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DOLPHIN TALES

Important Dates:

May 8

Primary Field Trip to Lake Winnie

May 13

Lower El Field Trip to the Eco Center

May 15

Toddler Field Trip to Tennessee Aquarium

May 21

Graduation 6:30
Shorter University

May 22

1/2 Day - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



Wisdom



Knowledge



Peace

MAY DAY/MOTHER'S DAY



June Birthdays

Harrison I.	6/01
Mary Ella B.	6/06
Ms. Shannon	6/08
Grady H.	6/09
Sam R	6/13
Owen J.	6/16
Pablo S-M.	6/20
Quinn S.	6/22
Liam C.	6/23
Quentin T.	6/25
Ace P.	6/29
Zoe P.	6/30



MAY DAY/MOTHER'S DAY



Toddler News from Ms. Ginny & Ms. Pam



It is so hard to believe that this newsletter is the last one of the school year. Time has simply flown. I want to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to teach and love your child. Every one of these children are very special to me, and I love being able to be a part of their lives to see them learn and grow. It is such a blessing.

Our chrysalises finally turned into butterflies over the weekend. The

children were so excited and have truly enjoyed watching the life cycle of the butterfly. We all went out and watched them fly away. It's a great experience for your little ones.

We will be learning all about the ocean and ocean animals this month. It's a super fun theme with so many cute songs and plenty of crafts to make. I can't wait until our field trip so the kids can see all the ocean creatures we've been talking about.

There will be two more fun days for your child this month. On Tuesday, May 19, we will have "Bike Day" over in the parking lot next door. You can bring any type of ride on toy that your child likes to ride. At morning drop off, just leave them out front on the grassy area and we will take them over to the parking lot. They will



be back in front of the main building at pick up.

On Wednesday, May 20, we will have "Splash Day". We will have this event on the upper elementary playground. They will need to wear their swimsuits to school that morning with sunscreen already applied. Then, bring an extra set of clothes for them to change into after. They will also need a towel. Please put their name on everything. We need to borrow wading pools for this. If you have one we could use that day, please let me know. We will also have water tables out for fun play. This event is always a big hit with the children. We need one or two volunteers to bring Popsicles. Just let me know!

I just want to say another big thanks for all you parents have done this year. We couldn't do all we do without your help. It's truly been a great year!



Toddler News from Ms. Shannon & Ms. Dana



I can't believe this is the last month of school. This year has truly flown by. I have been blessed with such a wonderful group of kids and parents this year! I will be so sad to see my little ones head off to Primary! I will really miss Anderson, Cooper, Mary James, Micah, Rex, Scout, Simran, and Tripp! They have all grown so much but I know they will do fabulously in Primary. I will also miss Matthew! He is moving to a new school, and I'm so excited about all the wonderful opportunities that will await him in his new adventure. I have really enjoyed Matthew's beautiful smile and sweet personality. He has really bloomed this year! I will really miss him and wish him and his family all the best! I would also like to welcome Scarlett Moore. I'm really excited to get to know her and her family. Please make sure to introduce yourself to them and make them feel welcome!

Langston is also leaving me after this year! He is just coming into his own and his vocabulary is exploding! I know he will be amazing wherever he ends up next year. My returning kids will grow and change so much over the summer! I can't wait to see who rises to be my leaders. Will it be Elyana, Milan, Ruby, Scarlett, or Quentin?

This month will be a lot of fun! We will be learning about the ocean. We will talk about all the creatures who live in the ocean, as well as the different oceans, and will finish off our studies with a fun trip to the

Tennessee Aquarium. We will also make lots of crafts and sing some new fun songs. Please let me know if you have anything you would like to share with the class.

Our field trip to the Tennessee Aquarium will be Friday, May 15. We will need to leave here promptly at 8:15. You are welcome to meet us there, but please let me know ahead of time. We will spend the morning touring the salt water exhibits. After we have toured, you are welcome to stay and play in the fountains and have lunch at your leisure. Please make sure to wear your field trip shirt. It might be a good idea to pack a bag with snacks or whatever you need if you have a child who tends to get hungry and cranky or extra clothes if you have one who is prone to accidents.



