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# DOLPHIN TALES

## Important Dates:

### **Feb. 26-27**

Toddler and Primary  
International Day

### **Feb. 27:**

Elementary and Adoles-  
cent International Day

### **Mar. 13**

Parent/Teacher Confer-  
ences—NO SCHOOL

### **Mar. 26**

Science Fair

### **Mar. 27**

Easter Egg Hunt

### **Mar. 30-Apr. 3**

Spring Break  
NO SCHOOL



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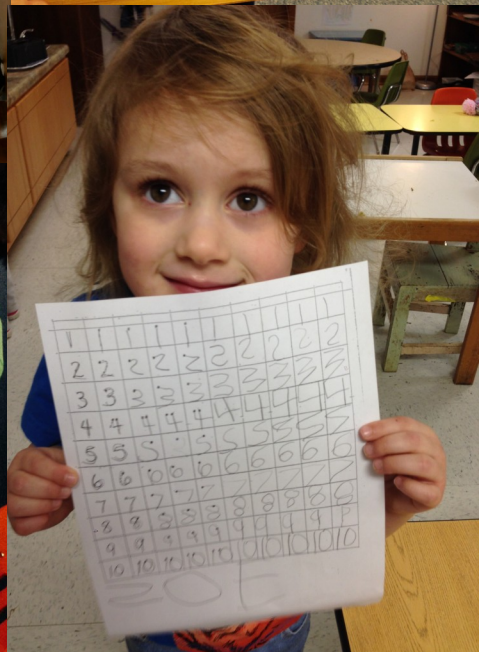
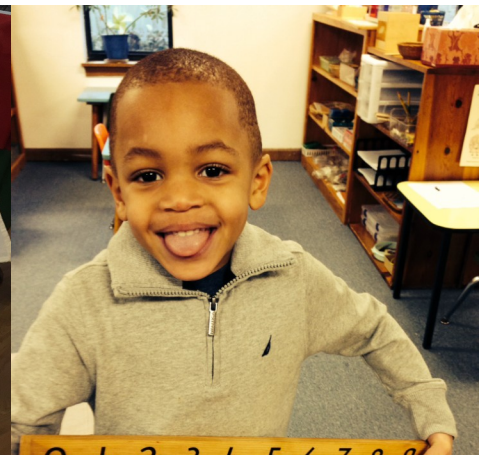


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## MONTESSORI MOMENTS



### **February**

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| Tori R.      | 2/02 |
| Ms. Carolina | 2/02 |
| Julianne P.  | 2/10 |
| Emma B.      | 2/12 |
| Mr. Jason    | 2/13 |
| Mr. Chase    | 2/17 |
| Mr. Chaz     | 2/17 |
| Shania S.    | 2/20 |
| Isaiah G.    | 2/27 |
| Anderson E.  | 2/27 |



# CHATTAHOOCHEE/BOOTH TRIP





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



It's February and it's going to be a fabulous busy month! This month we will learn about Peru. We will discuss the animals, the rain forest, the mountains, culture, and language. We will be making lots of fun things to transform our class into a rain forest. We will be learning some Spanish and a some songs to share with you. If you have anything to share with the class, please feel free to send it in.

For those of you who are new to Montessori, let me explain a little bit about International Day. Each class in the school chooses a country to learn about. We transform our environments to reflect that country. At the end of the month, you are invited to join us. We will dress in our countries clothing and present to you what we have learned. The kids travel to the different classes to see what they have learned. We will post recipes from our country and you will choose one and prepare for the class. We will end our fun day with a lunch from our country. It is such a special day! We will have our International Day on Thursday, February 27. I hope you can make it!



We have some really cute ponchos that we are going to wear for International Day. I don't want you to have buy anything special for the day. The children wear lots of bright clothes so underneath the ponchos just wear something bright and colorful. We will wear tennis shoes like normal.

I am working on the menu. I have found lots of simple yummy looking recipes. I will have them posted by next week. Please be on the look-out for them and sign up. Remember they are first come, first serve so the easy ones will go first! Image removed by sender. Smile!

