



Dolphin Tales

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April Birthdays

Collin F.	4/5	Anjali R.	4/22
Juliet H.	4/13	Ms. Dolores	4/23
Ms. Robin	4/17	Anbu R.	4/26
Campbell E.	4/19	Mr. Keith	4/28

Important Dates

April 7 th –11 th	Spring Break
April 18 th	Toddler/Primary Easter Egg Hunt
April 21 st –25 th	ITBS Testing (Grades 2–8)
April 25 th	Gardening Day / Special Persons' Day
May 1 st	May Day / Mother's Day Program
May 9 th	Third Year Primary Outing
April 29 th –30 th	Lower El 4–H Rock Eagle Trip
May 16 th	Toddler Tennessee Aquarium Outing
May 22 nd	Graduation
May 23 rd	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 should be exchanged with warmer weather clothing.
- As reenrollment comes to a close space is very limited in our programs. As expected, we are anticipating 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



Toddler News

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



This month, we are learning all about bugs and insects and gardening. Did you know one of the main indicators if an insect is a bug is the shape of their mouth? Today, we had a lesson on different types of bugs and how they help our environment. We safely caught (then released) a centipede and learned that centipedes eat other bugs that like to eat our food! So centipedes are strong defenders of our food sources. We also examined a few different types of seeds and the growing process. We even planted our own beans in hopes we'll have beanstalks soon.

We have a few important dates coming up. Spring Break is next week! School will not be in session.

We will host Gardening/Special Person's Day on Friday, April 18th. If you haven't participated in this MSOR tradition before, it is one of our favorites! Your child may invite a special person to come and help beautify our patio. We ask your child to bring a plant to plant with their special person and enjoy a craft and refreshments in the classroom. The timing of this event is from drop off to 9:45AM. You may stagger your arrival since our patio can be a tight squeeze. We are excited to see all of the beautiful flowers and plants your child picks out for our patio. We will also send a link to a sign up page of some items we'd love to have to enhance our outdoor learning.

Our egg hunt will be the following Friday, April 25th. Please send in two dozen pre-filled eggs (taped shut, please!) by Thursday, April 24th. Your child will also need a basket to place their eggs in during the hunt. Since our toddlers can be so quick to hunt for eggs, this is not typically an event that parents attend. But be on the lookout for pictures that day!



Toddler News



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



Spring has sprung here at MSOR. We will start our study of insects this month. We will discuss the difference between an insect and a bug. We will discuss their life cycles and how they change form in different stages. We will learn that all insects have a purpose and are crucial to our environment and the foods we grow. We are looking forward to having a special visit from Jonathan Silver, Will's dad, who will come to teach us about bees and their honey. We hope to sample some of the yummy honey they harvest from their bees!

April showers bring May flowers. This month, we will embrace that thought. The children will be learning about flowers and continuing with our seeds. We did plant some of our seeds from last month and our strawberry plants. We will continue to tend those and start some flower seeds when it warms up. We also invite you to be a part of helping our school look beautiful and give them more opportunities to care for plants on Gardening/Special Persons Day, which is April 25th. On Gardening Day, each child will bring one plant/flower to plant with a special person or grandparent. This allows them to water more plants on our patio or garden. I will send a wish list for things we need, such as soil and planters, closer to the date.

We will have an Easter egg hunt on April 18th at 10. Most parents do not attend this event because it is over so quickly. We ask that you send a dozen pre-filled eggs that have been taped shut for them to hunt. They will also need a basket to hunt eggs with that day. You can buy eggs already filled at places like Walmart or Amazon. Please ensure the eggs are not filled with items that could be choking hazards. We encourage you to use things that are not candy, but if you choose eggs with candy, they should be in a sealed package and not chocolate because it tends to melt.



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Primary News

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

The Best Way to Spend A Montessori Spring Break

"Montessori education doesn't stop in the classroom. It is essential that your child has plenty of opportunities to continue learning from home. Spring break is a great time to do this. Springtime means better weather and many more reasons to venture into or even just observe nature, making for some fun activities for you and your child."

- Spend Time Outdoors
- Don't Forget About Routine
- Continue the Learning Process
- Spring Cleaning
- Make The Most Out Of Your Montessori Spring Break

Read more here:

<https://sugarmillmontessori.com/2022/03/15/the-best-way-to-spend-a-montessori-spring-break-sugar-mill-montessori-school/>



Primary News

Ms. Ortrud's and Ms. Rana's Class

Joy in the Montessori Classroom

“Joy in the Montessori classroom is a foundational element that nurtures a love of learning. Rooted in Dr. Maria Montessori's philosophy, joy emerges when children are given the freedom to explore, create, and learn at their own pace in an environment designed to foster independence, curiosity, and self-motivation. In this setting, joy isn't just a reaction to fun activities, but a natural outcome of meaningful engagement, where each child feels empowered, respected, and valued. When children experience joy in learning, it enhances their intrinsic motivation, builds confidence, and deepens their connection to the world around them.”

