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Important Dates:

Nov. 21

Primary Field trip to New Echota

Nov. 25

Classroom Celebrations

Nov. 26-28

Thanksgiving Holiday
(NO SCHOOL)

Dec. 5

Frozen in concert

Dec. 16

Holiday Program Rome
City Auditorium

Dec. 19

1/2 day of school: Holiday
celebrations in class-
rooms

Dec. 22—Jan. 2

Winter Break

Jan. 5

School resumes

November

Sam D.	11/2
Mimi H.	11/2
Davis I.	11/04
Wesley I.	11/04
Luca A-S.	11/04
Aubree C.	11/07
Shreya P.	11/15
Nicholas W.	11/16
Isabel D.	11/16
Shemi H.	11/17
Ryder C.	11/17
Bear B.	11/18
Lily C.	11/23
Charles G.	11/27
Ms. Ginny	11/28



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HISTORICAL TIMELINE



HALLOWEEN PARADE



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Toddler News from Ms. Shannon & Ms. Dana



November is here! This month we will be learning about different kinds of food and our five senses. We will also talk about fall and Thanksgiving. We will have lots of food objects for naming in the language area. We have counting cookies and shape cupcakes in the math area. We would love to have some Indian corn for the practical life area and a new small pumpkin to scrub. We also have leaf raking out in practical life.

We will celebrate Thanksgiving in the classroom on November 25 at 11:30. I will be posting a sign up sheet for a toddler friendly meal. You are welcome to attend! Please make sure to RSVP when you sign



up. The school will be closed November 26-28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Thanks to everyone who has sent in their money for the Holiday program costumes. Please send in \$11 if you haven't done so. I would love to get these finished.

A few housekeeping notes:

- Remember to change your extra clothes to season appropriate if you haven't done so.
- Make sure to pack silverware daily.
- Please send a jacket everyday. We go outside for an hour of recess and it gets chilly.

News from Ms. Rebecca and Mr. Eric

After the whirlwind of October, with its *many* exciting activities, we are settling into the month of November with renewed energy and an academic focus. We have many new lessons and concepts being presented in Math and Language, as well as continued in-depth lessons in the taxonomy of animal and plant kingdoms.

Additionally, we will continue our Socratic method of *shared inquiry* in Junior Great Books. The 4th years are particularly gaining fluency in this method, and are accurately generating multiple answers to interpretive questions, using textual evidence for each. In Writer's Workshop, all students are learning methods of research writing—with instruction in paraphrasing and summarizing, direct quotes, composing an outline, and rough drafts. Additionally, we are working on composing expository essays about the chapter books we have selected. This will go beyond the standard book report and involve

specific techniques for exposing the reader to new information.

Alongside our academic focus, we will be increasing our efforts in the *Frozen* production. With additional practice days and small group work during recess, we should be ready for this new performance.

For Thanksgiving, our class will have its annual pot-luck style Feast. Our students will be involved in preparing a number of side dishes and sweet treats, while the parents will be invited to sign up for traditional feast items (turkey, dressing, etc.). Families are welcome at this joyous lunch!

We look forward to this month of gratitude, and will continue challenging the students in all areas of the curriculum.

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Primary News from Ms. Angie & Mr. Chase