We will have a cleaning day on Monday, May 18. We will drag all the tables and chairs outside. The kids will have buckets of soapy water and will scrub them clean. I'm not sure who gets cleaner—the furniture or the kids. They will need to wear clothes that they can get wet or bathing suits and water shoes if they have them. They will also need a towel and extra clothes.

We will have "bike" day on Tuesday, May 19. You will need to bring in a labeled riding toy for your child to ride. Helmets should be labeled as well. That morning you can just drop them off in the grassy area behind the upper elementary building. We will ride in that parking lot. I will leave them there for you to pick up in the afternoon.

We will have a water day on Wednesday, May 20. We will have water tables and pools. If you have a toddler pool that we can use for the day, it would be greatly appreciated. It works best when we have about six pools for them. That way we can have a no splash zone for the ones who need it. On this day they need to come to school dressed in bathing suits, cover ups, swim diapers if needed (please send an extra one or two) and water shoes. Also make sure to put sunscreen on. We will need extra clothes and a towel for afterwards. We would love to have some Popsicles for all of these outside days.

It's starting to warm up outside. Please remember to put sunscreen on in the morning before school. Also make sure to send a water bottle every day so they can stay hydrated.

I'd like to thank the Booster Club for their support this year! The teachers have truly enjoyed our special treats for Teacher Appreciation Week. I can't wait to buy something special for our class with the gift card. You guys are amazing!

I'd like to once again thank you all for allowing us to teach your children. We have loved watching them grow and change over the last year. Our class this year has been such a blessing. We have had many laughs and tears as we have grown together. I hope you all have a wonderful summer! I can't wait to see you all next year and hear about your adventures!



News from Ms. Ana Maria & Ms. Cayce

Hello!

I can't believe we are already in May! This year has just flown by! I want to start out by thanking everyone for helping make my first year as a lead teacher so wonderful! I am sad to see it come to end, but I know that next year will be just as exciting.

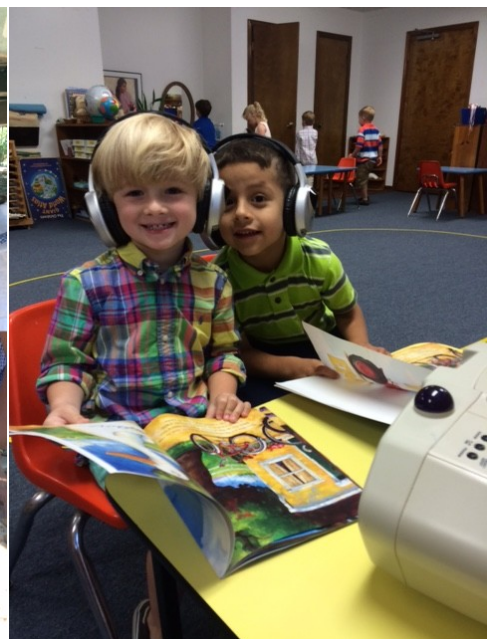
We are studying insects this month, so send in any and all things to do with insects. The children love to go on bug hunts on the playground. If you have any bug catchers that the children would like to bring in, please put their name on it.

Our butterflies were released this week. It was very exciting! The children really enjoyed seeing the life cycle first hand. The children even named the butterflies and said goodbye to them as they flew away.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Dan, Devi's grandfather. He has come in every Monday morning to work with the children and the children just love it and him! He has been doing sandpaper letters and readers with them and I have also seen the children beg him to sit with them while they do their work. I do not know how we got so lucky, but we sure are grateful! Thank you Mr. Dan!!

If you have any questions or concerns about the end of the year or this summer, please contact me as soon as possible.