We will celebrate Valentine's Day on February 13. We usually just do a special treat for snack. If you would like to send in a snack or drinks let me know. We exchange Valentines cards too. Please just address who they are from. The kids will deliver the cards themselves so it's best not to address who they are to.

If your child is a second year toddler, they will begin visiting Primary this week. They will visit all three classes so we can see how they do in each room. I know they are excited!

Thank you all for all that you do to support our class! I really appreciate all your help. We have such an amazing class!





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

January came and went with a blast! Our students had a wonderful, fun-filled and active learning experience on our dual field trip to the Chattahoochee River Nature Center and the Booth Western Art Museum. We enjoyed having the 3rd Years come up from Lower Elementary to join us on this journey and spend the night and the majority of the next day with us.

February is going to be a busy month for us as well! On the 6th we will have a cooking day, exploring foods from ancient cultures. On the 13th we will celebrate Valentine's Day with a Valentine's exchange. On the 19th we will host the Upper Elementary Open House. Throughout the month of February we will be immersed in a cultural study of Ancient Egypt. This continues our studies of ancient cultures and puts



into practice the research techniques we have been utilizing with Ancient China, Mesopotamia, and the Mayan Civilization.

We look forward to this month full of events!

- Ms. Rebecca and Mr. Eric





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



We enjoyed our studies of the polar regions. We learned so much about polar bears, penguins, snowy owls, and puffins to name a few. Thanks to Lydia and her family for providing us with our polar bear cupcakes. They were delicious and cute too. Also, thanks to Ms. Ana Maria for sharing her penguin puppet craft

with us. The children LOVED it.

We are getting ready to travel to Cuba. The children are so excited that it is International Day Month. We have been working on our Spanish already. We have so much to learn about this country and a very short time to do it. We are going to jump right in. If you have any connections with Cuba or have anything that you would like to share about the island, please let me know. Our interest of studies will be geography, climate, schools, every day life, culture, music, children, homes, and anything else that would peak our interest.



We would like to welcome Lydia Wiegman to our class. She began in January and has settled in nicely. She comes in every morning with a smile on her face and keeps on smiling all day. She is a joy to have in class!!

I will send out more information soon pertaining to the

costume and menu for International Day. Thanks.

### Important dates coming up.

*Friday 2/13:* Valentine's celebration in class.

*Tuesday 2/17:* Open House at MSR for toddler/primary

*Thursday 2/19:* Open House at MSR for elementary

*Thursday 2/26:* International Day for toddler/primary

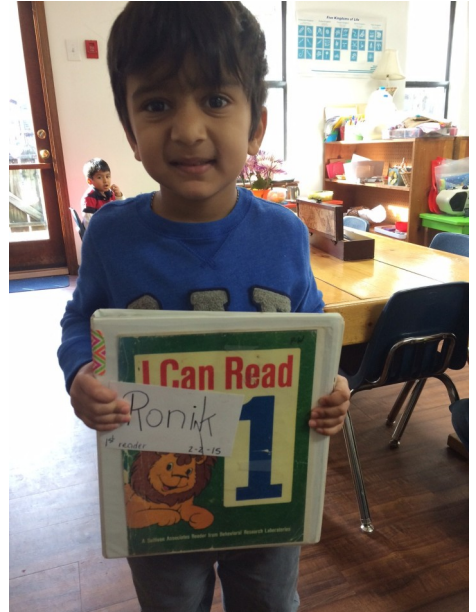
*Friday 2/27:* International Day for elementary

*Mondays and Thursdays:* Readers are due

*Tuesdays:* Spanish at 10:30

*Wednesdays:* Music at 8:30

*Fridays:* Library at 8:30





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



Don't cry for me Argentina!!!! Our studies of Argentina have begun!! Here is a short list of the subjects that your child will discuss on international day:

