



Dolphin Tales

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April Birthdays

Sydney H.	4/4	Carter B.	4/18
Collin F.	4/5	Campbell E.	4/19
Ruthie E.	4/7	Davis D.	4/22
Felipe S.	4/8	Ms. Dolores	4/23
Declan P.	4/11	Anbu R.	4/26
Juliet H.	4/13	Liam E.	4/28
Ms. Robin	4/17		

Important Dates

April 8th-12th	Spring Break
April 17th	(Elementary) Gardening Day / Special Person's Day
April 19th	(Toddler/Primary) Gardening Day / Special Person's Day
April 18th-23rd	ITBS Testing (Grades 2-8)
April 24th-26th	Upper El 4-H Jekyll Island Trip
May 1st	May Day / Mother's Day Program
May 2nd-3rd	Lower El 4-H Fortson Trip
May 3rd	Third Year Primary Outing
May 14th	Toddler Tennessee Aquarium Trip
May 23rd	Graduation
May 24th	Last Day of School (1/2 Day)



Office Announcements

from Ms. Jamie

- Be sure to apply sunscreen and bug spray to your child prior to arrival at school. If the weather allows we will plan to have outdoor recess each day.
- Students in Late Stay may send in sunscreen and/or bug spray labeled clearly with their name and staff will apply it to your child only for afternoon Late Stay outside time.
- Toddler & Primary: If you have not already switched out your child's change(s) of clothes in cubbies, please do so. We still have lots of winter items that may be exchanged with warmer weather apparel.
- As reenrollment comes to a close space is very limited in our programs. As expected, we are already seeing waitlists in some programs. If you know a family who has an interest in MSOR please provide their contact information to Ms. Jamie so we can reach out to schedule a tour.

Hello Spring

Lost & Found

Please contact the Office if an item belongs to you.



Wonder Nation
Size: XL



George
Size: M



Water Bottles / Container Lid



Kindermusik Book



Plush Narwhal



Misc. Accessories



Tommy Bahama
Size: 2T



H&M
Size: 6X/7



Tinkerbell Jacket



Cat & Jack
Size: 5/6X



Rudolph's Shirt
Size: Youth M



Columbia Jacket
Name: Foster Pruitt



Weatherproof
Size: 3T



Girls' Cat Pullover



Children's Place
Size: 5T



Northface
Size: Women S



Pillow with Navy Pillowcase



Nike Jacket



Children's Place
Size: 3T

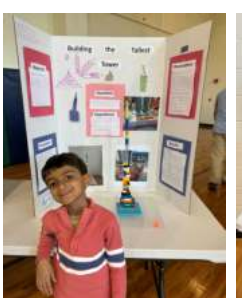
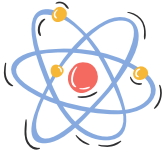


Ralph Lauren/Polo
Size: 3T



Hamilton
Sweatshirt

MSOR Science Fair



MSOR Community



Be ready for Spring Season gatherings with quality outdoor furniture!
NOW TAKING ORDERS!

Father & Son working together!

Luca & Michael, created **Stat Outdoor Furniture** micro business to support Luca's International travels.
Thank you so much for your support!



Elia Stina 917-569-1800 or leliastina@gmail.com
We deliver locally! Trellises \$45
Lake & Fire Side Chairs \$125
Aldo Leopold Bench \$100



Thank you for supporting Luca's International Travel!

Trellises and benches are currently in stock!

Chairs are made-to-order.

Trellises will also be available for purchase on-site during Gardening Day.

Hello Spring

Toddler News

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



Spring is here! ★

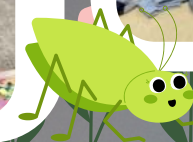
We're so excited for the month of April and all the warmth and sunshine it brings. We're studying about bugs and gardening this month. We're learning about different types of bugs and how plants grow. We'll be singing songs like "The Fuzzy Little Caterpillar" and "The Farmer Plants the Seed;" we'll be going on bug hunts on the playground; learning about the different parts of insects; and introducing new work.

Remember that next week, April 8th-12th, is Spring Break. We hope everyone has a safe and fun time with their families.

We invite our parents to join us on April 19th for Gardening Day. Those that are new to Montessori, Gardening Day is a time to come and help us plant beautiful flowers in our patio space. Please bring a plant and gardening tools (if you have them!) that you and your toddler can use. We will also send out a wish list later this week with some items we are requesting for our outdoor space. Gardening Day will begin at drop off and end by 10:00am. We will provide light refreshments and a small craft you can do with your toddler.

If you haven't purchased tickets for our Tennessee Aquarium field trip, please do so ASAP. We will meet at the TN Aquarium in Chattanooga on Tuesday, May 14th at 10:00am.

Also, be sure to mark your calendars for May Day on May 1st at 8:30am. More information will come later this month.



