Weekly Notes August 20, 2025

Office Announcements

Welcome Back!

We have officially kicked off the 2025-2026 school year and things are off to a great start. We are also so excited to welcome 16 new families (and counting) to the Montessori School of Rome!

For those who are new to Montessori School of Rome, our Weekly Notes are meant to keep you updated on all-things MSOR! Our Office Notes will share important announcements and information, and parents are also asked to scroll down to find your child's classroom update below. Be sure to always give these Weekly Notes a read so you don't miss a thing!

Toddler/Primary Carline Reminders

Drop-Off: It is very important students arrive only during the assigned drop-off window for their program. As a reminder, our drop-off window for Primary is 8:00-8:15 and for Toddlers is 8:15-8:25. Please do not arrive earlier than your child's drop-off window as this can cause delays for our other programs. We want to make sure the drop-off line can continue to run smoothly with fewer delays, but also that your child can get to his/her class with plenty of time to put their belongings away before getting started. Let's work together to start the day off right!

Pick-Up: It is very important that you arrive only during the assigned pick-up time for your child's program. Please also use only the lane(s) assigned to your child's classroom. Parents should remain inside your vehicle while your child is brought out to you for carline. If you need to secure or buckle your child in his or her car seat, please pull into one of our available parking spaces to do so after your child has been brought out to you. Additionally, if you need to speak with Ms. Jamie in the Office please park in an available parking spot before entering the building. Following these rules will help keep our carline moving quickly and avoid delays!

Mark Your Calendars for These Important Dates!

- **Daddy's Night & Back to School Picnic** – Friday, August 22nd | 5:30-7:00pm
- **Labor Day (No School)** – Monday, September 1st
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)** – Friday, October 3rd
- **Toddler & Primary Field Trip | Rocky Hollow Pumpkin Patch** – Thursday, October 16th

Daddy's Night is This Friday! ***Weather Permitting***

As a reminder we will hold our Daddy's Night / Back to School Picnic this Friday, August 22nd from 5:30-7:00pm (weather permitting). This event is meant for the whole family (not just our amazing Daddies), so we hope to see everyone there for an evening of food, fun, and inflatables! If we are unable to hold this event due to rain we will reschedule.

Daddy's Night Sleepover – Third Year Primary & Elementary Students are Invited!

The Adolescent & Secondary program is hosting our first Sleepover of the year! Students aged Third Year Primary and older are invited to join us following our Daddy's Night celebration for a fun evening of music, movies, and more! The cost is $35.00 per child and an evening snack and breakfast will be provided. See the e-mail sent separately for more information and to complete the sign-up form!

Afterschool Clubs are Enrolling Now!

For those who are new to MSOR, our Adolescent & Secondary students manage microbusinesses in an effort to raise funds for international travel. MSOR Art, Spanish, Theatre, and Chess Clubs are part of these microbusinesses and every dollar earned goes directly toward funding this year's international travel to Japan for our Adolescent & Secondary students. We thank you for your support!

Spanish Club – Primary & Elementary

Art Club – Toddler, Primary & Elementary

MSOR ART CLUB for TODDLER Students

This semester, we will continue to focus our projects on arts and crafts from around the world with mix media.

We look forward to painting, creating, cutting, and drawing with our new and old friends. Our Club students will bring home handmade piece of art most weeks to brighten your home.

This Semester Goals:

Work with mix media, large and small brushes, painting with control, color blending, shading and

Art Club Cost:
Toddler Class:
$150 per semester.

Art Club Schedule:

Toddler Class: Tuesday from 2:15 to 2:45

Other Details About Art Class

Class Sizes:
Toddler : 6 Students
All materials included..

We would like to thank you for allowing your child to participate in MSOR ART CLUB. Proceeds from our club will support our travels to Japan.

For more information about ART CLUB, contact Tegan Ashley @ ashlete@msor.org at 706-506-1633. Thank you for your support.

Join Us for some creative fun!

MSOR ART CLUB for Primary Students

This semester, we will continue to focus our projects on arts and crafts from around the world with mix media.

We look forward to painting, creating, cutting, and drawing with our new and old friends. Our Club students will bring home handmade piece of art most weeks to brighten your home.

This Semester Goals:

Work with mix media, large and small brushes, painting with control, color blending, shading and

Art Club Cost:
Primary Art Class:
$150 per semester.

Art Club Schedule:

Primary Class: Thursday from 2:30 to 3:15

Other Details About Art Class

Class Sizes:
Primary : 15 Students
All materials included..

We would like to thank you for allowing your child to participate in MSOR ART CLUB. Proceeds from our club will support our travels to Japan.

For more information about ART CLUB, contact Tegan Ashley @ ashlete@msor.org at 706-506-1633. Thank you for your support.

Join Us for some creative fun!

DRAW, COLOR, PAINT, IMAGINE, CREATE, AND HAVE FUN!

Elementary Art Club

Welcome to Art Club 25/26! Whether you are a new or returning member, we are excited to have you join us on this creative journey. The Elementary Art Club is a fantastic opportunity to explore various media and art styles. Our class, led by Ms. Shemi, will take place weekly on Mondays from 3:15 to 4:15 PM.

