

Weekly Notes September 26, 2017

Dates to Remember:

Friday, October 6: Toddler and Primary trip to Copper Creek Farm. Arrive at 9:30, and rotations begin at 10 a.m. We have a large group, and it may take a bit to pay and get ready to go, so please be prompt. Address: 1514 Reeves Station Rd SW, Calhoun, GA 30701. Cost is \$8.00 for children and for adults. Please pay Copper Creek when you arrive.

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Friday, October 13 at 7:00. Booster's Club Trivia Night Fundraiser. Cost is \$20 a person. Sign-up sheet is in the office, or you may email office@msor.org. Location: Willingham Subdivision Gym at 560 N Division, Rome GA. Go behind the apartments and the gym is in the back--right side. This is the gym where we have Historical Timeline and Science Fair. Thank you to Ms. Sandra Hudson and our partners at the NW Ga Housing Authority for allowing us the use of this nice gym!

Saturday, October 14 at 9:00 First Year Primary Parents have a meeting with Ms. Shemi to discuss the 3-year primary cycle of learning. Childcare provided. Please respond to office@msor.org to verify that you are attending this very important meeting with Ms. Shemi.

*Holiday Program change of date--New date is
December 7, 2017! 6:00 at Rome City Auditorium*

The Rome City Auditorium double booked our date, so we must move the program to Thursday, December 7. The staff at the Rome City Auditorium extends their deepest apologies for the mistake. Please mark your calendars with this new date.

Extracurriculars:

Teach Me Tennis begins this Thursday! 9/28. Enroll at rometennis.org. It goes through 11/2. The classes are here at MSR on the basketball court. 3:30 to 4:30 Thursday. \$55 includes 6 sessions, a tennis racquet and a tournament. All elementary ages are welcome.

Violin: Please contact Samantha Lester at samanthalester@comcast.net for available lesson times. Checks made to Samantha Lester.

Ms. Ginny's Class

We are almost finished with our Zoo theme. We have had a lot of fun learning all about the different animals. We have been using the laptop to show the children what the animals look like and hear what sounds they make. We have made lions, monkeys, peacocks and flamingos! Hopefully we will have time for a few more crafts this week.

This Friday, September 29, no lunches will be needed. Aniyah's family is providing a pizza lunch in honor of her 3rd birthday!! We enjoyed Wyatt's birthday lunch yesterday and the children truly loved the pizza!!

Thanks for all the parents that made it to the toddler parent get together last Thursday. It was a great time and a good way to get to know each other better.

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Monday, October 2 - No school due to Teacher Observation. We all choose another Montessori school to observe for the day.

Tuesday, October 3 - Half day for students. Toddlers need to be picked up at 11:00. Parent/teacher conferences will begin at 11:30. Please see the sign-up sheet on the door. I've already talked to several of you, but if you have any more concerns, please sign up.

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Ms. Shannon's Class

We are loving Zoo month!! Ask your child to tell you about some of the animals that live in the zoo and the sounds they make! It's really a fun month. We have two new favorite songs! We have been singing "Walking in the Jungle" and "Going on a Lion Hunt." You can find them both on YouTube if you want to hear them sing them. It's so cute!

Don't forget to see me for a conference time. I still have quite a few of you that I need to hear from. Thanks to those of you who have already set up a time.

Last week we celebrated International Day of Peace on Thursday. We sang "Light a Candle for Peace" along with the whole school. Montessori schools all over the world participated in this event. This song is our daily "prayer" before lunch. You can see the video of the school singing at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxN1vdjN4Sg>

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Thank you all for coming to our toddler parent mixer. We have a great group of families this year and are very excited about it!! A special thanks to Lelia, Liam's mom, for the wonderful food that Harvest Moon prepared for us!

If your child comes home in his/her extra clothes from school, please send another set the next day. We never know when an accident might happen!

Due to a mistake on the part of the Rome City Auditorium Planner, we must change the date of the Christmas program. We are now having our Program on Thursday, December 7th at 6:00 at the Rome City Auditorium. Please make sure to mark the date in your calendar. It is always a beautiful show. More information will come as we get closer.

Ms. Ana Maria's Class

Hello!

Thank you to Hudson for bringing in beautiful flowers last week.

Each Monday, please remember to bring in: nap roll, library book, and reader.

The conference day really did sneak up on me this year. You will find the conference sign-up sheet by the closet door. Please make sure to stop by and sign up for a time.

Our first outing is on Friday, October 6th. We will be going to Copper Creek. This is the pumpkin patch we went to last year. If you do not already have a field trip shirt, please order one as soon as possible. If you need to order one, Ms. Melanie sent out an email with a coupon code for 40% off. Please remember that every child will need a driver. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please let me know.

We will also be sending out the children's thirty day notes this week. These notes let you know what your child enjoys doing in each area of the classroom and who they like to play with. The notes provide an excellent opportunity to ask your child specific questions about the classroom. I hear from a lot of parents that their child never tells them about their day.

We have found that when you ask your child specific questions like "Did you build words today?" rather than "What did you do at school today?" your child will tell you more. We will be placing their thirty-day notes in their cubbies this week.