Newman- the graffiti wall in Buenos Aires

Bear- popular sport: soccer

Benjamin- poster

Natalie- poster

Sam- countries sur-

rounding Argentina

Andy- Argentina: found in South America

Lucie- penguins

Kieran Ellis- flamingos

Zoe Katherine- capital: Buenos Aires

Clementine- language: Spanish

Shania- colors of the flag: light blue with a yellow sun

Allegra- poster

Annie- colorful houses of la boca in Buenos Aires

Nicholas- puma

June- popular dance: the tango

Saniya- peacock

Third years will work on posters in class with us and second years will be asked specific questions and these are the answers, so practice away! :)

Third year parents please research Argentina with your child, send in pictures of interest and information. We will complete the poster in class. :)

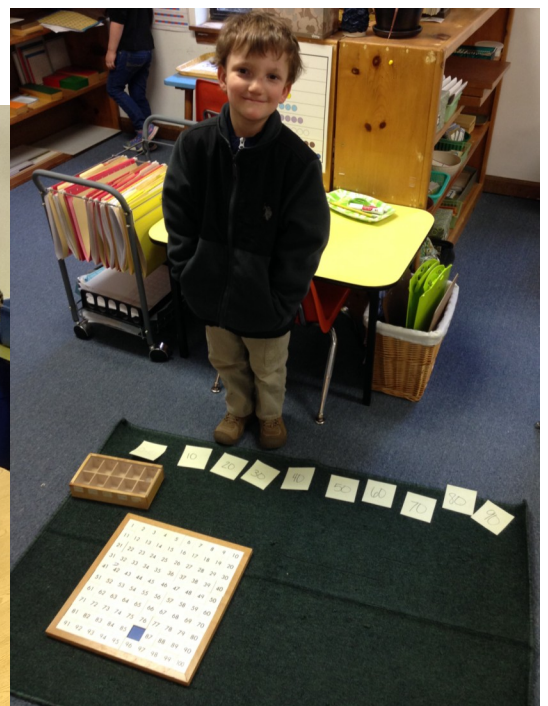
Food sign ups are available by

email, please help us make a great feast. We need everyone to choose a recipe.

The 17th is our primary open house. Do you know someone that would be a great addition to our community? We are excited to meet new families and grow our beautiful school.

Jennifer Hoyt is our official Argentina guide and we are excited about the visits that she will make over his month to teach us about this wonderful country.

This is a very busy and exciting month; we can do it!





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Growth is not merely a harmonious increase in size, but transformation." ~Maria Montessori



### OPEN HOUSE !!!

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## *Español Ms. Carolina*

Happy Enero to all!

After a much needed winter break, we have had a great month of learning and everybody is working super hard. We are going back to basics with our vocabulary and constantly working on our speaking.

Our Spanish club will start on February 3rd and you can sign up with Ms. Melanie until Monday Feb. 9th.

Looking forward to an even more successful month ahead!

Ms. Carolina

## *Last Call For Yearbooks!!*

Online ordering will be ending February 20. To order your Yearbook, visit:

[www.inter-state.com/yearbook](http://www.inter-state.com/yearbook)

The code is 706844.

Full color paperback yearbook is \$20.

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It's full of wonderful Montessori  
moments and memories!!



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

February will be a busy, busy month and we have hit the ground running.

We would like to welcome Linly Barnes to our classroom. She is quickly making friends and settling into our daily routine. Linly is also new to Montessori; it is a delight to see her fascinated by EVERYTHING in the classroom.



Early this week, we sent our 3rd year students to upper elementary and then hosted the 3rd year primary students for a "getting to know you visit". Of course, most of the children knew each other already and the young ones enjoyed reconnecting through classroom activities and learning how to use familiar materials in new and exciting ways. The "big kids" really enjoyed mentoring our visitors.

Thank-you to all the parents and students who attended the Open House last week. It was really helpful having you there to relay your experiences and perceptions to the parents of the primary students. We will be hosting another Open House for the community on February 19. All are welcome to attend.

