



# Dolphin Tales

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## May Birthdays

Jack C.	5/2	Dia S.	5/14
Ms. LaKosta	5/3	Parks H.	5/17
Delilah H.	5/5	AJ H.	5/21
Oliver M.	5/7	Will M.	5/26
Joy A.	5/8	Evan H.	5/27
Augustus C.	5/10	Charlie R.	5/28
Salem E.	5/11	Ms. Rana	5/28
Ford L.	5/11	Ms. Leigh Ann	5/28
Benjamin C.	5/12	Dev S.	5/29
Eli H.	5/12	Lyla L.	5/30

## Summer Birthdays

Cecilia M.	6/9	Merritt P.	7/6
Charlotte M.	6/15	Ms. Marissa	7/16
Clayton H.	6/16	Ms. Kelly H.	7/18
Cora K.	6/19	Wanting C.	7/21
Ira June S.	6/19	Luke F.	7/22
Ben M.	6/20	Fateh S.	7/22
Arhaan P.	6/24	Joy S.	7/22
Ella R.	6/25	Jeb M.	7/24
Ms. Shannon	6/8	Haruto T.	7/25
Ms. Ribar	6/11	Maverick R.	7/27
Mr. Jim	6/18	Gracie H.	7/28
Ms. Lelia	6/23	Miles K.	7/31

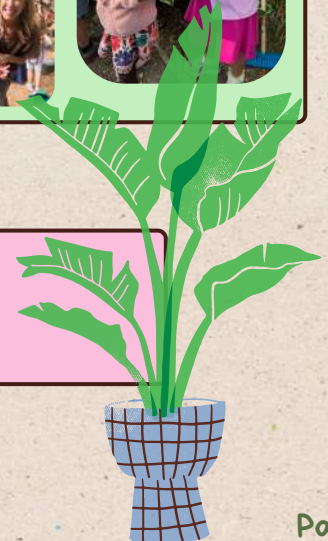
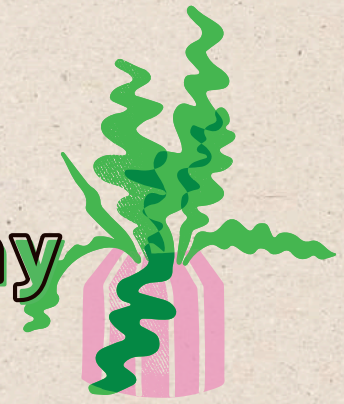
## Important Dates

May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Primary Field Day
May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Toddler Water Day
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	MSOR Spring Concert & Graduation Late Stay will end at 4:15pm
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Last Day of School (Half Day) Elementary Field Day

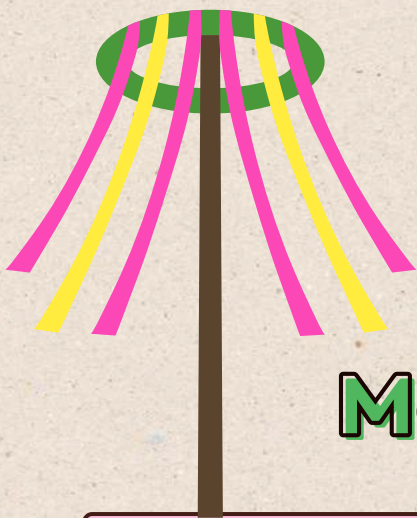




# Gardening & Special Person's Day



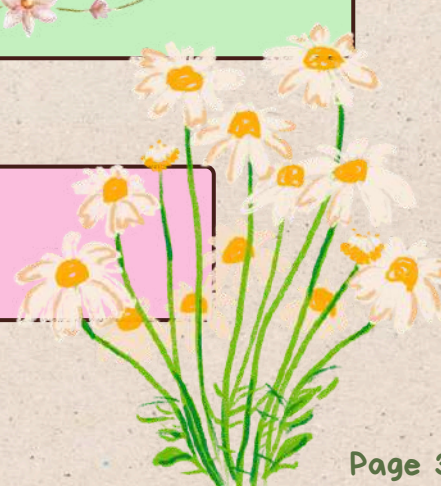
Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup> 2026



# May Day & Mother's Day Program



Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 2026



# Important Graduation Information

**All students participating in graduation should be dropped off at Brookes Chapel (Shorter University) at 8:00am on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> for rehearsal that morning.  
Rehearsal will begin promptly at 8:30am.**

Third Year Primary Parents – Please pick up your child from Brookes Chapel at 10:30am.

