

*Weekly Notes April 16, 2024*

*Office Notes*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “Are You Smarter Than a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grader?” Event – This Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**



In this event, local “celebrity” contestants are pitted against each other to test their knowledge of all things 3rd grade! This rendition of “Are You Smarter than a 3rd Grader?” is taken from the well-known game show, “Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader?”, in which adult contestants test their knowledge against 5th graders to see how much they have forgotten since grade school in such subjects as language, math, geography, and social studies. This event is meant to be lighthearted and a very exciting way for our students to engage with leaders in the community and show off what they have learned! All proceeds benefit the Rome-Floyd County Commission on Children and Youth (RFCCCY) and the event will take place on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Rome City Auditorium.

We look forward to seeing Liam and Jocy take the stage to represent MSOR!

**Tickets can be purchased directly from the RFCCCY by clicking here:**

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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!

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## Gardening Day/Special Persons Day Schedule Update:

Quick Reminder our annual Gardening Day/Special Persons Day will be held on two separate days.

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

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

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

Welcome back from Spring Break! We were so happy to see everyone return bright eyed and ready for the end of the school year! We are really enjoying our study of bugs and insects and gardening this month. We went on a bug hunt on the playground and watched the big ants and little ants climbing trees. We even found a few stink bugs crawling around, too. We even had a ladybug land amongst us while we worked on the patio!

Remember that this Friday is Gardening Day. Please remember to bring a plant or flower to plant on our patio with your child. This event isn't just for parents, either. Your child may choose to bring a special person like their grandparent or aunt or uncle instead. There is also still time to sign up to bring something for Gardening Day. See the [sign up sheet](#) for what we need! You may begin arriving at 8:15 but feel free to stagger until 9AM so the patio won't be too crowded. We do ask that all parents and/or special persons plan to leave by 10AM. You may leave your child here or take them with you for an early start to the weekend!

Ms. Ginny

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

I hope you all had a great spring break! The children were ready to get back to work today! We started discussing flowers today. We've already started talking about what it takes to make a flower/plant grow. We will also be learning about the parts of the flower. This goes along wonderfully with the insect unit. We discussed how bees help our plants grow.

We are getting ready for 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, friend, or parent, or just whomever they would enjoy planting flowers and doing a fun activity with. 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. I am posting a wishlist for Gardening Day outside of the classroom on our corkboard and I'm providing a copy below as well. If you don't come inside and need me to write you down for something please just let me know.

On Friday, we will celebrate Campbell's second birthday. Her family is providing a pizza lunch. Thanks to the Edwards family!

It is time to switch clothes out in your child's cubby. Please send in some warm weather clothes. Please remember that any clothes that are brought to school or if it's an extra layer that

they may remove during the day, need to be labeled. Children should also have extra shoes in their cubbies.

Since the weather is warming up, please remember to put on sunscreen and bug spray in the mornings before school. If your child goes to aftercare, they will reapply it then if you have provided it for your child.



## Gardening Day Wish List

Large Bag of Potting Soil (deliver by Thursday)	
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2 child sized watering cans	
Donations for making water wall and fun improvements on our patio (estimated cost about \$100)	
10 Balls for playground time	
Buckets and shovels for playground time	
Small Plastic trucks for playground time	
Small bag of grass seed	
AA batteries for bubble machine	

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

I hope everyone had a great spring break. The weather was nice for the most part. We are now getting ready for gardening day on Friday. Our Gardening/Special Person Day will begin at 8:30am. You may drop in until 10:30am. We will have lemonade and cookies as a treat for your child and his/her special guest. If you need another time on Friday due to a conflicting schedule, please let me know. Some things we would love for our beautiful patio are listed: new wind chimes, garden fairies, hanging baskets, flowers that love the sun, flowers that love flowerpots or flower beds, some potting soil. We have some gardening tools but you may send in some on Friday for your child to use. We would also love a couple of indoor non-poisonous plants for our classroom. Our children love to take care of plants. Please be sure that anything you send in is labeled. We are excited to see everyone on Friday.

If your child has a summer birthday or a birthday close to the end of the school year and you want to celebrate in our class, please let one of us know and we can arrange it. Also, I am making a summer schedule for tutoring for those who are interested. I will have dates and times available by the end of the week. I will also give you more information in a separate email pertaining to the summer enrichment that I offer.

Have a great week!

Ms. Angie

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

Dear Parents,

We are very excited to plant our class's community garden this Friday! Each student can choose to bring in a Zinnia, French Marigold, Lavender, or a Strawberry plant. Also if anyone has a plant pot or hanging pot they would like to donate to the class it would be appreciated as in-ground space is limited. Please send the plants in on Friday with your student.

We would like to welcome you to the classroom between 8:30am and 10:30am. No need to bring gardening tools as we have all that is needed.

Looking forward to seeing you on Friday.

Ms. Ortrud

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

Welcome back! We have a lot going on this week.

Fortson 4-H Center permission slips and payment are past due. I need to submit final counts tomorrow. Chaperones and drivers are still needed.

Gardening/Special Person's Day is tomorrow, April 17th. All students are welcome to invite a special person to come to school to plant with them for Gardening Day. Our class needs potting soil and plants and flowers that grow well in shade. Students should bring a plant to plant in the garden space with their special person. Students are welcome to bring their own gardening gloves and tools for planting. Guests should arrive between 9:00a.m. and 10:45a.m. to plant.

This Thursday, we will begin ITBS testing. (4/18-4/23) We will have testing on Thursday, Friday, Monday, and Tuesday. Only 2nd and 3rd year students will take the test. Please make sure that your child is able to rest and receive sufficient sleep during testing week. It is also important that your child eats a nutritious breakfast each morning. 3rd year students will be testing in Upper El and should be dropped off in the morning at the Upper El porch with all of their belongings. 1st and 2nd years should be dropped off at our usual gate no later than 7:55 a.m. It is very important that ALL students arrive on time on testing days. The doors to our testing buildings are locked exactly at 8:00 a.m. to follow required testing protocol, and they are not opened until testing is finished for the day. Students arriving late will sit in the school lobby until testing is completed for the day.

Students have a new Junior Great Books story to read at home this week. Students should return the books on Wednesday. No homework will be sent home during this week's ITBS testing period.

Have a good week,

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

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

Dear Upper Elementary Families,

We hope you all had a wonderful and restful break. This week, we are excited to have begun diving back into our studies of the central nervous system. The children will discover the intricate and interconnected parts of the brain and the spinal cord. We will also continue our studies on earth's lithosphere and how geologic processes have shaped our planet.

Please note that we will not be attending tennis this week or next due to testing and our Jekyll Island field trip.

Please be aware of these important dates:

4/17 – Gardening and Special Persons Day 9:00-11:00 a.m.

4/18, 4/19, 4/22, 4/23 – ITBS Testing

4/24, 4/25, 4/26 – Jekyll Island 4-H Trip

Thanks as always!

Ms. Kathleen