

December 5, 2014

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# DOLPHIN TALES

## Important Dates:

**Dec. 5**

*Frozen* in concert

**Dec. 16**

Holiday Program Rome  
City Auditorium 6:30

**Dec. 19**

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

**Dec. 22—Jan. 2**

Winter Break

**Jan. 5**

School resumes

**Jan. 19**

Martin Luther King Jr.-  
NO SCHOOL

**Jan. 30**

Spanish Night

**Feb. 26-27**

International Day



Wisdom



Knowledge



Peace

## THANKSGIVING FEASTS



### December

Aile E.	12/01
Jaythan Q.	12/03
Devi S.	12/05
PJ S.	12/08
Ms. Cayce	12/08
Zuhair M.	12/09
Callie D.	12/09
Ms. Emily	12/10
Sophie J.	12/12
Matthew B.	12/17
Kristen D.	12/21
Rex H.	12/23
Kira T.	12/26
Natalie D.	12/27
Saniya C.	12/27
Yana S.	12/28
Annie W.	12/30
Mary James P.	12/30
Ms. Carol	12/30



# MONTESSORI MOMENTS



*Enjoy the blessings of the holidays and remember the gifts of your family, fellowship, and health. Enjoy the time with your children. It's not about the gifts--it's about the giving. I was reminded of this fact recently when spending time with Upper Elementary making ornaments. The children loved making these simple gifts with popsicle sticks. Even though they are getting older, they still like to revisit making handmade gifts. It's not about the gifts--it's about the giving. You are all blessings to me and to the school. May you have a lovely holiday season!*

*-Ms. Shemi*



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



Ho! Ho! Ho! Here we go! I can't believe it's December already! This month is going to be a short, busy month! We will be doing a lot of practicing for the Holiday program. We will also be talking about winter this month. Of course we will be making some really cute crafts and ornaments for your trees.

The Holiday program is on Tuesday, December 16. The kids have finally clicked with the songs! We have quite a few who are now singing! I can't wait for you to see them! They are adorable! We will be singing Heigh Ho and Whistle While You Work as a class. We will also sing White Christmas and Happy Holidays with the rest of the school. The girls will wear their Snow White dresses and black dress shoes. The boys will be wearing the Dwarf costumes that I am making them. They need to wear brown, black, or navy pants and dark shoes.

We will have a pajama day on Wednesday, December 17. I know the kids will be exhausted after their late night! So just come on in dressed in your pj's. Please wear tennis shoes with your pajamas. We will watch a holiday movie and have a treat.

We will have a small Christmas party on the 19th. We would love to have some special treats for that day. I will post a list this week. This is the last day of school before the break and it is a half day. We will release at 11:15.

Ms. Dana and I would like to thank you for all that you do to support our class. We are so blessed to have such wonderful families! Also thank you for entrusting us with your children. We love watching them blossom and grow.

We hope you have a wonderful Holiday season!





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

The Upper Elementary would like to send out a *huge* thank you to all of the families who helped us make this year's Thanksgiving Feast a success! We appreciate all of the food that was prepared, all of the families that joined in on the festivities, and all of the fellowship we shared together.

We are finishing out December with a host of activities, including: our *Frozen* Performance, participation in the Northwest Georgia Winds Concert, our school-wide Holiday Program, Holiday party, and caroling at the Renaissance Marquis. These experiences enrich our class in a multitude of ways, as well as providing opportunities to serve our greater community through the Arts.

We look forward to bringing the year to a close with these festivities, and preparing for 2015!



Happy Holidays!

Upper Elementary



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

Our feast was fabulous. Thanks to everyone for all that you did so that our children enjoyed Thanksgiving. We have so many things to be thankful for and the children always make us realize that. Thank you. Thank you.

December will be spent learning about holidays around the world at this time of year. If you would like to share your holiday traditions, please let me know. We will be discussing how Christmas is also celebrated in different parts of the world. I would love to have some parents, especially dads, to come in and read to our class. If you are available to do this, please let me know. We also have the need for extra hands to help with crafts if anyone is available.