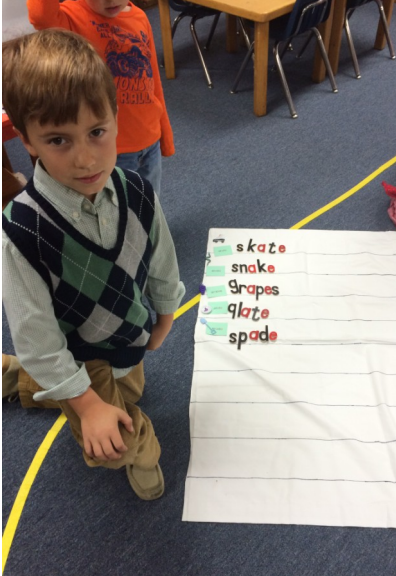
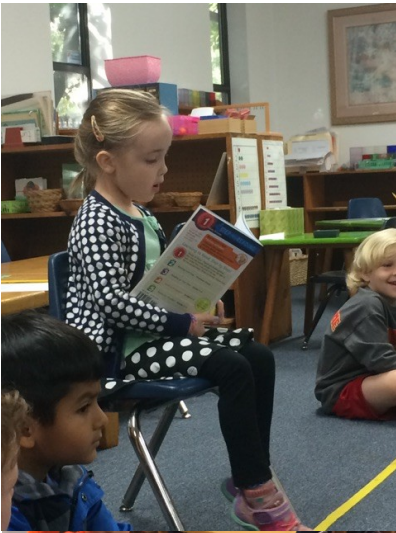
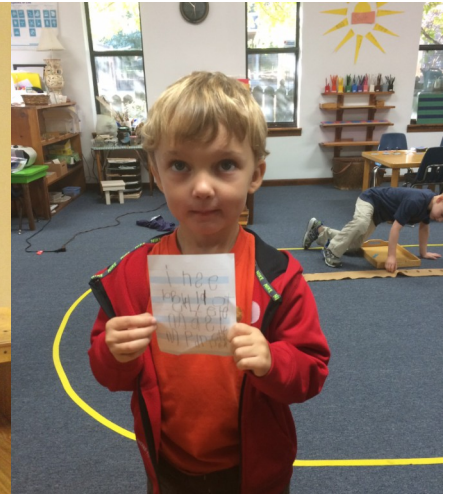
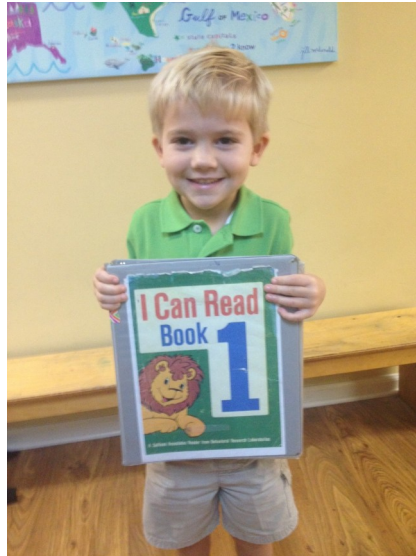
October was so busy and demanding. Now, it is time to take a breath. Whew!!! Thanks to all who came out for the primary play date at the park. It was cold, but we still managed to have a lot of fun. The fall festival was also well attended and fun, fun, fun. We had school pictures, Parent-Teacher conferences, Historical Timeline, Square One Art, Halloween party, and the Halloween costume parade. Busy!! Busy!! I am sure that we are ready for a relaxing November.

The children have settled in beautifully to a morning routine and work cycle. I enjoy watching the children as they work, and I am able to see the academic progress on a daily basis. I have seen children in their first stages of reading and gaining mastery on materials. It is a wonderful and special time in the classroom. The children have discovered all the interesting materials in the classroom.

Many lessons have been given and now the children are able to work and achieve mastery of the materials.

Thanks to everyone who made our Halloween festivities successful. The children enjoyed showing their costumes to their friends. The pizza party was great. The children enjoyed all the spooky treats. We also enjoyed Dr. Brown's lesson on the bones. The skull was a hit!! The children retain so much information from the lessons.

We will study the woodland biome this month. We will discuss the animals that you may find in the woodlands. We are still learning about all the different types of leaves that we find in our own yard. If you have any unusual leaves, the class would enjoy seeing them. Leaf rubbing is a favorite art project in our class. We will also study Native Americans and Pilgrims as



we learn about the first Thanksgiving. We will also research the different tribes of Native Americans that can be found in The United States. We have a field trip planned to New Echota in Calhoun Georgia. It is planned for November 21st. I will send out more information and a permission slip soon. The New Echota field trip is always fun, and there is an abundance of history to be gained from this trip. We will end our month with a Thanksgiving feast on Tuesday, November 25th. We will post a sign up sheet soon. We would love for parents to join us. Please let me know if you are able to join us for our Thanksgiving celebration.

Have a great and restful month.
Angie

Primary News from Ms. Dagmar and Ms. Emily



Can you believe it is already November? This wonderful year is flying by! In the month of November we focus our studies on Native American culture, food/seeds/types of foods and preparing our hearts for Thanksgiving. We will have our New Echota field trip November 21; this field trip is such a great way to truly bring home the things we have studied this month.

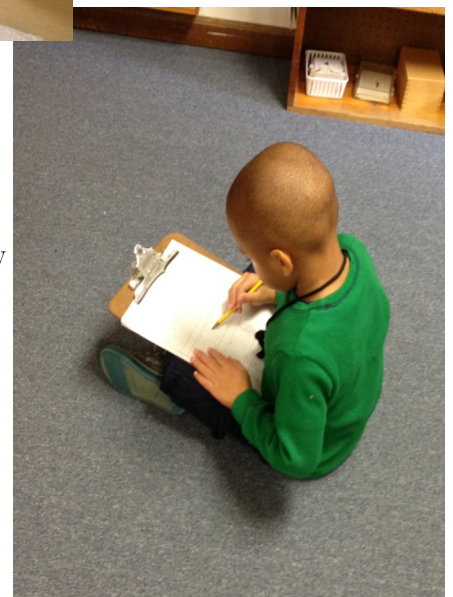
If you have any books, posters, puzzles, pictures..... Anything that you can send in to share with us this month is welcome. We will have our traditional Thanksgiving feast at the end of the month and let me



tell you, this class knows how to feast! We would like for each family to contribute a dish that maybe is a favorite of your family.

