



MONTESSORI SCHOOL of ROME

Weekly Notes August 18, 2026

Office Announcements

Welcome Back!

We have officially kicked off the 2026-2027 academic year and things are off to a great start. We are also so excited to welcome 17 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!

Drop-Off & Pick-Up Reminders:

Drop-Off: It is very important students arrive only during the assigned drop-off window for their program. Please do not arrive earlier or later than your child's assigned 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!

Join Us This Friday for Daddy's Night!

As a reminder we will hold our Daddy's Night / Back to School Picnic this Friday, August 21st 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!



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2025-2026 Yearbooks For Sale!

Missed out on buying a 2025-2026 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!

- **Daddy's Night & Back-To-School Picnic** – This Friday, August 21st | 5:30-7:00pm
- **Labor Day (No School)** – Monday, September 7th
- **Primary Parent Education Night** – Tuesday, September 8th
- **Lower Elementary Field Trip to Tellus Museum** – Thursday, September 10th
- **International Day of Peace** – Monday, September 21st
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences (No School)** – Friday, October 2nd
- **Toddler & Primary Field Trip | Rocky Hollow Pumpkin Patch** – Thursday, October 9th

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

It has been great to get this new school year started and meet all of your sweet children. Most are settling in well and are learning their new routine. It usually takes around two weeks to get them use to what we do each day.

Lunches are looking pretty good so far! Just remember, we can't serve grapes....even if they are cut up. Please look in the handbook and see the other foods that are not accepted by the state. Due to being a choking hazard, we are not allowed to serve them per state guidelines.

Stephanie is still working on getting everyone to join Remind. Please do as soon as possible . We use it often throughout the year.

You are all doing great getting your child to school and picked up at the allotted times. We appreciate this very much.

Fridays will be our library day this year. We walk over to the library and Ms. Natalie reads us several books. The children then get to choose a book from the shelves to take home for the week. We provide a bag for this. Please return their book by the following Friday so on Friday they can check out another one. We only allow one book at a time to be checked out.

If you ever have any concerns or questions, please text me at (706) 346-4029. My hours at work are 6:30am-2:30pm as I work in the early care program. I am able to respond usually during the children's nap time. If something is urgent, just call the office.

Ms. Ginny & Ms. Stephanie

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

We have had an exciting start to the new school year! The children are settling in beautifully. We still have a few that are struggling with transitions, but overall, everyone is working toward normalization! We have been working on learning our routines. This month

we will focus a lot on grace and courtesy, routines, colors, and shapes. We will also discuss class rules. For our classroom we have two very important rules: 1) Be Kind and 2) Be Safe. I have found that you can address most situations under these headings. Monday we discussed being kind with your hands, feet, and your words. We have introduced the topic and will continue discussing it throughout the school year should any situations arise. Some of the phrases we use are, "Gentle hands," or "Please be kind with your hands." Please feel free to use the same language with your child to work toward consistency.

In our classroom we do a lot of handwashing. Please allow your child to wash his/her own hands at home. Keep in mind - Accomplishing small tasks supports their independence.

***** NO LUNCH NEEDED THIS FRIDAY:** Alaia will be celebrating her 2nd birthday with us this Friday August 21st by bringing pizza, fruit, veggies, and cupcakes. No lunch is needed on Friday unless your child has a food allergy to any of these items.

Reminders:

- Please label everything. This includes clothes, silverware, lunchboxes, and water bottles
- Please include fruits and vegetables with your child's lunch.
- If your child comes home with dirty clothes, please send in a new set the following day.
- If your child arrives after 8:25am please take him/her to the office and Jamie will walk them to class.
- Only tennis shoes are allowed. This is a safety issue when we go to the playground. Small pebbles and mulch can get inside other types of footwear and hurt a child's feet.

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!

Ms. Kelly and Ms. Kristin

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

Hello to everyone! What a great start to our new school year. The children are making new friends and adjusting to our routine. Playground and lunch times are being enjoyed with socializing. It is so fun to watch.

A few reminders to help your child have a great day every day.

Please stay in your car at drop off. Someone will get your child out of the car. It makes morning transitioning so much easier. Afternoon pickup is 2:30-2:45.

Please make sure that your child has an extra change of clothes.