For further reading, please follow this link:
<https://montessori-ami.org/trainingvoices/joy>



Lower EI News

Ms. Maggie's and Ms. Robin's Class

Spring

Spring spring
Birds start to sing
They fly up into the blue sky so high
Clouds start to cry
It is such a wonderful time
But the pollen in the sky
Makes you not like the time
Honey bees like to fly
Grass blowing in the sky
By: Eli, Arhaan, & Mack



The flowers,
Colorful, small, big, pretty
Spring has sprung
The flower itty bitty
Such a beautiful piece
The bees taking pollen
From flower to flower
Pitching in an extra hour
The rain has stopped

Thank goodness, thank goodness
Now we can play in the sun all day
Flowers are blooming
People are snoozing
We all know what's here, we love it
Come on come on spring is near
By: Gabriella, Lilah, & Reynolds

Honey bees are fighting fleas to get a tree
Pollen floats in the breeze
The honey bees fight the fleas and they get a tree
Then find their way to the honey tree
Now they have a tree, they fought the fleas
They have a dream to sleep to
While the pollen floats in the breeze

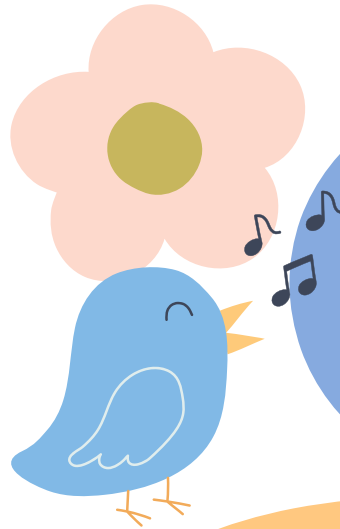
Pollen floats in the breeze
It also makes you sneeze
Clouds cry in the sky
Birds dance while poachers die
Tides grow when the sun dies
After night it rises in the sky
In other seasons, clouds cry
But in spring, birds dance in the sky.
By: Parker & George



Lower EI News

Ms. Maggie's and Ms. Robin's Class

It is spring time
The flowers are blooming
The rain is falling
The rainbow is coming at last
The sunset is beautiful
And the birds are singing
By: Constance, Lyra, Shawn & Juliet



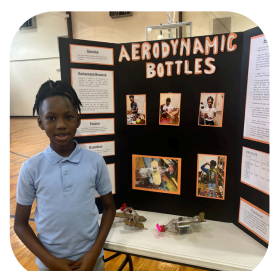
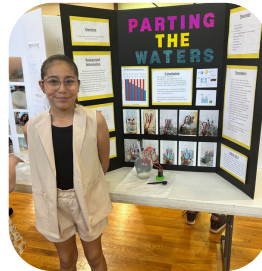
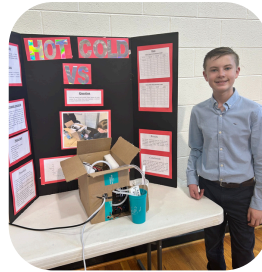
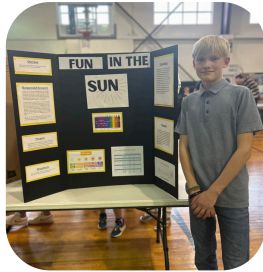
Where the bees buzz
And the flowers bloom
Where the ladybugs fly
And the deer run
Where the pollen blows
And the sun shines
We welcome spring at this time
By: Carter, Rajveer, Vittoria, & Cora

Bees leave on the breeze
They make somebody sneeze
The bear tore their hive
Then left to eat a pear
The fight starts
The bear and wolf tear and tear
Until one leaves
Then sighs and eats some pies
He said "why?"
Then lies to his pies.
"Why did you do this dog?"
"I'm going to eat a frog."
On a log
In a bog
It was soggy
He left when it was foggy
By: Gus & Rayansh

Flowers are blooming
The bees are buzzing
Trees and leaves
Bees and flowers
Berries are growing
The birds are flying
Bugs walk on the lovely flowers
And the pollen is coming
Waiting for ripe fruits to be picked
But pollen keeps coming and making us sneeze
The bees fly across the sky
Filled with nectar ready to fly
They fly home to make honey
And go back to work, flying away
While the bees do it again,
The birds fly and come back from high
They find worms, hay, and grass
And feed it to the young with a smiling face
By: Wyatt, Zoey, & Wanting

Upper El News

Ms. Shemi's, Ms. Dolores's, Mr. Keith's, Ms. Ribar's, Ms. Gabi's,
Ms. Ariana's, and Ms. Karen's Class



We want to congratulate our students on a job WELL DONE last night at the Science Fair! From ecology, chemistry, health science, biology, and more, we were happy to see the fruits of weeks of curiosity, research and experimentation. We hope everyone has a restful spring break... we are proud of you!