Our study of The Philippines has begun. Did you know that the country is an archipelago of 7,107 islands? That is not a typo...seven thousand one hundred seven islands. We will be learning new things about these islands every day, practicing a song/dance, decorating our room, gathering recipes for our International Day feast, and looking in the storage room for appropriate costumes (cross your fingers). I know several people from the Philippines and am looking forward to having someone come in to enlighten our children. If you have any resources, please share. The more the merrier!!

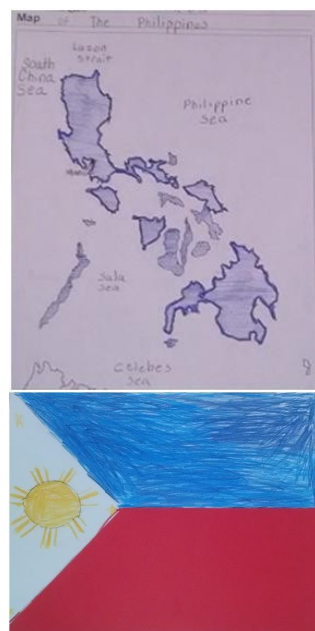
Information regarding this year's Science Fair, March 26, was sent home last Friday in your child's homework folder. Please make note of the due dates and help your child to stay on schedule. Help them to narrow down areas of interest and choose an appropriate project. I like to use the science buddies web site. They have a topic selection wizard tool here: [http://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/project\\_ideas.shtml](http://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/project_ideas.shtml) as well as tons of other information to help your science fair experience go more smoothly. Choosing something your child is interested in and exhibiting enthusiasm throughout the



process are crucial for ensuring a positive experience for your child. Science fair proposals are due on Thursday, February 12. If you are having trouble coming up with a topic, please let me know. We have lots of books in the classroom that may be helpful.

We will be taking a field trip to the TELLUS Museum on February 12. Please turn in your permission slip as soon as possible and let us know if you are available to drive. Children will need to wear their field trip shirts and bring a sack lunch.

On Friday, February 13, we will celebrate Valentine's Day in our classroom. Your child is welcome to bring cards for ALL of their classmates. We also invite you to bring in some edible treats to share with the class.





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

This month is all about getting ready for International Day. Our celebration will be on Friday, February 27th. We are excited about studying the Netherlands this month.

We have already been fortunate enough to have a guest speaker from Belgium come visit our class. Ms. Martine Osselaer was raised in Belgium and has dual citizenship in Belgium and the U.S. She was able to answer a lot of questions on life, education and transportation in the Netherlands as well. A special thanks to Aimee Crider for setting up this visit for our class!

Hopefully everyone has been thinking about science fair projects. Proposals are due by Thursday, Feb. 12th. They may be turned in early. We will keep working towards our Science Fair to be held in March. Our next field trip will be gearing us up for the event as we review states of matter and visit the planetarium. Please don't forget to turn in your permission slip for the Tellus Museum.

Just to update everyone, the homework cover sheet will now be posted weekly on the Montessori School of Rome

website. We will continue to send a paper copy in your child's homework folder as well. This way you can always check what is due weekly.

There will be more details regarding International Day in the next week or two. Please watch for more information in weekly notes and/or on the homework sheet.

Thank you for all you do to make your child's education a richer experience with your participation!! It is greatly appreciated.





## Adolescent News



The Adolescent Class will be celebrating The High Middle Ages for International Day. We have spent the month of January covering this period of History in the classroom. The students are excited about sharing the highlights with the MSR community.

We will be going to the Carlos Museum in Atlanta at Emory University to further explore World History. Our date for this experiential learning experience is February 17th.

Grammar and Writing - We are working Monday, Wednesday, Friday on Grammar; this month we will cover "Phrases and Clauses." On Tuesday and Thursday we will cover writing mechanics utilizing our Literature and JGB readings.

History - This month we will be covering, "The Byzantine Empire and Russia (330 – 1613) & The Ottoman Empire (622 – 1629)." We will work on Monday, Tues-

day, and Wednesday on these areas and Thursday, Friday on further research and preparation on Medieval for International Day.