Please check flower and fruits and veggies list for your day. Thanks to Jack and his family for this week's fruit. 🍌

This Friday is our Daddy's Night and Back-to-School Picnic! We look forward to seeing everyone there and our students have worked hard to create a craft for their daddies they will give out that night.

It is going to be a great year. Thanks for your help and support with our class.

Ms. Angie & Ms. Kelly

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

The children are settling into their new classroom routines beautifully. Our returning students have done a wonderful job readjusting to the classroom environment and have been kind and welcoming as they help our new friends become familiar with our daily routines.

One of the highlights of the first few weeks has been meeting our newest classroom member, **Chad the guinea pig!** The children have enjoyed learning how to care for him and are excited to have him as part of our classroom community.

We have also been impressed with the nutritious lunches the children have been bringing to school. Thank you for your thoughtful preparation and support in helping the children develop healthy eating habits.

Please ensure that all of your child's belongings are clearly labeled with their name. This helps us quickly identify and return misplaced items and keeps our classroom organized.

Finally, we are very excited to see all of you on **Friday** for **Daddy's Night and Picnic!** It will be a wonderful opportunity to spend time together as a classroom community, and we look forward to sharing a fun and memorable evening with our families.

Ms. Ortrud & Ms. Teri

Ms. Maggie's Lower Elementary Class

Dear families,

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 (7:45-7:55) and for making this a smooth transition for your child.

Please remember to bring a change of clothing and bug spray/sunscreen in if you have not done so already. Please also return any clear homework pouches from last year. Several students

presented their summer projects on Friday and Monday. They did a great job! Please send in your projects and your summer homework this week as well.

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 sweets or juices.

We hope to see you this Friday at our Daddy's Night & Back-To-School Picnic from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Our first field trip to the Tellus Museum is Thursday, September 10th. Our program begins at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$12 for students and \$20 for chaperones. Please let us know if you are available to drive. Students will need to bring a sack lunch and water bottle. A field trip permission slip will be sent home soon.

Thank you,

Ms. Maggie

Ms. Robin's & Ms. Rana's Lower Elementary Class

Parents,

It was so nice to spend Thursday getting to know our new first year students, and the next day was even better when we welcomed returning students. The students enjoyed back to school games, art work, and beginning work in language and math.

This week we have started spelling assessments to determine placement into our Words Their Way spelling program. It is a fun way to learn and practice spelling rules/patterns at each student's level. We continued our math facts practice. We will begin each day with daily math facts practice as a launch into our 3.5 hour work cycle. It is very important to have your child here and out of the car by 7:55 so that they can be in the classroom and ready to work at 8:00. Frequently our days will begin with group lessons, and it is very unsettling for a child to walk in late.

Please remember to send in a pair of classroom shoes for your child. They don't have to be brand new- just clean and not flip flops or sandals. Slip ons with backs are easiest to manage for them. Classroom shoes will stay at school. The sneakers worn to and from school will be left in hallway cubbies while they are in the classroom and they will wear those home each day.

Please send a light sweater or jacket for your child each day. Our classroom often gets very chilly. Students have enough hooks to leave them hanging in the hallway, and they may keep one at school if that makes it easier.

Please send a change of clothes in a plastic or Zip-Lock bag to have in case of spills, muddy falls, or accidents. Also send sunscreen and bug spray if your child needs to reapply at school. Please teach them how to apply it; we don't have time to do it. (We'd miss half of our recess...)

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE label all water bottles, clothing, and personal items.

Summer homework and projects should all be turned in by Thursday. Children presented dioramas today. They really enjoy seeing each other's creations. Students get to practice their public speaking/presentation skills, then they call on their classmates who have questions about the book and project. They love to hear about all the books, and their curiosity often leads them to seek out the books to read on their own.

Our first field trip to the Tellus Museum is Thursday, September 10th. Our program begins at 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$12 for students and \$20 for chaperones. Please let us know if you are available to drive. Students will need to bring a sack lunch and water bottle. A field trip permission slip will be sent home soon.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Have a wonderful week. We hope to see all of you Friday evening at 5:30 for our back-to-school event!

Ms. Robin and Ms. Rana

Upper Elementary Class

Welcome back Upper Elementary families! It has been a great start to the school year, and we are so excited for a fantastic year.

