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# DOLPHIN TALES

## Important Dates:

- Oct. 2**  
NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 3**  
NO SCHOOL  
Parent/Teacher  
Conferences
- Oct. 10**  
Pumpkin Patch
- Oct. 13-17**  
Book Fair
- Oct. 17**  
Fall Festival
- Oct. 17**  
School Pictures
- Oct. 27-28**  
Historical Timeline
- Oct. 29**  
School Pictures (Rain  
Date)
- Oct. 31**  
Halloween Parade
- Nov. 25**  
Classroom Celebrations
- Nov. 26-28**  
Thanksgiving Holiday  
(NO SCHOOL)

## October

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| Esha S.     | 10/1  |
| Eleyana M.  | 10/9  |
| Ishiqqa M.  | 10/13 |
| Sophie S.   | 10/13 |
| Micah E.    | 10/14 |
| Jozalyn W.. | 10/16 |
| Banks B.    | 10/16 |
| Claudia T.  | 10/16 |
| Mr. Eric    | 10/16 |
| Ms. Shemi   | 10/17 |
| Scout W.    | 10/24 |
| Saniyah H.  | 10/25 |
| Kendal A.   | 10/27 |
| Ben D.      | 10/28 |
| Jason W.    | 10/29 |
| Kaylee F.   | 10/31 |



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## *Toddler News from Ms. Shannon & Ms. Dana*

October is here! It's going to be a fabulous and fun month! There are so many things happening this month!

In October, we will be talking about all the things that go bump in the night. We are going to be talking about space and nocturnal animals. We will talk about the planets and stars and where we belong in the order of it all. As well as all the really neat animals who come out at night.



The book fair is coming! It will be October 13-17 in the library. It will be open in the afternoons to take your child over after you pick them up. It will also be open during Fall Festival for you to stop in and shop.

The Fall Festival is a lot of fun! It is Friday, October 17. Everyone is welcome. Bring your family and come spend the evening. There will be lots of games and prizes. You don't want to miss

a chance to come and get to know other families and support our school.

The first week of October we will be talking about fall. We have already discussed a little about seasons. We will be talking about the life cycle of pumpkins. In the Practical Life area we will scrub pumpkins. We will discuss whether pumpkins sink or float. All this to prepare for our upcoming field trip on Friday, October 10, to the Pumpkin Patch in Adairsville. It is always a lot of fun. We will get to visit all the game areas, petting zoo, and go on a hay ride through the pumpkin fields. We finish the day with a picnic and decorate the small pumpkins that we get there. Don't forget to wear your field trip shirts and jeans. You might want to keep a close eye on the weather for that day and bring a jacket. The weather tends to be crazy there, we have roasted and frozen in past years!



School pictures are Friday, October 17. They will take class and individual pictures. So make sure to doll them up! If you would like to send in extra clothes to change them into after the pictures that is fine.

Halloween is October 31. We will celebrate with a Halloween parade and you are invited. Everyone dresses up and marches around the playground to show off their fabulous costumes. Please make sure they can get around in their costumes. We will change them if you like after the parade. We would love to have some fun desserts for lunch if anyone would like to send something in.





## *News from Ms. Rebecca and Mr. Eric*



Upper Elementary has been putting their observation skills to the test! In the previous month we have visited our local Ridge Ferry Park to further our Ecology studies as well as Coosa River Science School to enrich our history and ecology studies. Both activities were successful adventures, students enthusiastically absorbed knowledge from their surroundings.

As we re-introduce the studies of Zoology and Botany in the coming month of October, students will extend their learning through research and our monthly outing activity (October 14th). This month, the upper elementary class will explore downtown Rome. On our walk we will continue our investigations of Botany and Zoology, but our main focus will be art history/architecture concepts presented in class.

October brings several activities for students and parents. Our monthly cooking day will fall on October 10th, Friday. Fall Festival has been moved to October 17th, for which upper elementary will be preparing a 'spook house' to contribute to the community event. Historical Timeline, Halloween Parade, and Birthday Lunch will

occur the last week of October. Our class will visit the Renaissance Marquis retirement facility, the morning of October 27th, to practice Historical Timeline presentations.