We are finishing up our studies of the countries in North America this week. We would love to bring in food this Friday, September 29th for the children to try. I will be bringing in some food from Puerto Rico for the children. If you would like to send anything in for the children to try, please let us know. We would just need enough for each child to have a taste. Some ideas are chips and salsa, rice, and cheese quesadillas. Any food that is from North America would be wonderful, which could even be mac and cheese from the United States. Thank you for helping us with our cultural studies.

We have been having a lot of line time lessons about manners. This week we work on saying please and thank you, and we also worked on saying the person's name when saying these words. For example, "Ms. Melanie, please hand me the pencil" and "Thank you Ms. Melanie." I told the children if they did not say the person's name then we did not know who they were talking to, they were talking to the wall. They found this very funny and have been doing an excellent job in the classroom using their manners. We also practiced saying excuse me.

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Important Dates coming up:

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Tuesday, October 3rd- Half day for conferences. Primary dismissal at 11:15.

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Friday, October 13th- Trivia Night

Saturday, October 14th- Primary meeting for first year parents at 9:00am

Thank you!

Ana Maria

Ms. Angie's Class

Happy Tuesday!

Parent Teacher conferences are fast approaching, there is a sign-up sheet, so please reserve your time. We are sending 30-day notes home this week which will tell you what your child has been enjoying doing in our classroom. We are working on our manners, encouraging to say their "pleases" and "thank yous" with the name of the person they are talking to, such as "Can you teach me a lesson please, Ms. Angie? Or "Thank you Ms. Carolina for helping me". We are also practicing saying excuse me, yes ma'am and no, thank you.

We are wrapping up our studies for North America continent; children have learned about North American countries and the body of water that surrounds them. If you ask them specific questions, it might be easier for them to tell you, such as "What is one of the ocean's name that surrounds North America?" To celebrate the end of the lesson on Friday September 29th, we will make a fruit salad for dessert. If you can, please bring a couple of fruits that your child likes.

Our first field trip is coming up, we are going to Copper Creek on Friday October 6th, please make sure to order your field trip shirt from Land's End as soon as possible, Ms. Melanie has previously sent an email with a coupon discount for shirts. Please also remember, each child will need a driver to the Copper Creek Farm We meet there at 9:30. Cost is \$8 for children and adults. Please pay there. We will eat lunch there if you want to bring a sack of lunch, or you may go and enjoy the rest of the day with your child.

Here is a list of important dates coming up in October:

- 10/2 No School – Teacher Observation
- 10/3 Half Day of School – Dismiss at 11:15 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 10/6 Copper Creek Farm field trip 9:30 \$8.00 to children and adults pay there
- 10/13 Trivia Night at NWGA Housing Authority Gym
- 10/14 Primary Meeting for first year parents at school, 9 am.
- 10/23 & 10/24 Historical Timeline
- 10/27 Fall Festival at school
- 10/31 Halloween Parade at school

More information will be further presented as time to each event approaches. Please if you have any concerns or questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you!

Ms. Angie & Ms. Carolina

Ms. Dolores' Class

Good afternoon,

Just a reminder, dismissal next Tuesday will be at 11:30. We look forward to meeting with some of you during our scheduled conferences that afternoon. If you have not yet scheduled a time to meet, please sign up on the schedule posted outside our classroom door.

We are getting excited about the historical figure presentations! Outlines are due this Thursday. We are in the process of scheduling a visit to Winthrop Court to perform for the residents. The plan is for us to go one morning during the week of October 16th. We will need drivers to assist in transportation. I will send a quick email as soon as I know the date we will be visiting Winthrop Court.

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Thank you,

Ms. Anna

Ms. Maggie's Class

We are looking forward to Friday as our next Great Lesson is presented to us by Upper Elementary. A reminder that we are out of school on Monday, October 2nd and we have a half day on Tuesday the 3rd. Lower Elementary will dismiss at 11:30 on Tuesday, October 3. Conferences are underway this week. If you have not done so already, please sign up for a time on the list posted outside the classroom door.

On October 11th, Lower Elementary will be taking a field trip to Carlton Farms in Rockmart. We will leave school at 8:00 a.m. and return before lunch. It will cost \$7 per student. Last year we went on a hayride, corn maze, and visited with the petting zoo animals. We are excited about going back this year! Please drop off your child's car seat before you leave that morning. Please have your child wear their black field trip shirt. If you do not have one, please order one online at www.landsend.com. The field trip shirt for ages Primary and up is the black polo, either interlock or mesh. Preferred School Number 900069022. Logo Number 0761535K. If you have any questions about the farm, please visit their website at <https://carltonfarm.com/p-61-page1.html>. Permission slips will be sent out very soon. We have transportation covered!

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We are looking for some willing cricket finding volunteers! Our gecko enjoys eating crickets, and we would love it if our students could help find his food!

Thank you,

Ms. Maggie & Ms. Stefanie

Ms. Rebecca's Class:

Students who participate in fencing class on Mondays will need to wear long pants to wear protective gear.

Birthday lunch is this Friday, September 29th.

Classic Roots and Math Box test on Friday.

YMCA is also on Friday. Students may wear athletic clothes.

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Ms. Rebecca