Literature- We enjoyed beginning our study of American author John Steinbeck and his work, *The Pearl*. We discussed the difference between this folk tale and the fairy tales we recently explored. A look at Steinbeck's biography impressed the students when they learned of his prolific writing career. This novella study will encompass much of the month of February, and then we will begin Steinbeck's *The Red Pony* as we further explore this great author. Writing essays in class will continue to be a focus of the literature class. I am impressed by the students' enthusiasm for reading these classic works of literature and by the depth of their critical thinking.

In chemistry, the adolescents will begin studying the structure of the atom and the arrangement of elements in the periodic table. In zoology, we will begin our study of Phylum Chordata, beginning with birds. We will also continue to dissect the phyla that we have already learned in class, starting with the arthropod.

In Geometry we are starting our adventures into logic, by interpreting conditional statements and transforming them. In Pre-Algebra, we are using formulae to figure out the dimensions of objects, like surface area, volume, and distance and midpoints of lines.





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



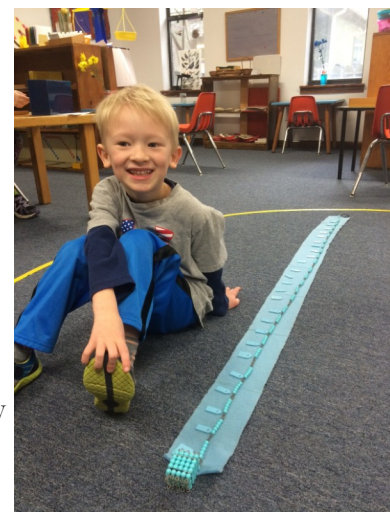
I can not believe it is already February! We had a great ending to our polar regions study. The children loved making the penguin puppets. A big thank-you to Shannon Newby (Rearden's mom) for coming in and reading a book to the class and helping with the puppets. I would also like to thank Owen and his family for the wonderful polar region treat!

This month we will be busy getting ready for International day. Please mark your

calendars! It will be on Thursday, February 26th. The parent performance will be at 11:00am, with a wonderful Belarus lunch following. Be sure to peek in the classroom throughout the month as we transform the classroom into Belarus! The children always get so excited and it is so much fun to watch the classroom transform. I told the students they are welcome to bring in any facts or anything that they learn about Belarus. The children always have a sense of pride when they get to tell their classmates things that they have learned. We will be studying everything we can about Belarus. This is always my favorite event at Montessori!

Valentine's day is coming up! We will be celebrating it on Friday, February 13th. We will be exchanging valentines in class. The children are welcome to bring in cards to exchange, but please to do not send in any candy for the exchange. We welcome and would love a Valentine's day treat that we can enjoy at lunch.

We are going to have a very busy February, but it will be wonderful!





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



Piggie". We learned some songs and just had a good time.

February will be a busy, but fun month, as we "travel" through Australia! There is so much to learn about! They have lots of animals to talk about; we plan on doing some aboriginal art, and learn about the foods they eat. We will also learn some

January was so much fun! The children loved learning about Arctic animals and Nursery Rhymes! We made crafts for "The Little Old Woman who Lived in a Shoe", "Baa, Baa, Black Sheep" and "This Little



cute songs. For our presentation at the end of February, we ask that the children wear khaki shorts, white shirts and long socks. Hopefully, most of them already have these.

February 13, we will celebrate Valentine's Day. We will let them exchange Valentine

cards. We will make bags for this at school!). If anyone would like to send in a special snack for this, please let me know. We have 13 children in our class.

On Tuesday, February 17, we will celebrate Mardi Gras, courtesy of Kendall's mom, Amber. She has different things she is going to share with the class and also bring a king cake, a traditional

Mardi Gras treat!! Sounds like a lot of fun to me!!

Please remember that February 17 is open house for toddler and primary students from 5:30 - 7:00. If you know of any prospective students, please tell their parents about us!!



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