Elementary Parents – Please pick up your child from Brookes Chapel at 10:45am.

*Primary and Elementary students are encouraged to go home and rest for the day following rehearsal.*

Primary parents – if your child must return to school, please send something for him/her to rest on as they will have rest time at school.

**IMPORTANT:** Adolescent/Secondary students will not be dismissed following rehearsal and **MUST** return to school.

When returning that evening for Graduation, please leave your child with his/her teacher at Brookes Chapel **NO LATER THAN 5:45**. Group pictures will begin promptly at that time and we need all participating students present.

## **Graduation Dress:**

**Girls:** White or Ecru dress and shoes. No strapless or spaghetti strap dress. No high heels.

*Primary:* flats or sandals with a strap across the heel.

*Elementary:* no more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch heel.

Sandals need to have a strap across the heel.

**Boys:** White Oxford shirts, Khaki dress pants, Navy Jackets, with any colored standard or bowtie. Dress socks and dress shoes.

**Floral:** We order small nosegays and boutonnieres from Bussey's Florist. They will be distributed at Shorter before pictures.

**Reminder: Late Stay will end at 4:15pm on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.  
All students must be picked up no later than 4:15pm!**

## **A Message from Ms. Angela:**

Remember to practice your songs for graduation!





# Graduation Portraits

## Montessori School of Rome 2026

### Graduation Pictures

Pictures will be taken on: May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 at Shorter College.  
You are welcome to purchase more than one package for the same price on the day of pictures. All packages are to be prepaid. Make checks payable to Classic Impressions. If you have any questions about your photos please call us at Classic Impressions.

**Package A: \$40.00**

1(5x7)

4(3 1/2 x5s)

1-5x7 group

**Package B: \$40.00**

1(5x7)

2(3 1/2 x 5)

8 wallets

1-5x7 group

**Package C: \$30**

1 Digital Image of Individual

(Must include email address)

**5x7 Group Only: \$12**

**Additional Prints After a Package is Purchased:**

8x10- \$15

1-5x7- \$12

8-wallets-\$15.00

**Pictures taken by:**

*Classic Impressions*  
PORTRAIT STUDIO

1108 North Fifth Ave. Rome Ga 30165

Phone: 706-234-6242

We thank you for allowing us to photograph your child/children.

**Parent's**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Portrait of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Extra Package:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sign-Ups for Graduation Portraits are now open! Please click the link below to select a time. If the list fills up and you are not able to select a time, please contact Ms. Jamie directly to schedule a time.**

**Please submit with the sign-up form is below!**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COF4EA4A62BA5FDC61-63329494-2026#/>

# Toddler News

Ms. Ginny's, Ms. Stephanie's, and Ms. Gracie's Class



It's hard to believe this is the last newsletter of the school year! What a great year it's been with a great group of toddlers and such wonderful parents!

We could not do all the things we do without the help from you parents and you all were so willing to step up and help in anyway we needed. You are appreciated more than you know!!

Thank you all for attending Mothers Day/May Day! It is honestly my favorite program. The children practiced hard on their songs and I was very proud of them.

This month we are talking about the ocean and all the creatures that live there. It's a very enjoyable topic for the kids. We will sing lots of songs and make several crafts.

The last week of school we will have lots of fun. Tuesday (19th) we will make some kind of 'fishy' snack. On Wednesday (20th) we will have our big end of year water day party.

The kids come to school with their swim suits on, water shoes, towel and sunscreen applied. We will set up pools and water tables on lower elementary basketball courts and play music and let them splash away!! If you have any pools or water tables we can borrow for this, that'd be great. Just let me know. We will also have one of the family size inflatable pools for them to play in. This is always a hit!! They will also need a set of extra clothing to change into afterwards . On Thursday (21st) we will have movie day. Then on Friday (22nd) we will have a dance party and just enjoy each other! School is only 1/2 day with toddlers needing to be picked up by 11:00.