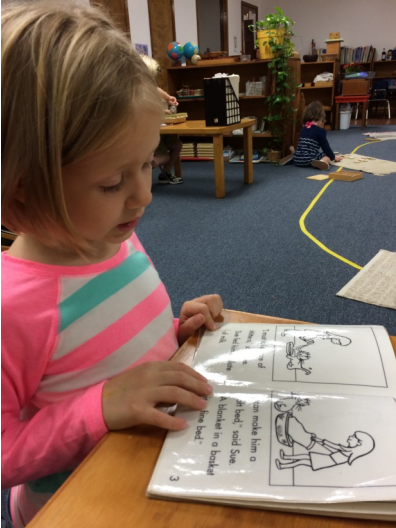
Parents, please check emails regularly for updates and details for all October events and activities.





## Primary News from Ms. Angie & Mr. Chase

September went by so fast. Thanks to everyone for making our Parent Education Classes a huge success. I have heard so much positive feedback about the information that parents gained from the classes that I believe we should have a parent education night on a yearly basis.



We enjoyed studying about the ocean. We greatly appreciated that so many of you sent in books, seashells, crafts, ocean themed stuffed animals, and special snacks that related to our ocean themed studies. The children always love to share their things from home. We had sea turtle day where we had to be very quiet and move about the classroom in a very s-l-o-o-w manner just like the sea turtles do when they are on land. The children loved it.

We have also read many books about sharks lately. I am sure that your child can tell you some facts about sharks that perhaps you didn't even know. They have been absorbing so much information!!!!

Our six week normalization window has arrived. The children are settling in to a morning work cycle and enjoying the classroom routine. I have observed so much calmness settle over the room as the weeks have passed. It is a very pleasant transformation that is always a joy to watch as it happens and I love being a part of it. I am always excited to share with you during our conferences the amazing things that your child is accomplishing in class. If you would like to visit our class during our morning work cycle, we would love to "show off" for you.



October is here!!!!!! We will begin our studies of the temperate forest biome. We will learn about the beautiful trees growing in our own yards and what happens to them as we go through each of the four seasons. We will learn about the seasons and the changes we see as the seasons vary. We LOVE learning about different types of leaves that are in our yards. We would love for you to send in different types from your yard so that we can press some, use some in crafts, do leaf rubbing with



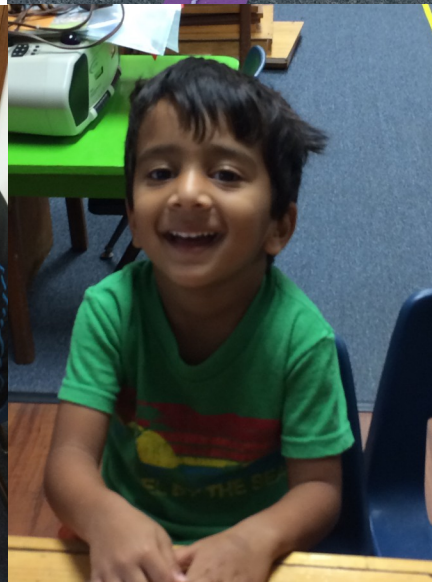
some, and just enjoy looking at them. We will also learn about the animals that we find in the temperate biome. (That should be easy for us.)

The last week of October we will study our skeletal system. I would love to have some of my physician parents visit our class and offer a short lesson to us about the bones. Our children love it when their parents are able to be part of line time. Please let me know if you are available to come in. (no pressure;).

We do have a LOT of dates on the calendar for October. I sent out a separate email with dates that were important to our class. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks to each of you for always supporting our class. You are awesome.

Angie





## Primary News from Ms. Dagmar and Ms. Emily



Happy Fall! We are switching gears in the classroom from our ocean studies to taking a closer look here at home. Fall is the BEST time of year to get outside, enjoy this wonderful fresh air and discover what is in your back yard. What type of trees are in your yard? Are the trees changing colors or losing leaves? What do you notice about the animals in your back yard? Take time to collect nest, leaves, acorns, bugs.....