We have some exciting news this year! If you are an enrolled late-stay elementary student, you can attend Art Club first, and afterward, we will assist students with their homework for 45 minutes. Our goal is to support our classmates and their parents with this additional service.

Thank you for joining the art club. Proceeds from our work with the students will help us reach our goal of traveling to Japan in the spring. We are grateful for your trust and support.

Elementary Art Club Time: Monday, 3:15 to 4:15 with homework lab for MSOR Late Stay Students [parent can choose].

Elementary Art Club Dates: September 8th - December 15th.

Elementary Art Club Cost: $ 160. 00 per semester, materials included.

Theatre Club – Elementary, Adolescent & Secondary

Chess Club – Elementary, Adolescent & Secondary

Hosted by: Adolescent and Secondary Students
Benjamin Cramer & Wyatt Holmes

Upper Elementary: Tuesday 3:00-4:00 pm
Lower Elementary: Wednesday 3:15-4:15 pm

Cost: **$460** for the year or **$250** per semester

Please drop off your sign in sheet and payment to the office by August 30, 2025 You may pay in cash or check, please make all checks payable to: MSR Adolescent.

Thank you for all the support

Creative Movement – Toddler & Primary

Ms. Ginny's and Ms. Stephanie's Toddler Class

What a wonderful class of children I have this year! Some have a little separation anxiety in the mornings but settle in right away.

The first couple of weeks the children are getting used to our routine, getting the feel of our classroom, and getting to know each other.

We have already had some successful line times. They all seem to love music and books!

For the month of August, our theme is colors and shapes. I have read several books on both and have held up cards for them to call out the color or shape. They are doing great!

I hope you all can attend our Daddy's Night this Friday 5:30-7:00 (weather permitting). I, unfortunately, won't be able to attend as I already had a prior event planned for several months now. Ms. Stephanie and Ms. Jamie, however, will be here and I hope you can mingle and get to know all the sweet families here at our school!

Ms. Ginny

Ms. Shannon's & Ms. Kristin's Toddler Class

We are off and going! The children are settling in beautifully. We still have a few that are struggling with transitions, but overall, there are very few tears during our day! We have been working on learning our routines. This month, we focus a lot on grace and courtesy, routines, colors, and shapes. We also discuss class rules. I have two rules, and they are: 1) Be Kind and 2) Be Safe. I have found that you can address most situations under these headings. I thought you might want to know, so we can be consistent.

Welcome back to school also means welcome to new germs. We are starting to see a few cases of suspected hand, foot, and mouth disease in the school. Please be on the lookout for any small bumps on those areas. Some other symptoms may be fever, fussiness, or low appetite. If you find them, please keep your little one at home with you. It's a very contagious virus. We are doing a lot of handwashing here and sterilizing work at the end of the day to help.

There are a few things that I need to remind you about:

- Please label everything. This includes clothes, silverware, lunchboxes, and water bottles
- Review the lunch guidelines-no hot dogs, raw carrots, grapes, and anything else that could be a choking hazard.
- If your child comes home with dirty clothes, please send in a new set the following day.

I hope to see you all this Friday night at Daddy's Day/Back to School Picnic! We are really enjoying getting to know your children! We have a very cute class this year with loads of personality!!

Ms. Shannon

Ms. Angie's & Ms. Kelly's Primary Class

Hello everyone. Hope you are having a great week and staying cool in this hot weather. We are having a great start to the school year. The children are becoming great friends. We are enjoying lessons with the materials throughout the room. Curiosity is the key to learning in our environment. We have a few things to share with you.

Please check the lists and send in your flowers or fruit and veggie snacks on your assigned day. Lyla Kay and her family sent in a fruit cup on Tuesday that had Santa Claus melon, peaches, apples, strawberries, and Tuscan cantaloupe. The children enjoyed it. Thanks to Lyla Kay and family.

Lunches are looking yummy. Please send in utensils with the lunches if needed. We do keep extra in our class if needed.

Spanish Club Art Club have sent out flyers for their clubs. All PRIMARY is invited to join. The Adolescents and Secondary students earn money through these clubs by working them. The money is used to help finance their year end trip. This year they will be traveling to Japan. This is a great way for them to travel the world. Please check out the flyers that were sent through the office.

Daddy's Day is Friday. Your child has been working on a special gift. We hope to see everyone Friday evening 5:30-7:00. It is great time to connect with your Montessori family.

The Adolescents/Secondary will host a fundraiser of Party/ Sleepover on Friday after the Daddy's Day event. This money is also used to fund their Japan trip. Third years may participate in the sleepover. All PRIMARY may participate in the party. Please check flyer that went out for this event. Adolescents/Secondary host a monthly fundraiser to help offset the cost of their trip. Keep on the watch for these.

Have a great week. Excited to see you on Friday at Daddy's Day.

Ms. Angie

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

Welcome back for our 2025-2026 school year. We hope you had a wonderful summer.

We are excited to see your little ones and jump into learning. Everyone is adjusting smoothly into their work cycle.