Toddler News

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



April Showers Bring May Flowers...★

...and we're so glad that they do! This month we will be talking about insects and flowers. We have already started with the insects. We have talked about how they have 3 body parts (head, thorax, and abdomen) and 6 legs. If they don't meet that criteria then we call them bugs.

Playground time has a new activity and that's going on bug hunts! I have been telling them not to touch or step on any bugs. We have been looking for their homes and what they eat. They can spot the tiniest ants!

We will have a few special things coming up. Next week we will be closed for Spring Break. I hope you all have a great week! When we return we will have Gardening Day on Friday, April 19th. We ask that each child invite a special person to come to school and plant a flower to welcome spring. Their special person can be a grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin, or parent, just whomever that they would enjoy planting flowers and doing a fun activity with them. Each child only needs to bring in one or two small flowers because our space is limited. The plants that do the best on our patio are full to part-sun. That day we will have a craft and a snack for them to enjoy with their special person.. We ask that you plan to do your planting at drop-off time. This makes the transition much easier. It's hard for them to wait for their person to come later when everyone else is planting right away. We like everyone to have planted and finished up by about 9:30ish. We will also have our May Day/Mother's Day celebration on May 1st. This program lasts about an hour and starts between 8:30 and 9. We would love to have all of our mothers here with us to celebrate!



Primary News

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



Montessori Learning on ★Vacation...

“The Montessori Method is a wonderful fit for outdoor learning and fostering independence. Learn how simple it is to incorporate activities into your next family trip that will have your child making the most of their vacation...”

There’s also a palpable excitement in the air as a vacation draws closer that’s ideal for your child’s imagination. Vacationing in a traditional place your family is accustomed to visiting can trigger memories of routines only found on holidays, such as making s’mores around the campfire or swimming in the same lake. Meanwhile, a brand–new destination can encourage an adventurous spirit in children – anything from the local language to cuisine is a chance to explore and learn....”

Read more here:

[How to Take Montessori Learning on Vacation](#)



Involving Students at the End of the Year...

“Something happens after spring break. Palpable and alive, there is a new energy in the Montessori classroom. Whether spoken aloud or not, students and Montessori teachers alike have begun the countdown to the end of the year. As time passes, the energy builds until, before you know it, the end is here.

Just as the amount of preparation in the beginning of the year can seem overwhelming, so, too, can the closing of your Montessori classroom for the year. If you plan ahead and apply proper modeling techniques, your students can help you dismantle your classroom during those last few days of the year...”

Read more here:

[Involving Students at the End of the Year](#)

Primary News

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



Reading to Your Children...★

"In the journey of nurturing a child's development, few practices are as invaluable and enriching as the act of reading aloud. Beyond its simplicity, the ritual of parents reading to their children holds profound significance in shaping not only a child's academic prowess but also their emotional, social, and cognitive well-being. This cherished activity transcends the mere transmission of words on a page; it becomes a conduit for boundless imagination, meaningful connections, and essential life skills.



Understanding the pivotal role that reading plays in fostering holistic growth, parents are empowered to embark on a transformative journey alongside their children, one page at a time..."

For further information, please read the article in the following link:

[The Importance of Reading to Your Children](#)



Lower EI News

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



Comparing Montessori & Traditional Schools

"Clearly, Montessori takes a different approach compared to traditional education. But is it better for kids?"

The review compares students in Montessori and traditional schools to measure who has better outcomes, both academically, socially, and emotionally. What did it find? In a nutshell, Montessori education has meaningful and positive benefits compared to traditional education.

Montessori students were, on average, a full school year ahead by sixth grade, according to the analysis. The most significant academic gains were in language, math, and general academic ability.

In nonacademic measures, Montessori students also excelled; they demonstrated stronger executive function, including self-control and working memory, and reported a more positive school experience overall compared to traditional students..."

Read more here: [What the Evidence Says About Montessori Education](#)



Upper EI News

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

"The satisfaction which they find in their work has given them a grace and ease like that which comes from music."

- Dr. Maria Montessori

Dear Upper Elementary Families,

The annual MSOR Science Fair was a complete success! The kids worked so hard and put their natural curiosity to the test over the last few weeks. It has been amazing to see what they have come up with and how they have transformed their thoughts into a formal scientific method. Thank you to all our amazing parents for your help accomplishing this milestone project!

Please note that we have moved our weekly tennis session to this Friday from 3:00–4:00. Please plan to pick up your child from Etowah Park on Friday afternoon, unless your child is late stay.

Next week, April 8–12th, we are out for spring break. We hope the kids have a wonderful break and rest up well for the remaining weeks in April.



★ Coming Up...

- Spring Break: April 8th–12th
- Gardening Day: April 17th | 9:00–11:00
- ITBS Testing: April 18th–23rd
- Jekyll Island 4-H Trip: April 24th–26th
- May Day / Mother's Day: May 1st