



MONTESSORI SCHOOL of ROME

Weekly Notes August 27, 2025

Office Announcements

Our second full week of school is off to a great start! Students are settling in and lessons are underway. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Daddy's Night & Back-To-School picnic last Friday! It was such a joy to be able to come together and celebrate an amazing back-to-school kickoff with our community. We look forward to having you join us for our next community event, and our Annual Fall Festival, in October!

2025-2026 Programs Now Enrolling!

We still have very limited availability in our Toddler, Primary, and Elementary programs for the 2025-2026 academic year. If you know a family with a little one who would be a great fit, please contact Ms. Jamie so she may reach out. These spaces won't last long and we will be on a waitlist before we know it!

2024-2025 Yearbooks For Sale!

Missed out on buying a 2024-2025 yearbook? Don't worry! The Office has a few extra copies left up for grabs. The cost is \$25.00 and these available are first-come, first-served. Contact Ms. Jamie today to reserve your copy. Keep in mind - Once they're gone, they're gone!

Mark Your Calendars for These Important Dates Coming Up!

- 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

Some Afterschool Clubs are Still Enrolling!

Space is almost full for many of our Afterschool Clubs! If you have not signed up yet, but would like to, please contact the Office to determine if there is still space available in the following clubs:

- Art Club – Toddler, Primary, or Elementary
- Spanish Club – Primary or Elementary
- Chess Club – Elementary
- Theatre Club – Elementary
- Creative Movement – Only 2 Primary spots remaining!

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!

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

We have such a wonderful class! The children have settled in so well. They are truly enjoying our time spent learning about colors and shapes. We do different activities during line time to engage them such as color cards, singing about the colors they are wearing, etc.

Please remember to send back extra clothing if any is sent home with your child. Accidents happen often. 😊

I hope those of you that attended our Daddy's Night & Back-To-School Picnic had a great time and got to meet with some of our families.

Please remember - There will be no school this upcoming Monday, September 1st for Labor Day celebration! We hope you enjoy your 3-day weekend!

Ms. Ginny

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

The children are continuing to settle into our routine. I'm so pleased with how well this group is doing. We still have a few who struggle during transitions, but overall, there are very few tears during the day!

Thank you to everyone who came to our Back-to-School Picnic. It was good to see you and visit with you. I hope all the Dads enjoyed their keychain!

This week, we are working on our manners. In Montessori, we use the term, Grace and Courtesy. Yesterday, we discussed different ways to use "excuse me." Please work on manners at home as well.

We will visit the library for the first time on Thursday. Each child will be able to choose a book to bring home for the week. The books will come home in their library bag. The book and bag should come back on Wednesday. If your child doesn't return their book for the week, then they will not be allowed to choose a new one. I'm sure you can imagine it is tough for them not to get a turn, so go ahead and set a reminder on your phone.

Thank you all for being understanding and keeping your children home with you while they are sick. We already have a stomach bug, a cold, and hand, foot, and mouth disease going through the class. If your child has a fever or any other symptoms, they have to remain home until they have been symptom-free for 24 hours without medication. Unfortunately, most of our students have not had much exposure to other children and germs, so usually in their first year of school, they catch everything that passes through.

Have a wonderful long weekend!

Ms. Shannon

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

We are having a good week of normalizing in the classroom. We are enjoying our new friends and our old ones. We are encouraging the children to practice manners, follow rules, and show respect to our friends. We hope you are beginning to see more of this at home, also.

We have begun our space studies. Ask your child about what he or she is learning! We love it when the children come to school with things to share that pertain to what we are studying.

The weather is getting cooler quickly. Please be sure to dress your child for this weather.

Reminder— Clubs are starting next week. Your child can participate in Spanish Club and Art Club if they wish. Sign up today as space is limited!

Ms. Angie

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

Dear families,

The students are acclimating nicely to the classroom. As they normalize, they are exploring new materials and displaying mastery of prior lessons. Our First Years are developing an understanding of classroom expectations while our Third Years are displaying grace and courtesy, as well as leadership qualities.

As the weather begins to cool down please be sure to dress your child appropriately. Additionally, please ensure we have changes of clothes for your child's cubby as spills do happen in the classroom with water work.

Clubs will begin next week following Labor Day. If you have an interest, please contact Ms. Jamie in the Office.

Have a wonderful long weekend!

Ms. Ortrud

Ms. Maggie's Lower Elementary Class

Dear families,

I hope everyone enjoyed their first full week of school. The students are settling in and adjusting to our routine and classroom expectations. We presented the first Great Lesson on Friday. The students were intrigued and enjoyed seeing the different demonstrations. We encourage each student to discuss creation stories with their families as well.