This time of year also brings with it the HOLIDAY PROGRAM. It is on Tuesday, December 16th at the City Auditorium. Montessori on Broadway is our theme. Our class is performing songs from the Wizard of Oz. If you have any questions about costumes, please let me know.

Wednesday, December 17 will be PAJAMA DAY!!!! The children look forward to this day all year. Please be sure they still have appropriate footwear for the playground.

Our last day of school before the holidays will be Friday, December 19th. We will read books, make crafts, and enjoy holiday treats. It is a half day. Primary pickup is 11:30.

So far, it has been a great year. Thanks for sharing your wonderful children with us.

Happy holidays!!





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



December is here! I still cannot believe that it is already Christmas time. Our class is humming with sounds of busy little elves learning, making crafts and practicing the music and dances for our Christmas program.

Speaking of Christmas program, we hope you are playing our songs for your children so they can become confident and ready for the big show. We have just a few short weeks before it is the big night!



We would like to invite any parent or grandparent to come read to our class, sing songs, or make a craft! Please! We will be reading and learning about the different ways this Holiday season is celebrated around the world. Your children will learn about Kwanza, Hanukkah, Saint Nicholas Day, Advent and many other faiths. If you have books on any of the subjects, please share them with us! Thank you for all you do to make our class successful, we could not do it without you!





## Ms. Melanie's Musings

During the holidays one year, Ms. Kumar made the simple yet profound observation that we should all consider the best present we can give to our children: our time. She said it quietly but with the conviction of one who knew she was speaking the truth. As a young mother then, I was focused on the myriad of details demanding my time. Even though I knew she was right, I still found it difficult to manage in the midst of all the hustle and bustle of the season. As I am quickly approaching an empty nest, I want to pass on her gentle reminder of long ago. Enjoy the quiet moments. Take a ride to look at Christmas lights. Make a mess of the kitchen. Read a story. Give the most precious gift you possess: your time!

- Ms. Melanie

## *Español Ms. Carolina*



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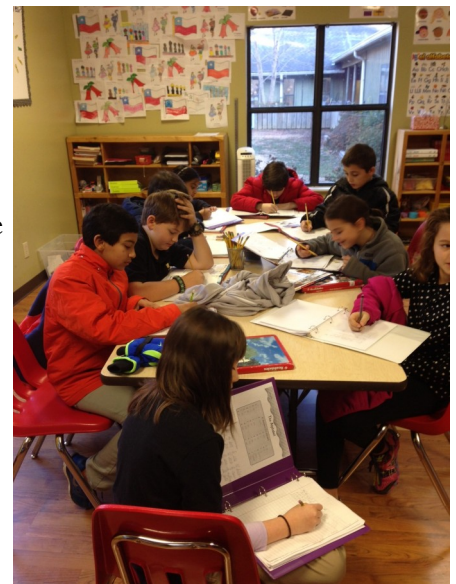
I hope everybody had a great Thanksgiving!! We learned some seasonal vocabulary and colored our Dia de Accion de Gracias mini book.

We will have a short couple of weeks of class before our winter break but we sure will work hard! I will be finishing up this semester's lesson and work on some holidays activities.

I will be sending home their workbooks and folders so they can practice their Spanish with you during their time off!

Wishing you all a Feliz Navidad and a happy new year!