# Toddler News

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

Can you believe this is the final newsletter of the year? This year has flown by! May is here, and it's time to enjoy some fun in the sun! With summer fast approaching, we will be learning about the ocean to prepare for everyone's beach vacations. We discussed the land and sea yesterday. We used our Montessori globe to feel the difference between the rough land and the smooth blue water. We will learn about the different types of oceans. We will discuss the different creatures that live in the cold and the warm waters.

We have a lot of new water work out this month! We will be bringing out some favorites, such as sink and float, seashell scrubbing, "fishing", and "painting" the fence. We will also be watering our beautiful plants that they planted on gardening day. Please ensure that your child has a full set of extra clothes.

We will have a busy month! We have lots of fun activities lined up to end the school year! The last week of school, we will have themed days. I'm attaching the schedule. Please make sure to read it because I need your help to pull this off! I will send more in-depth instructions closer to the time. Please send in \$5 for t-shirts as soon as you can. I'm picking those up this week.

I want to thank you for trusting us with your children this year! It has been such a joy watching them grow. It is so hard at the end of the year. I am always so sad to be losing my kids who move up to Primary or move on to new adventures. I am also worried about who the new leaders will be for the following year's class. It's hard to go from seeing your children daily to not seeing them at all for months! We have had a wonderful year! We have really enjoyed getting to know you and your children. Thank you for all of your love and support this year! Kristin, Kelly, and I are so thankful and wish you all the best summer!



# Primary News

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

The practical life skills children learn in a Montessori classroom—such as sweeping, watering plants, washing dishes, and folding laundry etc. —easily carry over into the home during summer vacation. These familiar activities give children a sense of purpose and independence while helping them contribute meaningfully to family life.

At home, children can take pride in caring for their environment just as they do in the classroom. Simple routines like watering plants each morning or helping with laundry build consistency, responsibility, and confidence. When given real tasks and the time to complete them, children often rise to the occasion with focus and joy.

Continuing these skills over the summer helps maintain independence and reinforces the connection between school and home, making everyday life a natural extension of their learning.

Since Practical Life skills are common everyday tasks, it is actually quite easy to incorporate these activities at home. This is useful during summertime or other breaks from school. In most cases, no special materials are needed and very little preparation is required.

Here are some simple ideas of Practical Life activities in the home:

- Helping with the laundry—bringing laundry to the basket, putting clothes in the washing machine, transferring clothes to the dryer, adding soap, sorting and folding the clean laundry
- Getting dressed and undressed
- Brushing one's hair
- Brushing one's teeth
- Hand washing
- Dish washing
- Table setting
- Helping prepare meals—scooping, mixing, pouring, measuring, washing vegetables, slicing

## 8 Tips for Bringing Practical Life Activities into the Home:

- Prepare the environment
- Model the process
- Allow the child the opportunity to practice
- Follow the child
- Live in the moment
- Focus on the process, rather than the product
- Look for ways children can help
- Make it fun!

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# Primary News

Ms. Angie's and Ms. Kelly's Class

Happy May! Thank you to everyone that came out to our May Day celebration. We have so much going on in May. You'll find all the important dates below.

Our third years will be graduating the Primary program on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at Shorter College. We do invite all our first and second years to come and watch. They will even be invited on the stage for a special song to sing with the graduates. A separate email to all graduates went out earlier from the office with specifics about dress attire and timing.

We have several children with summer birthdays. And since birthdays are a big deal in our class, we invite them to pick a date in May to celebrate with the class. You'll find some of the birthday celebrations listed below. There will be several dates we won't need lunch—those have been italicised in the Important Dates to Remember.

We hope everyone has a great rest of the school year and a great summer. We feel honoured that you have entrusted your children to us this year.

