



# MONTESSORI SCHOOL of ROME

*Weekly Notes April 22, 2026*

## *Office Announcements*

### **Mark Your Calendars for These Important Dates Coming Up!**

- **MSOR Toy & Book Drive for Bloom Foster Care**
  - Last day to drop off items is today!
- **Gardening Day / Special Persons Day**
  - Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>
- **ITBS Testing (Grades 2-8 only)**
  - April 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>
- **May Day / Mother's Day Program**
  - Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>
- **Third Year Primary Field Trip to Booth Western Art Museum**
  - Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>
- **Primary Field Day**
  - Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>
- **Graduation**
  - Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – 6:30pm at Shorter University [Brookes Chapel]

### **MSOR Summer Camp – Now Enrolling!**

Summer is right around the corner and we are now enrolling for MSOR Summer Camp! Space is filling fast, so click the link to register: [MSOR Summer Camp](#)

### **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.

### Changes of Clothes:

On the topic of warm weather, it is also time to switch our your Toddler/Primary child's change of clothes with something more seasonally appropriate. Please send in a warm weather change of clothes for your child's cubby and the cooler weather clothing will be sent home!

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**Step 3:** Buy a yearbook for **\$25.00** through **May 15, 2026**  
or a personalized book for **\$30.00** through **May 15, 2026**

***Don't miss out on this year's MSOR Memories!***

***Order your 2025-2026 yearbooks today!***

***All funds raised will go to our 2026-2027 MSOR Booster Club!***

## *Ms. Ginny's, Ms. Stephanie's, & Ms. Gracie's Toddler Class*

What a fun month learning all about insects and gardening. This past week we talked about the life cycle of a butterfly, the life cycle of a frog and about how important bees are to our environment. Thanks so much to Anna Sharpe (Davis's mom), for sending in a honeycomb with honey so the chicken could see what the inside of a hive looks like and also taste the honey if they wanted. Such a fun lesson!

This Friday is Special Person/Gardening Day. Everything on our Sign-Up Genius has been signed for except the Coco hair hanging basket liner (14"). If you could bring one, that would be great..... just make sure to put it on the sign-up sheet.

We are asking each family to send a flower to plant on our patio with their special person. We'd also love for each family to bring a rubber playground ball and a plastic bucket with shovel for playground time. We ask for these on Gardening Day each year as they get worn out by then. You will also get to go inside and make a craft with your child.

You can do this as early as drop off but we ask that everyone is finished by 10:00. The children go out at 10:00 and this will help a lot with separation 😊.

Look forward to seeing you!

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

We have been learning about flowers this week to prepare for Gardening Day. We have talked about the process from planting the seed or seedling, to the roots growing, what it requires to live (sun, soil, water), the bud, and the blossom. They are very excited to dig in the dirt! They are even more excited about watering the plants with the watering can!

Gardening Day is this Friday, April 24th. This is a day for your child to invite someone special to school to plant a flower with them and celebrate Spring. Please bring a flower that thrives in full to part sun. We will also have a craft to make and a little snack for them to enjoy. A lot of people have grandparents visit this day, but it can be anyone that you would like to invite. We ask that you come in at drop-off to plant with your toddlers. It's hard for them to go through multiple separations, and it's also hard for them to understand why their person isn't here with everyone else's is here planting. We want everyone to be finished up and gone by 10:00. This gives us time to get them settled back into routine before lunch and nap. If you are planning to take your child with you after planting, please let me know so I can have their things ready.

I am including the link for our Gardening Day Wishlist:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0848ADAE2FA7F49-63250261-gardening> Thank you to everyone who has already sent in items!! If you signed up to bring dirt, please drop it off by Thursday so we can have it ready on Friday.

May Day is coming up next Friday, May 1st. This is our celebration for our Moms! Please watch for more information on times from Ms. Jamie. All children will perform at this event. They will need to come dressed in nice clothes, similar to what you would wear to church (girls usually wear dresses, and boys wear collared shirts

and shorts or pants). They will need a stemmed flower or flowering branch. It can be from your yard or from a bouquet. They will exchange these "branches of May" at the end of the program. Moms will be invited back to the classroom for a snack and to receive the gifts that they have made for you.

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

What a beautiful week we are having!!! I hope it lasts to finish out the school year. We have some important reminders about the next few weeks.

\*\* Summer camps have been announced. Take advantage of the 8 weeks that are offered. Spaces are limited and filling up fast. Check with the office today.

\*\* Gardening/Special Person Day is this Friday— April 24th. You drop by any time between 8:30-10:30. You are invited to bring a flower/plant and plant with your child. Thanks to all who have sent items from our wish list.

\*\* We are looking for someone who loves to take on projects. We would love for our picnic table to be redone over the summer.

\*\* Mother's Day/May Day is Friday, May 1st. Your child will need to be dressed in his/her Sunday best. They will also need to bring a branch of May. Please arrive early so that you may park and find a place to sit for the program. More information to come from the office.

\*\* The Third Year field trip is Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. We are going to The Booth Museum in Cartersville. It is for Third Years only— they will be graduating from our program and beginning new adventures. This is their celebratory field trip. Please make sure that you have ordered your child's t shirt.