Ms. Carolina



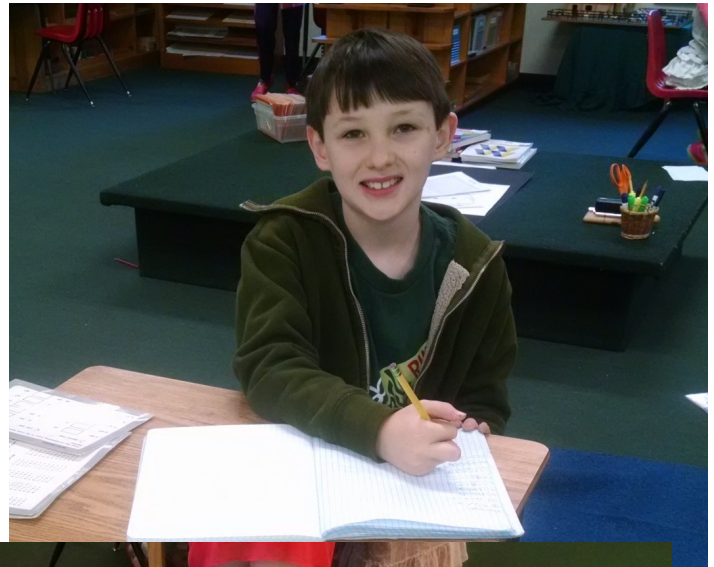


## *Elementary News: Ms. Dolores & Ms. Karla*

Many, many thanks for a super successful Thanksgiving feast. Hopefully your long weekend break was full of good food with extra helpings of family, friends, and fun.

December is here and that means holiday program. We'll be spending big chunks of time on arts, crafts, and music. The words to "Spoonful of Sugar" and "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" came home with homework a few weeks ago and hopefully your children are practicing. I've sent two previous messages about costumes for our program and have heard back from ZERO people. Optimistically, this means that all girls have a pinafore-like dress, hair ribbons, white stockings or knee-highs, and dark flat dress shoes (NO sports shoes or heels) – flat straw hat is optional. Boys will need a white button-down shirt, dark necktie or bowtie, dark knickers or pants that can be tucked into knee-high white socks, and dark dress shoes – newsboy hat is optional. Please send me a message to say, "Yes, we have everything," or "I need help with XYZ".

It's hard to believe we are this close to the halfway mark of our school year. Aside from the arts, crafts, and music we will be solidifying learned concepts and delving into geometry. In the afternoons,



the kids will be learning about the origins of poinsettias, travelling through the history of language and exploring the frozen tundra of Antarctica. The teachers will be documenting student progress and report cards will be sent home sometime in early January.

On the day after our holiday program, Wednesday, December 17, we will have a pajama day. We will also celebrate the birthdays of Devi and Zuhair.

On the last day of school before our winter break, Friday, December 19, we will have a holiday party. Be thinking of a holiday treat to share with the class (sweet or savory). Children will be dismissed at 11:30.



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



I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving Break.

It sounded like all the children had a wonderful time! Ms. Michelle and I did as well.

Just a reminder regarding the costumes for this year's holiday program. Boys need to wear jeans or khakis with knee socks

pulled up over them (to make the pants look like knickers), and a pair of sneakers, with a buttoned down plaid/flannel/plain shirt. Shirts should not be new as we need to look like orphans. Girls need to wear an old dress (think sad hand-



me-down!), or a skirt and shirt (raggedy) with stockings or leggings.

They can wear boots or tennis shoes. If you are able to braid hair and put some rags (scrap material) in it, that would be great!

We are wrapping up our year in Culture with the 4th Great Lesson - The History of Writing! We did cave paintings, learned how to write in Ancient Phoenician, Hieroglyphics, and Ancient Roman, just to name a few! Next we will talk about the history of our language and how we borrowed words from so many other cultures. Ms. Dolores is finishing up the study of North America and doing a quick study on Antarctica. Ms. Michelle

will be discussing the origins of the poinsettia and other holiday plants!

We will have a holiday gift exchange on the last Friday of school. You may purchase a gift between \$5 - \$10 that would be suitable for a boy OR a girl for your child to bring in. We will randomly draw names to pick out gifts to enjoy that morning.

You might need to update your child's spare set of clothes. The weather has gotten chillier. During the last week of school, we will send all spare clothes home that are not warm enough for winter.

