion, music and dance. Ms. Angela is teaching Egyptian songs that include percussion instruments (tambourine, triangles, drums, wood blocks).

On International Day, parents will be able to enjoy our presentations and taste Egyptian food. Ms. Stephanie completed our recipe list and will contact you soon, asking for your kind participation in creating an Egyptian lunch and snack bar. Please bear with us! We will also be in touch regarding the Egyptian costumes!

Speaking of dressing up: this Thursday, January 11th, we ask that the students please wear a blue shirt to show support for the National Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

This Friday, January 12th, we will celebrate birthdays in class. Please kindly send a healthy snack as a supplement in case your child will still be hungry.

Monday, January 15th is MLK day (no school).

We look forward to welcoming parents into our classroom for observation and participation in the students' morning routine during the month of January. The students are so excited about this opportunity to present and share their work!

On Tuesday, January 23rd, all our upper elementary parents can come together for the parent education night (5:30-6:30) and we can share our experiences and observations. What a great opportunity!

Wishing everyone a wonderful week,

Upper Elementary Guides