We are coming up on our first field trip, I hope all forms turned in. Speaking of pumpkin patch, who would like to come in and carve a pumpkin for our class? We would love to have a parent help with this and maybe roast the seeds for a taste test. :)

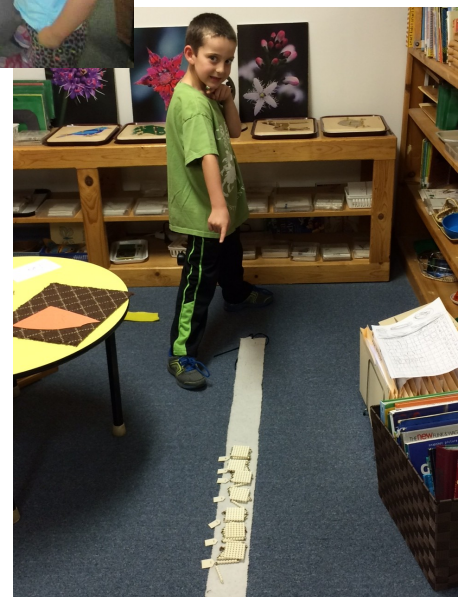
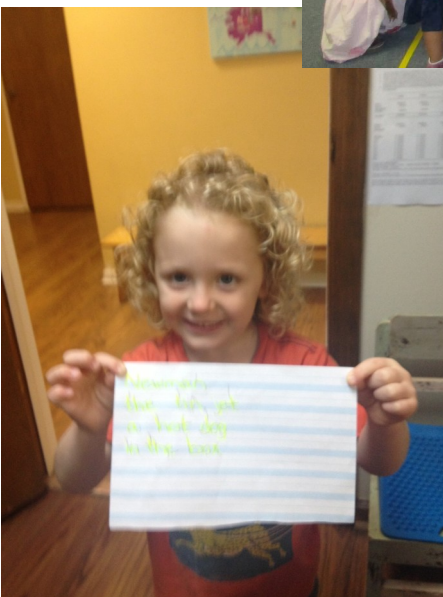


We would like to wish Kieran Ellis a Happy Birthday! Her big brother walked around the sun with her so sweetly.

Please make sure that you have signed up for a conference time. This is so very important! We need to meet with each of you to let you know all of the wonderful things your child is learning and make goals for the future.

So, your homework this month is to get outside and discover a little closer to home :) Happy fall!

Ms. Emily





*Some of the Pumpkin Patch permission slips that went home stated October 10 as the day to return the slips and money. Friday, October 10, is actually the day of the field trip.*

*Please submit permission slips and \$5.35 payment (cash or check) to the office by Monday, October 6. Sorry for the mistake!*

## *Español Ms. Carolina*

Hola!

This month has been extremely busy...we celebrated the Chilean independence and it was a success, kids loved the food and they were all excited to be part of the celebration. We've been working hard on our lessons and it's starting to pay off. It's really rewarding seeing them so eager to learn and this is just the beginning.

Ms. Carolina





## *Elementary News: Ms. Dolores & Ms. Karla*



When I look at how well the children have settled into school and how much we've accomplished, it seems like we've been back at school for months; then I look at the calendar and see that it's barely been seven weeks!

Thanks to all who attended one of our parent education nights. Hopefully, you found it informative and we were able to answer all of your questions. Now that we've completed our normalization period in

the classroom, you are welcome to observe at the window (discretely, please). And you're always welcome to drop by before or after class to peruse your child's notebooks. We will be planning another parent education night before the end of the academic year.

Parent conferences are going well and we appreciate that ALL of you were able to find a convenient time. Thank-you to those parents who have already attended; we look forward to seeing those of you who are still on the list.

Natalie Cramer took zillions of pictures during our visit to the Coosa Valley Science Center; some of them are in this newsletter!

In our afternoon culture classes, we will be focusing on states of matter and types of matter in Science classes this month. The students have already started some fun experiments this week. In Geography, she will be going over parts of mountains and types of mountains.

In Botany class, Ms. Michelle has been teaching about the main characteristics of plants. They have discussed why some living

things that appear to plants, such as the mushroom, actually belong to a different kingdom. They have reviewed photosynthesis by acting it out in play form, which they loved! The children have also reviewed the main parts of the plant. For the next few weeks, they will take a closer look at the function and types of



roots. After that, it is on to leaves!