Thanks,
Ana Maria



Primary News from Ms. Angie & Mr. Chase



May has arrived. This has been a very short year. We have had a great year. The children have achieved many goals, mastered materials, built lifelong friendships, performed in some wonderful programs, laughed together and cried together

at times. All of that is what makes our communitya family. That is why I LOVE what I do. I love my children and my parents and how it takes a village to raise a child.

Thanks to each of you for all that you have done to make our class run smoothly and be the best. Great parents make teaching so much more rewarding. This is always a bittersweet time of year. I get very excited about the growth of my third years. They have completed the primary cycle of the Montessori program. They have been given a strong foundation for their next journey. I know that I will hear and see great success stories from these children. Even though they leave the class, they will always be a part of us.



Grady, Yash, Banks, Liam, Elijah, Sophie, Kaylee, and Callie will be greatly missed. They, along with their families, have made a lasting impression on the class. Good luck on your next journey. You will be successful. Sending love to you guys and know that you always have a home with us if you need to visit.



It is the month to get Bug-gy. We love learning about insects. If you have any unusual creatures around your house (that can fit in a big catcher), then send them in. We love to research the insects. We will have an Insect themed lunch on May 21st. Look for more information to come soon.

Graduation is May 21st at Shorter University. We would love to have the first and second years there to sing at graduation. Details coming soon.

Have a great week.

Angie



Primary News from Ms. Dagmar and Ms. Emily



Can you believe this is our last newsletter of the year? It seems like we just started this wonderful year a few weeks ago. This month we are finishing our studies on seeds and plants. We are releasing our painted lady butterflies, and we will have a short unit of study on insects. I would like to remind you that even if your child is not graduating, we want them to attend to sing! They will be invited on stage to sing a few songs, and they always enjoy watching their friends graduate.

Thank you so much for special person garden day, we had a blast! Most of the greenhouses are ready to go home now if they have not



already been picked up. Thank you to Evan for helping us make bird feeders out of our saved milk containers. Please remember to keep reading this summer with your child. Readers will be available to check out! What a great year we have had.....I am looking forward to next year!

Emily



Elementary News: Ms. Diane and Ms. Michelle



We loved seeing all of our Montessori families on last Friday's May Day/Mother's Day celebration! Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to come and spend time with us. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day!

May is a month of reviewing and wrapping up our year. We are revisiting grammar and writing skills as well as math concepts learned throughout the year. Ms. Michelle will finish up Botany with parts of the seed and germination. She has also introduced the children to the Impressionists in Art. We have studied the works and life of Monet and Renoir. Ms. Dolores' class is completing the rest of the maps of Africa. In Ms. Diane's afternoon classes, children are doing insect research.

We look forward to visiting the Rome-Floyd ECO Center next Wednesday, 5/13. We will be learning about Georgia's ecosystem in the Piedmont region. We will also have classes on life cycles of various animals and food webs. It should be a fabulous day of learning and fun!

Our final musical performance for the year will be at our school's graduation ceremony held on Thursday, 5/21. All of our Lower Elementary students look forward to attending this to celebrate the accomplishments of their fellow students. It is always a memorable event.

Remember the last Friday, 5/22, is MSR's field day. Dress to be a mess! We play games indoors and out, snack, and just have plenty of year end fun!



Elementary News: Ms. Dolores & Ms. Karla



We are ready for a beautiful May. So far the weather has been pure perfection, and the children are enjoying their outdoor play time very much. Please send a refillable water bottle to school with your child's name on it; they all get thirsty so quickly.

May Day/Mother's Day was a day of making memories. We hope you mothers are enjoying your gifts as much as your children enjoyed making them for you. Our students sang like angels and as I type this newsletter, they are practicing for their next performance, graduation. It's hard to believe that it's just two

short weeks away. Please plan to attend. We will need your child's sweet voice.

In the classroom, we'll be wrapping up our lessons and doing some year-end testing. In the afternoon, we have plans to study the animals of Africa and present several lessons in botany and zoology. The best way to sustain knowledge over the summer (thus, shortening the review period in the Fall) is to have your child practice math facts and read, read, read!!! Flash cards are easy to make and may be purchased for several dollars. Kids love to review their math facts with flash cards and there are numerous ways to make this a fun exercise. Summer reading lists will be available during the last week of school.

