

Dolphin Tales

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May Birthdays

Eleanor H.	5/3	Parks H.	5/17
Henry F.	5/4	Samuel B.	5/23
Salem E.	5/11	Evan H.	5/27
Eli H.	5/12	Dev S.	5/29
Benjamin C.	5/12	Lyla L.	5/30
Dia S.	5/14		

Summer Birthdays

Abby S.	6/1	Ira June S.	6/19	Merritt P.	7/6
Corbin K.	6/3	Ben M.	6/20	Shawn H.	7/10
Molly H.	6/7	Liam C.	6/23	Tomás B.	7/14
Kingston D.	6/7	Arhaan P.	6/24	Jocy J.	7/15
Ayati S.	6/12	Thomas W.	6/24	Marissa G.	7/16
Clayton H.	6/16	Ella R.	6/25	Wanting C.	7/21
Cora K.	6/19	Ace P.	6/29	Bizzy O.	7/21
				Grace H.	7/28

Important Dates

- May 14th Toddler Field Trip – Tennessee Aquarium
- May 23rd Graduation
- On 5/23 Late Stay will end at 4:15pm (all students must be picked up by this time)**
- May 24th Last Day of School (1/2 Day)
- May 27th Memorial Day
- May 28th–30th Teacher Work Days



Special Shout-Out!



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Montessori School of Rome would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to Jason Ensley of Ensley Xteriors!

Jason took on the long-overdue task of cleaning our front sign that has been exposed to many, many years of weather and traffic emissions from the numerous cars that travel up and down Dodd Boulevard each and every day. Jason donated his skill, time, equipment, and supplies to make it look so much better!

We highly recommend that you contact Jason for any cleaning you need for your roof, exterior siding, driveways, soft washing, power washing, gutter cleaning, etc. He is an extremely nice guy and has incredible customer service. We give him five stars (and more)!



Graduation Info!



Portraits

Sign-Ups for Graduation Portraits are now open! Please click the link below to select a time. If the list fills up and you are not able to select a time, please contact Ms. Jamie directly to schedule a time.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COF4EA4A62BA5FDC61-49204614-montessori#/>

Important Graduation Information

All students participating in graduation should be dropped off at Brookes Chapel (Shorter University) at 8:00am on Thursday, May 23rd for rehearsal that morning. Rehearsal will begin promptly at 8:30am.

Third Year Primary Parents – Please pick up your child from Brookes Chapel at 10:30am.

Elementary Parents – Please pick up your child from Brookes Chapel at 10:45am.

Primary and Elementary students are encouraged to go home and rest for the day following rehearsal.

Primary parents – if your child must return to school, please send something for him/her to rest on as they will have rest time at school.

IMPORTANT: Adolescent/Secondary students will not be dismissed following rehearsal and **MUST** return to school.

When returning that evening for Graduation, please leave your child with his/her teacher at Brookes Chapel **NO LATER THAN 5:45**. Group pictures will begin promptly at that time and we need all participating students present.

Reminder: Late Stay will end at 4:15pm on Thursday, May 23rd. All students must be picked up by this time!

A Message from Ms. Angela:

Remember to practice your songs for graduation!



Lost & Found

ATTENTION:

Any items not claimed by Friday, May 24th will be donated!



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



Rudolphs 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

Toddler News

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



★What's Happening This Month...

May Day was a beautiful success. Thank you to all our moms and mimi's and gigi's for coming and letting us celebrate you on May 1st.



We are so excited to kick off the month of May with talk of the ocean and all the animals that live there. Remember our field trip on Tuesday, May 14th to the Tennessee Aquarium. We will meet out front of the aquarium at 9:45am and walk through together. Usually around noon the kids are hungry so we part ways and find lunch on our own. You are, of course, welcome to eat and then spend more time exploring on your own. This field trip is not required but there will be no one at the school that day to watch children. So, if you choose not to go then you will need to make other arrangements.



Last Day of School...

Our last day of school is Friday, May 24th. This is a half day of school. Your child must be picked up by 11:00. Dismissal for the rest of the school will begin at 11:00 and as you are aware, the parking lot can become pretty congested. We encourage you to pick up between 10:00 and 11:00 that day.



Toddler News

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



★ What's Happening This Month...

I can't believe this is our final newsletter. Our last month of school will be full of fun and water! We are learning about the ocean this month. We will be talking about the different sea creatures that live in the fathoms below. Our field trip to the TN Aquarium will be on Tuesday, May 14th so we can see some of the creatures that we have talked about. We will meet close to the ticket office that morning at 9:45 so we can start our visit promptly at 10:00.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our patio projects. We have almost completed our water wall. We opened this week for the class. It was a huge hit! With that being said, please make sure to send in extra clothes and shoes. I'm certain that there will be lots of happy and wet children this month.