\*\* Field Day for Primary is Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. It is from 9:00-11:00. We would love to have some parents volunteer for the events. A Sign-Up Genius has gone out so that you may choose to sign up. It is a fun day to hang out and enjoy the children.

\*\* Third year Primary graduation is on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at Shorter University. All other classmates are invited and encouraged to sing at the program.

\*\* Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> is our last day of school and it will be a half day. Will give more details later.

\*\* Summer tutoring will be offered again this summer. I will have Wednesdays and Thursdays available—the same weeks as camp at MSOR. Cost is \$30 per one hour of one-on-one time. A Sign-Up Genius will go out this week. Please check it and sign up for the weeks you want. It is a great time for your child to master some of the materials and get lessons without distractions. It helps with reading skills. Please let me know if you are interested.

\*\* Flowers for 4/27 is Dia; For 5/11 is Matthew.

\*\* Fruits and Veggies- 4/28 is CeCe; 5/05 is Dia; 5/12 is Matthew; 5/19 is Maverick.

Lots of information. Please let us know if you have any questions. Have a great week.

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

This Friday, April 24th is Gardening Day. We are excited to celebrate the love of nature with your child and their special person (parents, grandparents, etc.) Please make sure to sign up on the Sign-Up Genius for your time slot as the garden patio is small and we want you to enjoy your time planting your plant/flowers.

May 1st, we will be celebrating May Day and Mother's Day. Please keep a look out for more information from the office.

A Sign-Up Genius has been sent out to both Primary classrooms regarding our annual Field Day. We are in need of volunteers to make sure the events go smoothly. This is a fun filled day that the students really enjoy.

The end of the school year is fast approaching. We want to make sure our spring/summer birthdays have a chance to be celebrated. Please reach out if you haven't already for a date.

Thank you,

Ms. Ortrud and Ms. Rana

## *Ms. Robin's Lower Elementary Class*

Parents,

Students have made invitations for Gardening Day and will bring them home today.

Students may invite a parent, relative, caregiver, etc.- any adult who is special to your child, to visit this Friday morning, 4/24. They may come to school any time between 8:00-11:00am. The guests will help their students to plant something in our container garden. Children should bring plants to school on Friday, along with any gardening tools and gloves that they can use for gardening.

Our outdoor area, Ms. Kumar's garden, is very shady. We need plants that do not require much sun. Here is our wish list:

- Begonia
- Coleus
- Cast-Iron Plant- Aspidistra
- Boston Fern
- Azalea
- Creeping Jenny-Lysimachus
- Columbine
- Cyclamen
- Impatiens

We always need potting soil; our containers have gotten low. If anyone has any large planters that you no longer need, we will happily take them!

Practical life activities this week will include cleaning our outdoor space and preparing the containers for planting, so please send tools, gloves, and soil earlier in the week to help with our preparations.

Thank you in advance for your contributions. The children are excited about beautifying our space.

ITBS TESTING for 2nd and 3rd year students begins on Monday. PLEASE LOOK FOR EMAILS AND NOTICES FROM THE OFFICE REGARDING IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING TESTING WEEK POLICIES.

First Years only: Homework is due on Wednesday and new work will be sent home on Thursday.

Second and Third Years: Their only homework is to get a good night's sleep and to eat a hearty, protein loaded breakfast to sustain them through testing next week!

Ms. Robin

### *Ms. Maggie's Lower Elementary Class*

Good afternoon,

ITBS packets for 2nd and 3rd Years are due on Thursday. 1st Years, please turn in your homework packet on Wednesday. Library books are due on Thursday.

ITBS information will be sent out soon. Testing begins on Monday. Please be sure to eat a well-balanced breakfast, get plenty of rest, and bring in a snack on testing days.

Thank you to Vittoria's mom, Ms. Vita, for giving us the Butterfly Project. The students really enjoy observing the caterpillars!

Gardening Day is this Friday! We made and sent home invitations this week. Each child will need to bring in a flower to plant. They can bring full sun flowers, partial sun flowers, basil, parsley, or cilantro plants. We are also in need of a couple of bags of potting soil, 1 bag of bird seed, and flower pots. Please let me know if you would like to donate any of these items. The special guest for each student is welcome to come in during the morning (8:00-11:00 a.m.). Please bring your own gardening tools and wear appropriate shoes/clothing. We look forward to sharing this special day with you!

May Day is Friday, May 1st.

Ms. Maggie

### *Upper Elementary Class*

Parents – This week's homework is outlined in the table below. The homework for Upper Elementary students consists of preparation for the ITBS next week.

	Wednesday pm	Thursday pm
4th Years	(bringing book home; answer on paper) Language Mini-tests 1,2,3 Time yourself on each.	Math Mini-tests 1,2,3

5th Years	(bringing copies home) Pages 95-110	Pages 111-125
6th years	(bringing book home; answer on paper) Final Language Test pg 31 Math Mini-Tests Time yourself on each.	Language Final test. Language Mini-tests