I enjoyed seeing everyone at the Daddy's Day picnic. I hope you enjoyed your child's gift and reading about your descriptions.

Thank you to the Bruen family for the popsicles! Happy Birthday, Jackson!

Historical Timeline packets and information will be sent home this week. Y.M.C.A. begins on September 2nd. Please come to school dressed in gym attire. Please download the Remind app and join our class for updates and announcements. The Remind app will be very useful as we begin going to the Y.M.C.A.

Quick note: Don't forget to return your library books on Thursdays!

I hope everyone enjoys their Labor Day weekend!

Ms. Maggie

Ms. Robin's Lower Elementary Class

Parents,

We had a great first full week of school. Ms. Lelia started Spanish class last Wednesday. Students are seen in two separate groups: first years, then second and third years together. Today we added Junior Great Books to our routine. While the first years are in Spanish, I will see the 2nd and 3rd year group for JGB. We will begin our studies using our summer reading book, *The Mouse and the Motorcycle*. Please send it in tomorrow if you have not done so already. First years will meet with Ms. Maggie while the older group is in Spanish. Ms. Maggie also sent an email about all about Junior Great Books. We will probably schedule our second JGB session for Monday afternoons after music.

We had our first library visit last week. Students brought home library books last Friday. Please send library books back to school each week by Thursday; we will be visiting the library on Thursday afternoons. If your child has overdue library books from last year they will not be allowed to check out any more library books. Please make an effort to locate the missing books so that your child may resume library privileges

We sent home Historical Timeline packets today, along with an additional email regarding procedures and expectations. The most important expectations are that we want everyone, teachers and parents included, to learn something new and have FUN!!!

Thank you for getting your students to us on time in the morning. Our days are very full, so we really need every minute. Please join my Remind class app.

Ms. Robin

Upper Elementary Class

What's Happening In the Classroom: The first week of school is behind us. It was a BUSY first week, especially with the bonding trip, and it was SO MUCH FUN! Our new 4th years are quickly learning the routine of Upper El, and we will continue to settle into a rhythm over the next few weeks. We hope you all have a wonderful Labor Day weekend!

Homework: See below for reminders about the Homework Schedule. Also please remember that we are grading Homework on both for completion as well as for accuracy.

- MATH : Math homework comes home on Thursdays, allowing the students to try one problem from each area. Students bring it back to us on Friday and address any questions they might have on the homework. Completed math homework is due back to us on Monday morning.

**** The upcoming weekend is a long weekend, and math homework will be due back to us on Tuesday.****

- LANGUAGE : Unless otherwise specified, Language homework comes home on Mondays and is returned on Wednesdays.

-JGB : There is always something due at the beginning of every JGB class. Meaning... There is something to complete for homework every time JGB meets! See Mr. Keith if you have any questions.

- SPANISH : Spanish homework is sent home periodically! Ms. Gabi will communicate everything to parents, as she has done in the past.

Sports: Yesterday, the office sent out information regarding Tennis and the YMCA! Sports fees are due and can be sent in with your students and we can turn it into the office. We are still lacking some drivers and we would love to know if you could possibly help us out. Please reach out to Mr. Keith and Ms. Shemi to coordinate. Without our amazing drivers, we would not be able to do all the incredible things that we do!

Adolescent & Secondary Class

What's Happening in the Classroom : We have made it into our second full week of academics! Students are adjusting to their rotating class schedules, embracing new learning styles, and have already begun taking tests and quizzes in several classes! After seeing a full week with lots of homework assignments, we would like to remind families that 1) Homework is graded for accuracy and completion, and 2) organization is the biggest key to success!

Online Gradebook: Parents should all have access to our online gradebook- Thinkwave! Please feel empowered to check your child's grades as much as you wish, and we encourage you to take a front-seat approach in your child's academic success. If their grades begin to slip... you will know as soon as we do.

Businesses: Clubs start NEXT WEEK! Parents, please check in with students to make sure that they are promoting their clubs, have their plans in order, and that they have communicated their times/schedules back with you!

Daddy's Night & Sleepover: Thank you so much to Angie, Lynn, Maren, and Natalie for chaperoning our first sleepover of the year. You parents are a vital part of your child's, and our program's, successes. Also, thank you to all of our parents for contributing supplies. We had a successful first sleepover, and will be reaching out in a few weeks to begin coordinating the next one. And on the subject of events... we were overwhelmingly grateful for all of the volunteers who came and helped make Daddy's Night a fun and successful evening. We love our community! :)

Tennis: Tennis starts next Friday! Ms. Ariana will reach out separately with logistics and pricing.