We are planning lots of fun things for the last week of school. We will need some help to make the magic happen. I'll send more detailed information next week. We will have a Color Day on Monday, Water Day on Tuesday, Dino Day on Wednesday, Movie Day on Thursday, and a Dance Party on our last day of school.



Primary News

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

Maintaining a Mindset for Summer and Beyond...★

Dear Parents,

Taking Montessori principles into the summer break can be a wonderful way to continue fostering your child's independence, curiosity, and love for learning even outside of the traditional school setting. Here are some ideas:

- **Create a Prepared Environment:** Set up spaces in your home and outdoor areas that are conducive to independent exploration and learning. Ensure that materials and activities are accessible to your child and organized in a way that encourages them to engage with them freely.
- **Follow Your Child's Interests:** Just as in the Montessori classroom, observe your child's interests and provide opportunities for them to delve deeper into topics that captivate them. This could involve trips to museums, nature walks, or simply providing books and materials related to their current passions.
- **Encourage Practical Life Skills:** Summer break provides ample opportunities for your child to engage in practical life activities such as cooking, gardening, or caring for pets. These activities not only foster independence and responsibility but also provide valuable learning experiences.
- **Promote Outdoor Exploration:** Spend time outdoors exploring nature, whether it's going for hikes, picnics in the park, or gardening. Encourage your child to observe and interact with the natural world around them, fostering a sense of connection and appreciation for the environment.

- **Embrace Hands-On Learning:** Provide opportunities for hands-on learning experiences through activities such as arts and crafts, science experiments, or building projects. These activities allow children to engage their senses and develop important problem-solving skills.
- **Foster a Love for Reading:** Set aside time for reading each day, both independently and together as a family. Create cozy reading nooks and ensure access to a variety of books that cater to your child's interests and reading level.
- **Encourage Independence:** Allow your child the freedom to make choices and take ownership of their activities and learning experiences. Provide guidance and support when needed, but also step back and allow them to problem-solve and discover on their own.

By incorporating these principles into your summer break, you can continue to nurture your child's development in a way that aligns with the Montessori philosophy, fostering a lifelong love for learning and exploration.

For further reading on this subject click on the following link:

<https://childrensmagnet.com/maintaining-a-montessori-mindset/>



Primary News

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



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. The following is a list of ideas to focus that enthusiastic "school's out" energy..."

Read more here:

<https://montessoritraining.blogspot.com/2007/05/montessori-classroom-involving-students.html>



Lower El News

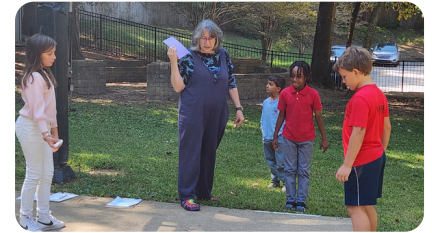
Ms. Robin's, Ms. Dolores's, and Ms. Rana's Class



Our class had a great time at the Fortson 4-H Center last week. Thank you so much to all of our chaperones who provided transportation and supervision. We couldn't do this without you! Check out page 10 of the newsletter for photos from the trip!

Thank you also to all of the parents, friends, and family members who contributed to Gardening Day and came back again for May Day. We enjoyed having everyone visit.

First years should return Junior Great Books by Wednesday. Homework is due on Thursday. Please send library books back by Friday.



This Friday we will have a birthday lunch to celebrate Juliet, Henry, and Eli. Lunch will include either pizza or chicken fingers (undecided), fruit, and cupcakes.

Fortson 4-H Trip



Upper El News

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

★ Coming up this month...

Welcome to the merry month of May! As the days grow longer and the warmth of spring envelops us, we are filled with gratitude for the wonderful journey we are undertaking together in our MSOR community.

The students enjoyed our trip to Jekyll! Check out some pictures from our trip on page 11 of the newsletter below!

In the coming weeks, we will be wrapping up our afternoon cultural subjects of anatomy, botany, zoology, geography, and physical science. We are so pleased with the academic growth we have seen in the children this year.

Please keep in mind that there are only two tennis sessions remaining for this semester. We will have one this Thursday 5/9 and our last session will be next Thursday 5/16.

Our final test on Classic Roots will be next Friday 5/17/24. This will entail a spelling component as well as a multiple-choice comprehension component. Please remind your child to study and prepare for this big book test. We will not assign new language homework to allow plenty of time to study for this test.

Graduation is fast approaching and will occur on Thursday May 23rd. This is a formal ceremony, and we would like the children to dress in their Sunday best. A dress is appropriate for girls and boys should wear dress slacks with a collared, button-down shirt.



Jekyll Island 4-H Trip