Thank-you so much for sharing your children with us. We appreciate the books donated to our classroom by the families of Devi, Ezekiel, and Rachael. Thanks also to our parent volunteers: Natalie Cramer, Rebecca Girgis, Kim Headrick, and Daniel Pugh.



- Ms.
Dolores



News from Ms. Rebecca and Mr. Eric



We have had a wonderful spring in the Upper Elementary! In a month's time, we have gone on an extensive hike at Berry, enjoyed Special Person/Gardening Day with our guests, had an exciting cooking day, performed for the Mayday Festival & our 5th Years have gone on their annual Fire Safety Field Trip!

Looking ahead, the month of May is equally exciting! As our year comes to a close, we are preparing for Graduation Ceremony for our 6th Years. We have a number of beautiful songs that Ms. Wanda is working with us on, and the 6th Years are composing their speeches. We are also taking advantage of the amazing spring weather we are having by getting outside as much as possible for our field studies in Botany & Geology. Additionally, we are looking forward to connecting further with our rising 4th Years as they visit our classroom during May.

Ms. Rebecca & Mr. Eric are very proud of the Upper Elementary! It has been an unforgettable year. All students have developed and matured wonderfully throughout the year--growing academically as well as socially--and our class has become a close-knit family. We will miss our 6th Years, but we are excited about our rising 4th Years and the roles that our new 5th & 6th Years will take on. We have already noticed new leaders cropping up among our group, and look forward to watching them rise to the occasion.

Thanks,
Ms. Rebecca & Mr. Eric



Adolescent News



History: We are studying Chapter 17, The Age of Absolutism, and the students are being introduced to such historical characters as Catherine the Great, Peter the Great, Louis the XIV, Charles I & Charles II. They have enjoyed learning more about Don Quixote, the novel of the golden Spanish age. Next, we will go into the Enlightenment and Revolution.

Literature: From the fairytales of Hans Christian Anderson to Shakespeare's Taming of the Shrew, we have analyzed several great works of literature in the last five months. I have been amazed by the level of thought the students put into their assignments, and by the depth of their class discussions. We learn about each other, ourselves, and the

human condition by reading the thoughts of great writers. I hope their love of reading continues throughout their lives, providing them with healthy escapes when the world is too much with them.

For the rest of this year, we will continue to explore the dynamics of being effective writers, noting the words of Robert Louis Stevenson--"The difficulty of literature is not to write, but to write what you mean; not to affect your reader, but to affect him precisely as you wish."

Science: We have thoroughly covered the fundamentals of chemistry, so we will begin to build on those foundations. During our final weeks as science students, we will be exploring acid-base reactions, titrations, and we will get into an introduction to organic



chemistry. These subjects make for some of the most interesting (and most practical) experiments! I am excited to lead them through my favorite areas of chemistry, and I am impressed by not only their ability to learn these high-level concepts, but their desire to grow in their knowledge.

Math: We are continuing to move forward in our studies of triangle congruencies in Geometry, while simultaneously reviewing our Pre-Algebra concepts in preparation for a cumulative final exam!

Final Exams are the last week of school. Students with a 93 or above may exempt their final exam. They may also choose to take the exam and replace their lowest grade with their exam grade.

Announcements!

- Swimming Lessons are available! Jennifer Tullis is providing one week sessions this summer for students of varying skill levels. Click [HERE](#) for more details, or email jenntullis@yahoo.com!
- We loved our Teacher Appreciation Week from the amazing Booster's Club!! Thank you so much!!
- Girl Scout Troop 7204 is collecting board books and picture books for our sister school, House of the Children Academy. We are setting up a library shelf as their Bronze Award. Thank you!
- Come out and support our Montessori School of Rome tee-ball team and coach pitch team! The schedules are posted in the lobby. Thank you to our coaches!



Ms. Melanie's Musings



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