Some of the newsletter pictures feature our visitor from the Booth Western Museum. The students loved learning about the many ways that Native Americans utilized buffalo.





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

It is hard to believe the first semester of the new adolescent program has almost come to an end. With the holiday season here in full swing, the adolescents have been practicing several times a day (yes, a day) in preparation for the Frozen production. The Upper El and Adolescent students have put in countless hours to present the best possible show. We hope to see you all at the theater this Friday. The rock'em and sock'em rhythm of December is especially fast-paced for the adolescents. In addition to Frozen on the 5th and the holiday show on the 16th, the students are ramping up and expanding business plans. They will provide lunch service more frequently (be on the look-out for flyers) and they will be offering several seasonal business enterprises. We look forward to serving you. We thank you very much for all you do to support



our growing program.



In addition to the recycling campaign, the adolescents will start this month to compost food scraps. By reducing, reusing, and recycling, we hope to make a significant contribution to the overall health of the greater Rome community. So far we could not be happier with the results. Have a great holiday season and happy new year.



Claude Corbin is offering photographs with Santa Claus on December 13 from 1 to 6. Different packages are offered. For more information, please go to his Facebook page, Claude Corbin Photography. Come see Santa on December 13th from 1pm-6pm. He will be in the Seven Hills Room in the Rome Little Theater. Photos are courtesy of Claude Corbin. Packages will be available to purchase. All profits will go to the Sexual Assault Center of NWGA!



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



I want to start off by thanking everyone for making our Thanksgiving lunch such a success. We had wonderful food and so many great helpers. It was such a special day. I am very thankful for all of our amazing families.

December is a wonderful month. We get to learn about holidays around the world and make some wonderful crafts. Please send in any holiday books you may have. I would also love to have Dads come in to read some Christmas books to the children. You can bring a book in or read one of our books. Please let me know if you are interested. The children love to have special visitors to come in. If there are any grandfathers in town, I would love to have them join us as well.

We are busy getting ready for the holiday program. It will be at

the City Auditorium on Tuesday, December 16th. Please let me know if you have any questions about the costumes. I have seen some of the girls come in with some fabulous Whoville clothes. Let me know if you need any ideas. We are also trying to do Whoville hair for the girls. This could be as simple as pigtails or as elaborate as hair sticking straight up. Again, please let me know if you have any questions.

Third years will need to wear a black shirt and black pants for our third year performance. For our performance, they are dressing up as characters from *Suessical*. I have the costumes ready. We will just slip the costumes on over their black shirt and pants when they get to the auditorium.



December 17th is one of my favorite days; it is pajama day! The children get to come to school in their pajamas! They may bring in slippers as well, but they do need a pair of sneakers for the playground. Also, December 19th will be a half day. We will have special treats and special crafts. It is always a fun and exciting day!

Thanks! Ana Maria





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



I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and break.

We appreciated all of the delicious treats you brought for the feast! The students also loved making banana pudding with Blake's mom. Ms. Geri brought the supplies for this yummy dessert, and everyone was so excited to participate in preparing it. Thank you Ms. Geri!

December is a very short month for us. We will do a lot of practicing for our Holiday program. I sent home the words to both songs we will be performing. If you'd like to

download them from iTunes, "Be a Santa" is from the artist Sandy Bainum and "We Need a Little Christmas" is from Countdown Kids "60 Christmas Carols for Kids". We don't expect them to learn all these words, we are mostly "dancing". But if they pick up a little of each song, that would be great. The pro-

gram is only 2 weeks away!! I hope you are having luck finding your Christmas pajamas!! They do not have to be solid green or red.....just maybe some green and red in them....striped, cutesy.....doesn't matter.

We will also be talking about winter and singing lots of holiday songs and making some fun crafts. This is really a very busy month for the children.

Please stress to your children at home, they should have "walking feet" inside. Also, talk to them about "inside voices". We continue to talk about this with them daily. The "walking feet" inside is really a safety issue.



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