

## Weekly Notes March 19, 2025

### Office Notes

#### Meal Train for Ms. Ginny:

A Meal Train has been created for Ms. Ginny while she recovers from her recent surgery. I am sharing the link below for anyone who would like to participate. We look forward to showing her some love as she recovers!

<https://mealtrain.com/y5o331> (If the link does not work simply copy and paste it into your browser)

*Meal Train is an organized way for friends and family to deliver delicious meals to someone who's going through a challenging time. It's a caring way to ensure the recipient doesn't have to think about grocery shopping or preparing meals while going through a major life event.*

#### Lost & Found:

Missing something? Contact Ms. Jamie to view our Lost & Found! Remember to always label items with your child's name so we can make sure items go home with the right person.

#### Bug Spray & Sunscreen Reminder:

The warm weather of Spring is here! If you prefer your child use bug spray and/or sunscreen this time of year we kindly ask that it be applied prior to dropping off your child in the morning. If your child is enrolled in our Late Stay program and you wish for bug spray and/or sunscreen to be reapplied for the afternoon hours, please send these items (clearly labeled with your child's name) in to the Office. Please note that we will not apply bug spray and/or sunscreen to your child unless you have sent these items in clearly labeled with your child's name.

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

We're wrapping up the farm this week and we excitedly await Cook Farm's in-house field trip this Friday. The students have been very interested in why each animal is important to the farm and what they can do for us! We learned that cows give us milk and we can make a lot of things with milk. Yesterday, we had a lesson on how to make whipped cream in a jar. We each had a turn shaking the jar and watched as the cream firmed up. We even ate some with our snack yesterday.

We will celebrate Maxwell's birthday on Friday with a pizza lunch! Thank you to the Harrison family for providing lunch for the class.

Thank you to Rishi and his mom for making a delicious St. Patrick's Day treat and sharing with us on Monday.

We have a date for our Tennessee Aquarium field trip: May 16 at 930! Please purchase your tickets now as they can sell out fast.

## *Ms. Shannon's, Ms. Kristin's, & Ms. LaKosta's Toddler Class*

This week we will continue our farm unit. Emersyn donated a seed starter tray so we will work on starting some of the seeds we have been studying. We will also plant our strawberry plants on Thursday in a raised bed by the Upper Elementary building.

This Friday is going to be a very exciting day! Cook Farms will bring their animals for a visit. They will bring goats, sheep, chickens, ducks, rabbits, a piglet, a mini horse, a mini donkey and a calf. The children can't wait!

Please be on time. It is becoming a problem for our classroom. Our drop-off time is from 8:20 to 8:30. We need to be able to exit the dayroom and go to our classroom at 8:30. It puts us behind if I'm still getting kids out of the car and it is disruptive to our line time when children come in after we have already gone to the classroom and started our lesson. Our afternoon pick-up time is 2:15-2:25. If you are in line at dismissal, you should not be behind the Primary parents who have pick-up at 2:30.

***This week starts our new library schedule.*** All library books should be returned on Wednesday and we will exchange books on Thursday.

I wanted to remind you to buy your Tennessee Aquarium tickets. We will go to the Tennessee Aquarium on Friday, May 16th at 9:30. They only sell a certain number of tickets for each slot so it is important not to wait until the last minute.

Some of the lunch boxes are getting a little yucky. Please take time to run them through a wash cycle. Thanks!

## *Ms. Angie's & Ms. Karabeth's Primary Class*

The month of March is still going strong! St. Patrick's Day was also a lot of fun. The students enjoyed seeing the mess the leprechaun left all over the classroom on Monday morning, and they enjoyed making a fun St. Patrick's Day craft.

Our Third Year Primary visits to Lower Elementary are going great. We love hearing about what they have done while visiting Lower Elementary.

We want to thank a few of our incredible parent volunteers- Thank you to Declan's dad, for volunteering to reshelve our books each week! Thank you, too, to Molly's grandmother for coming in to read to our classroom. Thank you, also, to Ms. Artie who volunteers with us on occasion. We love our parent volunteers! If you would like to volunteer in our classroom we would love to have you join us for one of our many opportunities. Be sure to let us know!

Thank you, also, to Kriva's mom for sending in the delicious St. Patrick's Day pretzel sticks! Everyone loved them!

## *Ms. Ortrud's & Ms. Rana's Primary Class*

Our Third Year kiddos have been visiting Lower Elementary last week and this week. Please talk to them about their wonderful new experience.

We have had inspiring toddlers who will be moving up into the Primary environment next year visiting the classroom. Our children were strong mentors for them.

Please remember the school dress code- children should wear appropriate shoes to play on the playground. Please no light-up shoes. We ask that clothing not have characters such as cartoons or superheroes as they become a distraction.

Thank you,

Ms. Ortrud and Ms. Rana

## *Lower Elementary Class*

Parents,

This week, the science fair procedures page is due. Extra science fair lined paper was also sent home. You may copy these or request more for boards if needed.

You will need to purchase a large, cardboard or foam, tri fold board to display projects for the science fair before the 21st. All pages posted on the boards will need to be hand written by students so it's a good idea to start early and do a little bit at a time.

No new language homework was assigned; students are working on completing what has already been sent home. No spelling lists will be sent until the science fair is completed.

Our 4-H trip to Rock Eagle has been scheduled for April 29-30. We will have a mandatory parent meeting about this outing on Tues, 3/25, at 5:30.

Have a good week,

Ms. Robin and Ms. Maggie

## *Upper Elementary Class*

This week our students are still working very hard preparing for our upcoming Science Fair and will continue to do so over the next two weeks. We have begun teaching students how to utilize technology to type up their information for their science boards. If you have a laptop you don't mind your child using they may bring it to school each day along with a charger.

If you have not already purchased a black trifold Science board, please do so soon. Parents have let us know there is still a good supply of these currently available at Michael's. We want our students to follow

the true scientific method and conduct a minimum of 5 scientific trials with 2-3 variables. We also want to assure you our Adolescent & Secondary teachers and students are working closely with Upper Elementary students to facilitate a more advanced science experience.

Please note- Due to our Science Fair taking place on Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will hold a double tennis lesson for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Year students this Thursday (tomorrow) to accommodate the missed lesson on the date of our Science Fair.