It is a perfect time for leaf study as we head in to autumn.

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## *Elementary News: Ms. Diane and Ms. Michelle*

The month of October is packed with fun-filled activities and events! On October 17th, we have class pictures in the morning and the Fall Festival in the evening! Please send your child in with a change of clothes for the YMCA after pictures. It's hard to play basketball in a tie or a frilly dress!!

The week of October 20 -24, we will be doing our Primary presentations for Historical Timeline. I have already emailed the schedule for each child's performance date to you this weekend. We will all be performing as a class for the residents and staff at the Riverwood Retirement Home on Friday morning, Oct. 24th. We will leave school at 9:15 a.m. and return by 10:30 a.m. If you are able to drive for us, please email me. We still need 2 more drivers.

Historical Timeline evening presentations will be on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 27 & 28 at the NWGA Housing Authority's gymnasium. If you need a specific night due to other obligations, please email me by the end of next week, so I may properly place your child. Children will not be moved around once the list is set.



As always, we will have our Halloween parade at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 31st at the school. This will be followed by a party in the classroom. Please check with Denise Mullaney and Nikki Woodall to see what you can bring for the celebration.

They have graciously volunteered to coordinate, but will need your help. Please send a set of clothes for your child to change into later that day for the YMCA.

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I hope your child is coming home and telling you about all the wonderful things that he/she is learning each day!





## *Adolescent News from Mr. Evan & Mr. Zach*

This past month, the adolescents have focused on increasing self-reliance, expanding their appreciation for service to others, and integrating life skills with academic excellence. As an educator and parent, what has fascinated me the most during these weeks has



been to witness how fast the students have matured and how much they have learned. The students

have had three important excursions into the greater Rome community. They attended a luncheon with members of Leadership Georgia and met with Governor Nathan Deal at the Rome Chamber of Commerce meet and greet. They also ushered for the Chamber of Commerce presentation by Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus who spoke about building a more peaceful society through service to others, as evidenced in his own work to provide microfinancing to poor populations in developing countries. It is just these kinds of real life experiences that exemplify Maria Montessori's call for adolescents to get out of the classroom to learn about broader society. In Literature class, students have read work by Amy Tan on the pressures of childhood and poetry by Walt Whitman on the celebration of independent thinking. These and other works focused on the challenges of being a young person and the calmness and wisdom that develops with positive thinking and deliberate actions. Reflecting on a poem by Emily Dickinson in which the speaker both celebrates the beauty and difficulty of being independent, one student commented that life was a poem that we add to every day, telling our own story. How wonderful and true. How unfiltered and honest. How demonstrative of the changes taking place in these young men and women.



In history class, students have completed the first unit of study, covering pre-history development and early civilizations. As young historians, the adolescents have demonstrated keen interest in the past. They have made important connections between the past and present. Continuing with the work they completed in Upper EL,

they have learned that river valleys, high mountains, and great seas made a huge impact on the successes and limitations of individuals and societies.

Students have also begun to question their own assumptions about the past. They understand that historical study demands that we come to the material without preconceived judgments. During one seminar, for example, students reflected on the important roles that women played in the earliest civilizations in China, expressing appreciation for an ancient system of governance. It is not easy to drop the veil of our own assumptions of the past. The adolescents have begun to do just this, abandoning preconceptions and taking more active roles in understanding history.



Keeping with the themes of building self-reliance and integrating life skills with academics, students have initiated work on the community garden. One of the beds is complete. Next week it will have soil and seeds. The students have learned to safely operate a miter saw and a cordless drill. All looked determined and pleased to see their efforts result in the construction of a physical structure. Understanding that the planting season is coming to an end, the Adolescents will focus on growing a few winter crops, such as greens, herbs, and flowers.

Building and maintaining a garden is an integral element to any Montessori adolescent program. The students have embraced the garden project with great enthusiasm. One student's regular producing got the project off the ground. The garden not only provides a place to plant and grow food. Far from the classroom, it also provides a welcome change of location, an oasis for the mind and hands.