I hate to jump ahead and mention the Holiday program, but it will be here before we know it. We will be singing songs from The Lion King (Hakuna Matata and Circle of Life). Please play these often for your child so we will be ready for another awesome Holiday program. Thank you for all you do for us.

Emily and Dagmar



Wishing you
all a happy and
fulfilling
Thanksgiving
holiday!

Español Ms. Carolina



Hola!

We had a busy last couple of weeks! I hope everybody enjoyed the historical timelines presentations and fall/Halloween festivities. We are

working hard on our lessons. We've been reinforcing everything we have learned so far this year. I encourage all parents to help children with their homework at home and have them practice their vocabulary with you. It's important for them to read and say their words con-

stantly. This repetition will help them greatly. Thank you to all parents who have reached out to me with concerns about their children. Feedback its really important to me, so please always feel free to contact me with any questions.

Feliz Noviembre to all!



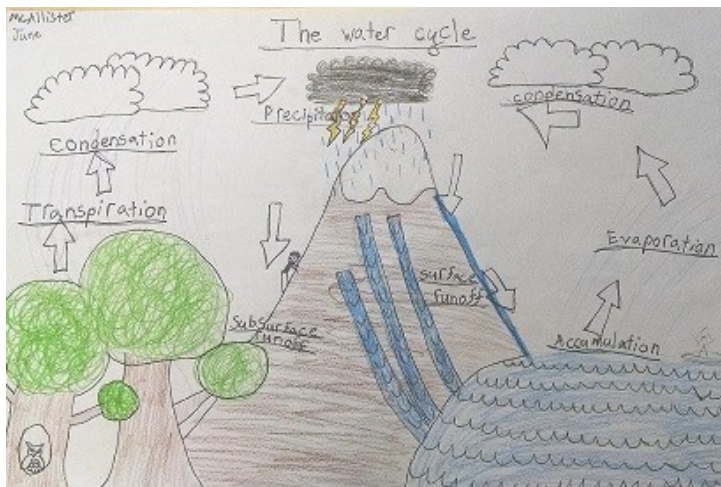
Elementary News: Ms. Dolores & Ms. Karla

Wow!! October was a busy, busy month. Conferences seem like they were so long ago...and then we had the Fall Festival, Historical Timeline, Scholastic Book Fair, Square-One Art, Halloween, sleepovers, and the end of Daylight Savings Time (yes, that's an event). Thank-you so much for your participation in these events. We can plan them, but their success is fueled by the energy of our parents. November will be a shorter, calmer month, but there is still plenty to do.

The seasons are changing and we will be talking about how/why that happens in our afternoon culture classes. We'll also continue our study of leaves as we watch them change hues and gently fall to the ground. Other culture lessons will include cold/warm fronts, weather patterns, the continent of North America and the Native Americans, the fundamental needs of humans, reptiles, and the tertiary colors on the color wheel (along with some fun fall/winter art).

Take a look at some of last month's work:

The Water Cycle



The Carbon Cycle



Natalie Cramer will be organizing the Thanksgiving feast for our classroom, to take place on Tuesday, November 25. The sign-up sheet will be placed on the window right inside the 3:15 dismissal door. Please plan to contribute to our cornucopia and plan to join us for lunch on that day.

On Friday, November 21, we will celebrate the birthdays of Jason and Isabel. Details will follow later in my weekly notes.

The 1st year students are enjoying swimming at the YMCA and the older students are getting better and better at dribbling/shooting a basketball. Please make sure that swimmers have a cover-up as they are still a bit damp when they ride back to MSR on the bus. Older students, plan ahead for swimming; girls will need a one-piece bathing suit.



Elementary News: Ms. Diane and Ms. Michelle



Welcome to November! The cool, refreshing temperatures and beautiful foliage are here.

After a month of special events in October, the children have begun to settle back in to their academic schedule.

Thank you to all of our marvelous families who supported our school's October events and fundraisers! Thank you to everyone for coming out on Historical Timeline nights.

The children did a great job with their individual speeches.



It was an educational journey through time as they honored the contributions of those before us! Our last thanks goes to all those who helped prepare/furnish our delicious Halloween lunch this year. A big thanks also to those who came to help set up, serve and clean up afterwards. A fun time was had by all!

This month children will continue with leaf studies as we enjoy autumn. We will also explore Native American agriculture from our nation's past. In Zoology, we are learning about reptiles. While in History, we are beginning our study on the fundamental needs of humans and how we meet those needs. (Think clothing, transportation, communication, defense, etc.)

