

Weekly Notes February 20, 2024

Office Notes



As we prepare for reenrollment there will be lots of paperwork coming home soon! To ensure we only print what is needed, please contact the Office to let us know if you **do not** plan for your child to return to Montessori School of Rome next year (during the 2024-2025 academic year). Please also let us know if your child **has a sibling** that is interested in entering our program(s) so we can be sure to send home a 2024-2025 application. Thank you!

Lower & Upper Elementary families: Please mark your calendar for this Thursday, February 22nd and make plans to join us for a very important parent meeting from 5:30-6:30pm. We will discuss the upcoming Science Fair and also share information on the overnight trips planned for the spring. It's imperative that parents be here as there will be lots of important information discussed. Select staff will be available on our playground to provide childcare during the meeting.

Picture Day Make-Ups: Our make-up picture date has been postponed due to anticipated cold weather. We will continue to update everyone once a new date has been selected. Thank you!

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

We are having fun learning about our body and our five senses these next few weeks.

Remember that we will be celebrating Henry's birthday on Friday, February 23rd with a lunch brought by his mom and dad. No lunches will be needed that day!

We're working on self-care each day at school. You can work on it at home by encouraging your child to pull on and off their own clothes; wiping their own faces to stay clean; and cleaning up small messes they make.

Ms. Ginny

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

We are having a lot of fun learning about our Five Senses. We have covered seeing, hearing, and touching. Tomorrow we are going to talk about tasting. We're going to explore sour and sweet with pickles and jellybeans.

Conferences are coming up. Please review the sign-up and choose a time. Thanks!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848ADAE2FA7F49-48052382-spring>

A few housekeeping items need to be addressed. Please label all clothing and jackets that come to school. Make sure that clothes are manageable for potty training (no long dresses or tight pants). Please review lunch items that are not allowed and what should be included in daily lunches. Water bottles should be flip-straw type, clean, and full daily.

Ms. Shannon

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

Hello everyone!!

I hope you are enjoying the crazy weather. Please make sure that your child is dressed for the weather of the day. Sneakers are the only acceptable playground/school shoes during the school day. They can be lace up or velcro in our class.

We have spring conferences on March 1st. School is in session on this day also. Please click this link to access the Sign-Up Genius to choose a date/time:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EA4A62BA5FDC61-48064920-msangie>

This is also a great time to schedule observation dates with Ms. Jamie in the office. We would love for you to observe before your conference if it is possible. Re-enrollment Packets will be sent home soon. Ms. Jamie will give you more information about this. Have a great week!!!

Ms. Angie

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

Dear Parents,

Next week we will be hosting our spring Parent/Teacher conferences.

Please make sure that you sign up for one of the available appointments using the Sign-Up Genius link here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EA4A62BA5FDC61-48054844-msortrud>

Just a quick reminder about the lunches you pack for your children. We have been seeing a lot of chocolate spread, donuts and other excessively sugared items. Please ensure the food you select for your child is nutritionally well balanced and offers a good healthy variety.

The four food groups, vegetable, fruit, protein and grain need to be present in each lunch. Please, as always, popcorn, raw carrots, hot dogs, grapes and cheese sticks in any form cannot be included in the lunch.

Ms. Ortrud

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

Parents,

Students have been busy writing stories for our African animal rumble, a follow up zoology project from our study of Tanzania.

We started a new Junior Great Books story yesterday and books were sent home. Please read the story together with your child and return the books by Wednesday.

The parent meeting will be held this Thursday, 2/22, at 5:30 in the Upper Elementary classroom. Late stay staff will be available to watch students. Important information will be shared about our 4-H trip in May, and we will also share information and answer questions about our science fair. Science fair proposals are due next Monday, 2/26.

Parent-teacher conferences will begin on Friday, 3/1. We will schedule conferences before and after school. A Sign-Up Genius will be posted this week.

Have a great week!

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

Ms. Kathleen's Upper Elementary Class

Dear families,

This week we will be wrapping up our anatomy studies on the circulatory system with a deep dive into what makes blood so special. We will also be looking to the earth's lithosphere in geography and earthworms in zoology.

Last week we began striking the children's imagination by asking scientific questions. We went through the steps of the scientific method and began discussing our annual science fair event. **This Thursday, February 22nd we will have a mandatory meeting for parents and guardians regarding Science Fair at 5:30p.m.** in the Upper Elementary classroom. This meeting will be both Lower and Upper Elementary.

Lastly, this Friday we are celebrating our February and March birthdays with an in-class pizza party. You will not need to provide a lunch for your child this Friday, February 23rd. Thank you to our room mom, Stephanie Paredes, for organizing our birthday celebrations.

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