To ensure our year starts off on the right foot we kindly ask you review the MSOR policies regarding lunches and dress code. For your convenience, these policies are pasted below directly from our Montessori School of Rome Parent/Student Handbook:

Dress Code:

A. General Guidelines

- *Dress should be moderate and not provide a distraction to the learning process.*

- *Students are expected to be well groomed (including clean and combed hair) and appropriately dressed while on campus and while representing the school off campus (for example, on field trips, for which specific dress guidelines will be given depending on the nature of the field trip).*
- *Clothing must be neat, clean, and in good repair.*
- *It is important that shoes be comfortable, practical, and in good repair*
- *Modesty shorts must be worn under dresses and skirts.*

B. Prohibited Items

- *Shoes without backs (i.e. slip-on, clogs). For safety reasons, shoes must be tied or closed.*
- *Blinking lights or characters on shoes. They are distracting to students.*
- *Nail polish and make-up.*
- *Hats indoors.*
- *Flip-flops, sandals, boots, or Crocs— (only sneakers are allowed).*
- *Extremely oversized or tight clothing.*
- *Shirts with characters or super heroes/heroines. We emphasize reality based learning; through years of experience, we have discovered that clothing with characters/super heroes/heroines is a distraction. If a child wears a shirt to school with a character, we turn the shirt inside out to eliminate the distraction.*
- *Any clothing which causes a disruption or aggressive behavior.*
- *Sweatpants or athletic shorts (except for PE time at the YMCA).*

Lunch Policy:

A. The Montessori School of Rome does not provide lunch.

A nutritious lunch should be prepared and sent to school with the student. A nutritious lunch includes foods from the four basic food groups, and milk or 100% fruit juices. Each child is required to have a vegetable, fruit, protein, and grain/bread. Chips, desserts, items with high sugar content, and other similar items should be sent sparingly and will be allowed to be eaten after the main course of food items.

B. Elementary

Please label all parts of your child's lunch box and any items that are to be warmed up. If part of a student's lunch requires refrigeration, we ask that you place a freezer pack in the lunch box or have the child place those food items in the elementary refrigerator prior to class. We will teach your child to use the microwave to warm his/her lunch, if needed. Children are asked to take home substantial amounts of uneaten food. This will help you determine the correct quantities to send.

Finally - Don't forget this Friday is our Daddy's Night & Back-to-School picnic! Join us from 5:30-7:00pm for food, fun, and inflatables on our MSOR playgrounds. We can't wait to see you there!

Thank you!

Upper Elementary Guides

Adolescent & Secondary Class

Hello Parents, and Welcome Back!

We hope this new school year is a year of growth, exploration, and discovery for your child! As a faculty group, we look forward to cultivating your child's creative and intuitive instincts, sharpening their minds, and watching them grow and mature into young adults. With these notes, we great care in providing you with as much information as we can, and I ask that you read them thoroughly so that we can all stay on the same page!

Thank you!

PLANNERS:

Every student needs a planner/agenda. If your child does NOT have one yet... please acquire one ASAP!

Textbooks and Workbooks

I hope all home copies of text and workbooks have been obtained with ease! Home copies will be trickling home this week. All students are required to have home copies of the books requested by their teachers. Please reach out to your child's respective teachers with specific questions or concerns on this matter.

Online Grades- Student and Parent access to Thinkwave.com:

Let me know if you still need access to the online gradebook!

Clubs: As soon as we know what days/times each club will meet, and who will work those clubs, we will let you know. The goal is for clubs to start in September. TBD, and TBA!

Peace Day:

Thursday, September 21, 2026 is Peace Day at MSOR! Our school wide time slot to sing the Peace Song will be announced soon. We will sing all together in the Upper Elementary classroom. More information on this soon!

Uniform Days/Attire: We are still deciding on the uniform days... you will know when we know. For some specific information regarding day-to-day attire, please see the dress code email Ms. Ariana sent on Monday!

MUSIC/GUITAR - First day of music is this Friday! Students who already have their guitars need to bring them to school on Friday. Please reach out to Ms. Angela McRee (angela@msor.org) if you have any questions.

Daddy's Night Logistics: A separate email/note home will come from Ms. Shemi/Ms. Ariana pertaining to the event. Parents, weather permitting, we need all hands on deck from you!

Thank you,

Adolescent & Secondary Guides