

Tuesday Notes September 18, 2018

Office Notes:

Sing Peace Around the World - Friday September 21 at 9:30

Please join us for a very special presentation of "Light a Candle for Peace". All Montessori schools around the world will sing this song in 5-minute increments for 24 hours. Our scheduled time is 9:30 on Friday morning. We would love to have you join us for this heartwarming event! Please see details at this website: <http://singpeacearoundtheworld.com/>

Observations:

The observation rooms are opening the last week of September. Before Parent-Teacher conferences, we request that you spend time observing your child in the classroom. Seeing your child getting lessons and working with the Montessori materials is great preparation for conference time. Also, it familiarizes you with the amazing aspects of a Montessori education.

Booster Club:

A reminder letter is going out soon to those who have not yet paid the Booster Club registration fee of \$25.00. Joining the Booster Club provide you with free admission to the Fall Festival on October 26!

You may drop off a check to the office or place it in the tuition box in the lobby.

Extracurricular Opportunities:

Remember to sign up for Creative Movement, Chess, Lil Gunners, and Violin. Violin lessons: please email samanthalester@comcast.net

Piano classes with Ms. Kyla have a waiting list. Mr. Jason Kise may have availability. His email is jrk311@bellsouth.net.

Creative Movement, Lil Gunner, and Chess forms are in the main lobby in the file folders on top of the bookcase.

For piano and violin lesson payments, please either place money in the tuition box in the lobby or give it to the office. We will make sure that Ms. Kyla, Ms. Samantha and Mr. Jason receive their payments. Thank you!

Ms. Ginny's Tuesday notes:

We continue talking about zoo animals. We are learning what the babies are called and listening to sounds they make! They love a song we sing about the 5 Little Monkeys! We are having wonderful line times. Please continue to be sure to be here by 8:30, at the latest, so that your child will not miss this great beginning to our day!

Be sure to look back on last week notes for upcoming important dates.

On Friday, we are participating in the International Day of Peace. We will sing Light a Candle for Peace. There is more information about it on this website:

<http://singpeacearoundtheworld.com/>

You may want to dress your child a bit nicer because we will post the video on YouTube afterwards!

Ms. Shannon's Tuesday notes

We are still loving our zoo studies! What's more fun than learning about animals? I have heard some interesting ways to say a few of them as well, "buckalo" and "armdadadillo" are a few of my favorites! Please let me know if you have any books or anything fun to share with the class.

We will be singing for the International Day of Peace on Friday. We will join Montessori schools from around the world singing "Light A Candle for Peace." This will be videoed and posted on the website for you to see later. Please make sure your child is camera ready. You don't need to go super dressy but just something simple and nice but still playground ready.

It's almost time for conferences, October 2. I will be available to do conferences starting next week if you would like to get yours out of the way, so you can have the full day off. I can meet before school and after the 2:45 dismissal until 3:30 most days. I will post a list outside the class on Wednesday.

Ms. Ana Maria's Tuesday notes

Hello!

Thank you to everyone for bringing back library books. We always have such a fun time in the library.

I have posted the parent/teacher conference sign-up sheet outside the closet door. Please be sure to stop by to sign up for a time. I have some times available before and after school the last week in September and then a full day of conferences on October 2nd.

The observation window is opening the last week of September. It is always wonderful to come and observe your child before conferences.

A few reminders:

- Adolescents are offering Lunchbox for Mondays and Thursdays, if you are interested in signing up your child, come by the office for information on cost and sign-up sheet.
- Readers are due on Mondays and Thursdays.
- Please fill water bottles with water only.
- Make sure your child has a full change of clothes at school.
- Please cut hotdogs and grapes lengthwise, they are a choking hazard.
- Please send utensils with your child's lunch.

Looking ahead:

No School- October 1st and 2nd

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Ana Maria

Ms. Angie's Tuesday notes

Hello!

We hope everybody had a wonderful weekend!

Thank you to Bo's family for the yummy birthday lunch yesterday!

Please remember to send nap rolls and readers each Monday. Our **library day is Tuesday**, so please make sure your child brings the library book each Tuesday, so they may check out a new one to take home.

Our morning work is going beautifully; it is great to see the children so eager to learn. We will open our observation room the last week of September, please fit in your schedule to come and observe your child for 30 minutes during the morning work cycle, we are having parent/teacher conferences on **October 2nd**, so it will be great for you to see your child working before we meet and answer any questions you may have. The conference sign-up sheet is posted outside our classroom.

We are learning about the Ocean, North America and the animals that live in it. If you have anything that your child might want to share with our class related to our studies, please send it so we can show it during line time.

Sandpaper letters: we have been consistently working with your child about letter sounds. You may have noticed your child coming home with letters written on their hand. This is from sandpaper letters. They are tracing the letter and say the sound the letter makes. When they come home with letters in their hand, please use this opportunity to practice those sounds with your child and play games with them so they can practice it. One game they enjoy is "I spy", you can have them find things around the house that start with a certain sound. Please only say letter sounds with your child, the names of the letters will be learned later.