Please remember to provide a change or two of clothes for your child as accidents and water spills happen. If your child comes home with dirty clothes, please make sure to replace their supply of extra clothing.

Everyone's lunches have been looking healthy and delicious. Thank you! We are looking forward to a great year.

Ms. Ortrud & Ms. Rana

Ms. Maggie's Lower Elementary Class

It has been a busy and fun first few days. Our students are learning about one another, the classroom, and our daily schedule. They are all adjusting very well. Thank you for arriving during our drop-off time and for making this a smooth transition for your child.

Please remember to bring a change of clothing and summer homework packets in if you have not done so already. I would also like each student to bring in a picture from the summer. We are making a collage on our bulletin board and would like a picture of each student. Please also return any readers, primary phonics reading workbooks, or red trimmed folders.

Several students presented their summer projects on Monday. They did a great job! Please send in your projects this week if you have not done so.

Please label all snacks. Snacks need to be quick and easy (no mess). Please send in a second snack if your child is in Late Stay. Lunches are looking great! As a reminder, please do not send in any cookies, sweets, or juices.

Y.M.C.A. begins on September 2nd.

Please download the Remind App and join our class for important announcements!

Ms. Maggie

Ms. Robin's Lower Elementary Class

The new school year has been fast paced and fun. Students are adjusting to the classroom: learning new schedules, guidelines, and expectations. We are building a classroom community based on cooperation, caring, and lots of grace and courtesy.

We encourage independence at every step. If your child comes home and tells you that they cannot manage their lunch containers without asking for help, please help them to practice opening, closing, and putting those stacking and bento boxes back together! Approved beverages are water and milk; please don't send juice, cookies, or sweets.

We began classroom presentations on summer diorama projects on Friday. Students really enjoy sharing their projects and learning about other books that are presented. Please send all projects, summer homework, readers, and primary phonics reading workbooks that have been sent home for summer completion by Friday. Friday is the final day that students present projects. Please make sure that plastic, red trimmed folders are returned to school; we will use them to send home weekly homework after Labor Day.

Several families haven't requested to join our Remind group. Please download the app and join! Here is the link: https://www.remind.com/join/msrobin25 and our classroom code is: msrobin25

I hope to see you all at our Daddy's Night and Back-To-School Picnic this Friday night!

Ms. Robin

Upper Elementary Class

DISMISSAL TIME: Please be reminded that Upper El dismissal time this year is 3:15pm, not 3:00pm.

IN THE CLASSROOM: Students have begun assimilating to their regular schedule- Math and Language lessons are happening. The first Great Lesson - The Coming of the Universe- has begun, and we are overjoyed to see their creativity spark as they imagine the universe in their own eyes. Toward the latter part of this week, we march onwards toward the second Great Lesson- The Coming of Life.

SCHOOL ATTIRE: Please see an email regarding school attire from the Office later this week.

HOMEWORK: Summer Homework is past due. Unfinished homework that is not turned in by Labor Day will affect report card grades. Students have begun weekly homework, and it is

paramount to stay on top of this! Einsteins Chapter 1 were sent home Monday, and corrections and edits to this assignment are due Wednesday. Students are also bringing home Math homework on Friday, and it will be due Monday! Please refer to the schedule we sent home on Open House Night for the Homework Schedule.

BONDING TRIP: Rain or shine, we are still going on our bonding trip is this Thursday... and we can't wait! Drop off is normal time on Thursday morning. We will get a short work cycle in, and depart for Sloppy Floyd at around 10:00am. After lunch and a hike, our travels will take us to the Mathis Farm in Cloudland, GA. After a night of campfires, bonding, fishing (we will do water activities, but will not be swimming), and more, we will wake up Friday morning, have breakfast, and return to school. We will have pizza waiting for them for lunch when they return to school. Please send your child to school on Thursday wearing school appropriate athletic wear and well-fitted tennis shoes suitable for extensive outdoor activities. Please also pack a non-perishable sack lunch.

BONDING TRIP PACKING LIST: Life jacket, small sleeping bag, overnight clothing, school-appropriate athletic clothes to wear back to school on Friday, toiletries for one night (travel size shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, deodorant, brush), 1 small towel for showering, durable water bottle, $20. With the exception of the sleeping bag, all trip items must fit in a backpack.

If you have extra life jackets you are able to send, please do! We would love to bring some extras with us and these will be returned to you after our trip!

Adolescent & Secondary Class

IN THE CLASSROOM: The Bonding Trip was a great success! Thank you for allowing us to take your children out in the world so often. As a reminder, several students have still not paid for their planners, please bring in that money for Ms. Shemi as soon as possible!

SCHEDULES: We are solidifying schedules, and Ms. Shemi will be sending out schedules to parents individually. As a reminder, our Arrival Time window is between 7:30-7:40am, and our dismissal time is 4:00pm, with some variability due to clubs and tennis. Please be on the lookout for the schedules email from Ms. Shemi!

SLEEPOVERS: Ms. Ariana sent out a sign-up sheet for Parent Volunteers for the Sleepovers- please sign up!