Our geographical studies this month involve the political and physical maps of North America as well as its habitats.

In Art, children are finishing lessons on the tertiary colors of the color wheel and exploring texture.

We are looking forward to our Thanksgiving Feast at school on Tuesday, November 25th. We should have a sign-up sheet in the hallway next week. Be sure to sign-up for something fabulous and come join us for this annual event!

Happy Birthday to Aubree Crider and Lily Cantrell who have November birthdays!



Adolescent News from Mr. Evan & Mr. Zach

October was a huge month for the Adolescent class. We had a number of successful fundraisers, planted our first garden bed, and extended the recycling program. All the while students maintained a diligent academic curriculum.



The Adolescent fundraisers included the Book Fair, the Fall Festival Food Station, and the Hot Dog Lunch. The students worked with great purpose. Still, if not for the assistance of the entire Montessori community, we would have raised nary a dime. We thank you all so very much for your tireless volunteering and financial contributions. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

We constructed and planted our first garden bed in the far corner of the parking lot. Students drilled the wood-board walls to 4x4 posts, filled the box with compost and soil, and arranged, planted, and watered the flowers. Over the next month, students will construct two additional garden beds, plant bulbs and winter vegetables, and if enough wood remains, build a small bench. None



of this would be possible without a generous contribution from Lowe's. We would like to specifically thank Montessori dad Sylvester Anderson for the donation. Thank you, Lowe's! Thank you Mr. Anderson.

The recycling program continues to grow. Since the start of the school year, the Adolescents have collected and processed 188 pounds of recycling. We now provide drop-off and pick-up service in the Upper El and Spanish classrooms, as well as the front desk in the library. Our goal for the next month is to expand service to all



classrooms. We will also soon begin a pilot program for composting. By the end of the school year, we hope to have recycled 1,000 pounds of materials. Students have embraced the aim to reduce, recycle, and reuse.

'FROZEN' in concert!

Anna, Elsa, Olaf, Kristoff, Sven, and all their friends will present the amazing music from the hit movie (arranged by Mark Brymer and Stephen Bulla). Performers include the 25-member NWGA Winds pit band and a cast of 35, including students from the Montessori School of Rome and Shorter University musical theater majors. The 50-minute show will be presented on Friday, December 5. Tickets are \$3 per student/parent and teachers are free.

News from Ms. Ana Maria & Ms. Cayce



October was so much fun! We cooked pizza, carved a pumpkin, made gummies, heard Halloween stories, had a Halloween parade, and had a special Halloween lunch. October was definitely a busy month.



This month we are learning about mountains and Native Americans. If you have any books or other related materials, please send them in to share. We would also love some books about Thanksgiving.

Our field trip to New Echota is on November 21st; please be on the lookout for a permission slip going home soon.

We will be having our Thanksgiving feast in the classroom on November 25th at 11:30. Everyone is welcome to join us. I will send out an email when I have the sign-up sheet posted.

I hope everyone heard all about our wonderful voting experience on November 4th. The children got to vote on what book to read after lunchtime. They took it very seriously. We used a ballot and they could not ask each other what they had voted for. They even got an "I Voted" sticker!

I want to thank everyone for all their help in October. October would not have been so special without all the parents who came in to do things with the children and all the goodies that were sent in. It is amazing how much the children still love to wash a pumpkin and pick the kernels off the Indian corn.

Thank you for everything!



Toddler News from Ms. Ginny & Ms. Pam



I really can't believe that it is November already. It is such a beautiful month with the leaves changing and all.

This month we will be learning about our five senses and food. We will also talk about Fall and Thanksgiving. There will be plenty to do, lots of crafts, stories and new songs. If anyone would

like to send in a small pumpkin (for scrubbing) and a couple cobs of Indian corn for our practical life area, it will be much appreciated.

On the last day before we get out for Thanksgiving break, we will have our Thanksgiving feast! This is a tradition of our school in which each room participates. I will have a sign



up sheet on our door in the next few days. Parents are invited to come and enjoy this with their child. We will also have a sheet to RSVP how many will be attending in your family. This sheet helps you know how much food will be needed. It will be on Tuesday, November 25th at 11:30. The following days, Wednesday, November 26 - Friday, November 28, there will be no school so we all may enjoy Thanksgiving with our families.

Our Holiday program is right around the corner. We would like for them to wear green or red Christmas pajamas. Please be looking for those!

Please check your child's extra clothing box and make sure they have warmer clothing. (It's getting a lot cooler now!) Also, please make sure to send a jacket to school with them everyday for outside play.

Thank you for all you do and for letting us teach and love your little ones.



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