Weekly Notes March 27, 2024

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Sunscreen & Bugspray Reminder:

As the weather warms up it means it is time to begin sending in sunscreen and bugspray for your child. Please be sure to send your child's sunscreen and bugspray clearly labeled with your child's name. This is especially important for our Late Stay students as they will have increased outside time each day. Thank you!

Gardening Day/Special Persons Day Schedule Update:

Due to a scheduling conflict with ITBS testing we have decided to hold our annual Gardening Day/Special Persons Day on two separate days.

<u>Wednesday, April 17th</u> – Gardening Day/Special Persons Day for Lower & Upper Elementary Programs Only

<u>Friday, April 19th</u> – Gardening Day/Special Persons Day for Toddler & Primary Programs only

Fresh Eggs! One of our lovely families, the Singletons, asked we let everyone know they have farm-fresh eggs available. If you wish to order a dozen you may send a note with \$5.00 in your child's lunchbox and they will bring the eggs to the school. If the eggs become unavailable the money will be refunded. Thank you!

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

Dear families,

Spring is officially in full swing and the students have enjoyed learning all about the farm this month! To round off our studies we are so excited to welcome Cook Farms tomorrow, Thursday, who will be bringing a mini horse, mini donkey, calf, goats, sheep, chickens, rabbits, ducks, and possibly a piglet for the students to pet and learn more about. We will be taking lots of pictures!

Our annual MSOR Easter Egg Hunt is this Friday. If you have not already, please remember to send in at least one dozen pre-filled and taped-shut easter eggs. Please remember no chocolate, peanut butter, or anything that could be considered a choking hazard in the eggs.

Please also remember to send in an Easter basket, bucket, or bag with your child's name labeled on it for them to use when they hunt eggs.

For those who are new to us the Easter Egg Hunt is over in a matter of minutes so parents typically do not attend. We will take lots of pictures, though, to help everyone share in the fun!

Finally, please remember to send in temperature-appropriate changes of clothing for your child's cubby. As the weather warms up it is nearing time to switch out the warm winter clothing with cooler changes of clothing for spring.

Ms. Ginny

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

This week is going to be a fun and busy week! We are coming to the end of our farm study. We have learned so much. The children absolutely love this unit. To end our unit, we will have Cook Farms here this Thursday. They are bringing a mini horse, mini donkey, calf, goats, sheep, chickens, rabbits, ducks, and hopefully a piglet. We will be taking lots of pictures to share! They are going to be so excited! We are planning to have a picnic on Thursday so please try to send foods that are easy to eat. If you would like to send in a special treat that is farm-related for the day our animals visit please let me know.

On Friday, we will have our Easter Egg Hunt. Each child will need to bring a dozen stuffed eggs that are taped shut. We ask that they be taped so the prizes don't fall out when they are hidden by the Elementary students but also so the kids can't open the eggs and eat the candy. Please remember no chocolate or peanut butter candy and no choking hazards in the eggs. You can buy the ones that are already stuffed if that is easier for you. Each child will need a basket to hunt with next Friday. Most parents do not attend this because it's over so quickly and hard on the children if you don't plan to take them home with you.

Please remember to keep your child home if they are showing signs of illness. I know that toddlers don't always act sick even when they aren't well but we don't want to share germs. We have several things going around. We have a stomach virus(that unfortunately both Ms. Kristen and Ms. Rachel caught), pink eye, and a random virus that is mostly just a fever and kids feeling puny. Thanks for your help with this!

Ms. Shannon

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

Hi everyone. We are halfway through a very busy week!

The MSOR Easter Egg Hunt is this Friday. Please send in your child's 12 treat-filled eggs by Thursday so we can have them ready to hide on Friday. Also, send in a basket, easter bucket, or something for your child to use during the Easter Egg Hunt. We are also in need of an Easter treat for the children to have on Friday. If you would like to send one in, please let me know.

I know that it gets warm as the day goes on mostly but our playground time is a little cool for some children. Please send in a lightweight jacket or sweatshirt for them to wear if needed. Please make sure that it is labeled with your child's name.

Thanks, and have a great rest of the week!

Ms. Angie

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

Dear Parents,

Please make sure that you send in the easter eggs for the Easter Egg hunt by Thursday, March 28th (tomorrow) so we can get them all ready for Friday.

Thank you to the families who volunteered to bring in a special snack. It is appreciated.

You are cordially invited to join us on the elementary playground at 10:30am to watch the children find all the eggs. Do keep in mind this is a very quick event and is over in a matter of minutes, so do not stress if you are unable to attend. We will be taking lots of photos!

Ms. Ortrud

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

Parents,

Please help your child to complete and send in the Science Fair pages that are due this Thursday (tomorrow): results and research. (Research required for 3rd years, optional for others.) This week I reviewed how to design and set up the display board and the students took home a printout of the example that I shared with you in Sunday's email.

We're continuing our botany cooking project this Friday with leaves, and we'll be tossing a big salad. we need parent volunteers to send in the following ingredients:

-spinach (prewashed)

-lettuces (prewashed butter lettuces, spring mix, romaine)

-baby kale

-red cabbage

-spring onions (roots AND leaves)

-parsley

-mint

-basil

-large container of ranch dressing (They voted on this one!) If your child has a favorite dressing you may send that in.

Please contact me to find out what is still needed as the week progresses. Last week the children gobbled up all of our delicious stem vegetables. Thank you to Ms. Lelia for sending them!

Friday we will celebrate Jamesen's March birthday and Rayansh's February birthday. (He wasn't in town for his birthday lunch date.) Lunch will include Chick-Fil-A, salad, and a cookie. Please send a snack and a water bottle.

Chaperones are still needed for the 4-H trip. Please send in permission slips and money by April 15th.

Wishing everyone a wonderful week!

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

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

Dear Upper Elementary Families,

This week we are focusing on science fair presentation boards. We will be working on these in class throughout the week. We will help the children with the words and formatting. Please provide pictures of your child's experiment that can be displayed in the center of the board. I will send out a separate email will more details to that end. Next Monday, April 1st all students will bring in their experiments or displays and we will practice setting them up and presenting before Science Fair on Thursday, April 4th.

Additionally, please note there will be no tennis on Thursday, April 4th. It is important the students have ample time to prepare for the Science Fair that evening.

We have officially moved gardening day to Wednesday, April 17th. This year we have started our own plants from seeds so there is no need to purchase a plant. We will provide a seedling and a place to put it for you and your child. Thanks so much to Jennie Pruitt for her help with this wonderful project. The kids have learned so much!

Thanks as always!

Ms. Kathleen