In the month to come the adolescents will focus on implementing business projects, expanding recycling programs, and moving towards the completion of several large academic projects, including science, writing, and historical timeline research.

### **Book Fair**

**Starting October 22**

Come support the adolescent program;  
buy a book (or 3)!

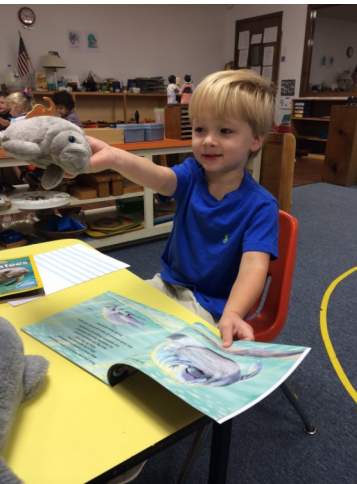


## *News from Ms. Ana Maria & Ms. Cayce*

We have some exciting news in our class. The adoption papers came for Squeaky! It was very exciting on Monday! We also received a bio about the manatee. I have placed the papers outside the closet door so the children can show them to you. We are very sad that ocean studies are coming to an end. We have studied everything from why there is salt in the ocean, to how the ocean came to be, to mammals of the ocean. One of the favorite works in the classroom is to label the different oceans. The children always really enjoy this topic and are amazed by something new each day. I think I learned just as much as the children this month! We even looked at salt under a microscope. The children were amazed. The third years really enjoyed the ocean as well. They have chosen so many topics to research. It was wonderful being able to watch them be so curious.



We have also begun to study the continents. We started by learning the names of the continents and a continent song which the children can be heard singing throughout the day. We then studied North America and the countries in North America. We always love all of our cultural studies.



Next month we will be studying the temperate forest. This is always a fun one because it is our own background. We encourage the children to go on nature walks around their house and bring in what they find. This could be an acorn, a leaf they think is beautiful, or bark from a tree. These are just some of the examples of things that have been brought in in the past. The possibilities are endless of what they children can find.

October will be a very busy month for us! Here is a schedule of events:

October 10th- Pumpkin Patch

October 16th- Lelia Stina (Luca's mom) will cook pizza with the children. You will not need to send lunch that day.

October 17th- Picture Day and Fall Festival

October 24th- YMCA Boofest (Montessori teachers and students will be there handing out candy)

October 29th- Sarah Davis (Tal's mom) is coming in to have a science and cooking morning with the children.

October 31st- Halloween Parade



Please let me know if you have any questions about the month of October. It is going to a fun month!



## Toddler News from Ms. Ginny & Ms. Pam



My, how time seems to zoom on by so quickly!! I can't believe it is October already!!

This month we will be learning all about nocturnal animals! This is always a lot of fun! It seems to go right along with Halloween;) We will talk about bats, foxes, owls, hedgehogs, opossums, raccoons and so many more. We will enjoy many crafts and songs to go along with it.

We will also learn a little about Soace. We have several books the children will enjoy and a few songs to help them learn about it.

October is also a busy month for other things here at school. We will be visiting the Pumpkin Patch Friday, October 10.



Please be sure to send your child's permission slip, along with the money for his/her admission in by October 6 if you are planning to go. Parents will have to pay once you get there. This is really a fun field trip for the kids. It includes many animals, some that your child may pet, an area they get to swing and play a couple of games, a maze, and a

hayride. We will also picnic there so be sure to bring a lunch and drink for your child and yourself! There are usually plenty of picnic tables, but you may bring a blanket if you would like.

October 17 is "picture day". Dress your little one up and be ready for pictures first thing that morning. You may bring a change of



clothes for after the pictures if you wish. Pam and I will

be happy to change them;)! Then, that night, we will have our "Fall Festival" here at school on the playground. Hope you can make plans to attend.

October 31, is our Halloween parade at school. Let your child come in their costume if you wish or

bring it and we will get them ready by parade time. We will take up money and have a pizza lunch and have a sign up sheet for fruit, dessert and juice boxes, etc.

Thank you parents for all that you do. A lot of things would be impossible without your support and help :)!



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