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

5/8/2026: 3rd Year Field Trip to the Booth Western Art Museum in Cartersville, Ga

5/11/2026: FLOWERS-MATTHEW

5/11/2026: *Ford's birthday lunch-NO LUNCH NEEDED*

5/12/2026: FRUIT/VEGGIE-MATTHEW

5/12/2026: Maverick's birthday treat

5/14/2026: Special visitor coming to observe our class for Mrs. Kelly's Montessori training

5/15/2026: *Dia's birthday lunch-NO LUNCH NEEDED*

5/15/2026: FIELD DAY! Volunteers needed-please see email from front office for a sign up sheet

5/18/2026: *Merritt & Cece's birthday lunch-NO LUNCH NEEDED*

5/19/2026: *Fateh's birthday lunch-NO LUNCH NEEDED*

5/20/2026: Clayton's birthday treat

5/20/2026: Wacky Wednesday-dress wacky and wear your hair as wacky as possible-**NO LUNCH NEEDED**-Mrs. Kelly & Mrs. Angie will provide

5/21/2026: Graduation practice at Shorter College for 3rd years; late stay ends at 4:15PM

5/22/2026: Bug Day/Last day of school! **HALF DAY**-dismissal at 11:15AM **NO LUNCH NEEDED**



# Lower El News

Ms. Robin's Class

We'll be very busy during these last three weeks of school. Students are racing to finish their math, language, and word study planners, completing outstanding cultural work, and getting lots of individual lessons as we make our way to the finish line. We're enjoying lots of math fun and games to reinforce fraction, money, time, and geometry concepts. All students will complete end of year Albanesi reviews next week.

Ms. Maggie, event coordinator extraordinaire, has planned an exciting last week of school:

## End of Year Events

**Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>: Crumbl Field Trip**

**Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>: Pajama Day/Movie**

- Please bring a sleeping bag (or blanket)
- Please send in a large, labeled bag to bring school belongings home at the end of the week.

**Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>: Nature/Camping Day**

- Please bring your favorite books (with name labeled inside), and book light (or small flashlight).
- We would also like to have a nature inspired snack (ants on a log, s'mores veggies, fruit, 'dirt' pudding, trail mix, etc.). Please email me if you would like to send in a snack.

**Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>: Wacky Wednesday**

- Wear mismatched clothes, crazy hair, etc. Get as wacky as you can!

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**Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>: Outdoor Field Day/ Half Day**

- Please wear water shoes with a strap (No flip-flops/Crocs), clothing that you can get wet in, and a towel.
- Pick-up from our playground by 11:30 a.m.

## FRACTION BINGO!



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Ms. Maggie's Class

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What was your favorite memory, activity, or event from this school year?

**Gabriella:** 'My favorite memory was at the Y.M.C.A. when we had free play. We would pretend the basketballs were steering wheels and we would drive to Starbucks.'

**Lyra:** 'My favorite activity was the bird Olympics at the 4-H center. I really like the winter activities too.'

**Wyatt:** 'My favorite part about the year was the crafts. I really liked the big flower craft and all of the weaving projects. I really liked International Day.'

**Vittoria:** 'My favorite event was Gardening Day because we saw a possum and we got to plant. I enjoyed the crafts, especially the possum one. I loved the Halloween parade and all of the costumes.'

**Rajveer:** 'My favorite activity is playing kickball at the Y.M.C.A. and my favorite day is pajama day.'

**Atsuto:** 'My favorite part was playing soccer at the Y.M.C.A. I like the painting projects.'

**Leo:** 'My favorite event was Gardening Day because of the flowers, the cookies, and because my daddy came. My favorite memory was kicking the ball on the playground.'

**Peyton:** 'My favorite activity was when Ms. Cheyanne made goo with us. I loved going hiking on the 4-H field trip and planting on Gardening Day.'

**Uriah:** 'My favorite day was International Day because of the copybaras. I also really liked pajama day.'

**Serena:** 'My favorite day was pajama day. The 4-H field trip was really fun too!'

**Noah:** 'My favorite event was Easter. I liked hiding the eggs and watching the Primary students find them. I like the Y.M.C.A. and Gardening Day.'

**Jackson:** 'My favorite day was May Day. I also liked Gardening Day because I gardened with Leo and my TiTi.'





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