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- Readers are due on **Mondays and Thursdays.**
- Library days are on **Tuesdays.**
- Please fill water bottles with **water only.**
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We would like to thank you for everyone getting to school on time and sending beautiful lunches!

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Have a great week!

Angie & Carolina

Ms. Dolores's Tuesday Notes

Your child came home yesterday with Historical Timeline information. FYI: notes from me that contain information/deadlines you should help your child to remember are usually printed on purple paper; papers that need to be filled out and brought back to class will be printed on blue paper.

Our first deadline, September 20, is receiving character approval. Ms. Melanie sent out a list of timeline presentations for the past 3 years and these may not be repeated. Please see the link of characters not to use: <https://msor.org/historical-timeline-list-2017-2016-2015-please-not-duplicate/>

Ms. Stephanie is taking all lower elementary students to the library this week and focusing on the biography section. A children's book must be available for your child to read and must be reviewed by me before final approval is given.

From Ms. Shemi:

Why does the Montessori School of Rome create a Historical Timeline each year?

Every October, Montessori programs throughout the world participate in a time-honored tradition called The Historical Timeline. This program allows students to understand and appreciate the accomplishments of others. Additionally, students develop an awareness of the global and personal impact of these historical figures.

Montessori schools view history as a vibrant study of societies of the past. For the last 19 years, our elementary students have chosen a person from history who contributed to society in a positive manner, and they "become" that person. They research their life, prepare a speech about them, dress like them, and then present their story to parents and classmates. Each class also chooses an assisted living residence to visit and present their characters from history.

Historical figures ranged from Marco Polo, Coco Chanel, and Mozart. Even Elvis Presley, the King of Rock and Roll, was in the building for the evening! The students loved dressing up in costume, and the timeline provides students an opportunity to learn from the past, know which characters we wish to emulate in society, and incorporate something positive from that person into their lives.

Understanding the historical significance of their character only begins the learning process. The students also begin to grasp the concept that history involves much more than empires and civilizations, dates and events. They understand the personal lives of these ordinary people and how they lived their lives even before they made their mark on history.

Students utilize many skills while preparing for this special evening. Preparations include reading biographies, taking notes, writing speeches, and designing costumes. Furthermore, students take part in public speaking to peers, family, friends, and the community.

We will have our first field trip to Pettit Creek Farms on Thursday, October 18 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Permission slips will come home on Friday in your child's homework folder. We'll need drivers for this trip; please let me know if you are available.

Another trip, to the Rome/Floyd ECO River Education Center, is still being planned and will happen on Wednesday, November 7. More information will follow as it becomes available.

We're working on our Square One Art projects this week and the children are so excited about creating colorful designs for printing on their personalized (future) treasures.

Please remember that dismissal time for lower elementary students is 3:15 p.m. Your child has clean-up chores and we like to have a closing circle time before saying good-bye for the day. If you have an appointment to get to, you are most welcome to an early pick-up, otherwise please let us complete our end-of-school-day activities as a classroom unit.

Parent/Teacher conference time is approaching, and a list of available times has been posted in the hallway. Please choose a time when both parents will be available. I look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress thus far. Please let me know if you need a conference time that isn't on the list.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Ms. Dolores

Ms. Maggie's Tuesday Notes

Hello,

The parent/teacher conference sign up list is posted on our classroom door. Please sign up for a time at your convenience. If a time slot does not work with your schedule, please email Ms. Maggie to set up an alternative time. Please continue to remember to send in a water bottle every day, especially on Fridays when we go to the Y.M.C.A.

October is fast approaching which means that Historical Timeline is almost here! Character approval is due on Thursday, September 20th. Please refer to the character list on our website when choosing a character. These are the ones that have been presented in the last three years, so they cannot be selected this year. Here is the link to the list: <https://msor.org/historical-timeline-list-2017-2016-2015-please-not-duplicate/>

Please email Ms. Maggie for approval once you have referred to the list. We are looking for books on possible characters in the library this week. Each student needs to find a children's book with information on their character.

Late stay students will have homework lab on Mondays-Wednesdays. Students will work on their homework from 3:15-4:00. The Cross-Country club meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 a.m. in the Upper Elementary parking lot. We welcome any Lower or Upper elementary student to join us! Lower elementary will be going on a field trip to Pettit Farms in Cartersville on October 18th. A field trip permission slip will be sent out soon.

Thank you,

Ms. Maggie and Ms. Stefanie

Ms. Rebecca's Tuesday notes

Upper Elementary Parents:

We thoroughly enjoyed the various activities last week: Flag Day, 4-H meeting, and our presentation of the Timeline of Humans. This week will be our fifth full week of school and nearing the end of our normalization period. After our sixth week, we will have parent/teacher conferences so please look for our posted sign-up schedule by the end of next week.

We are currently working on our Square One Art project for this year - the fascinating geometric designs of diatoms. Diatoms' relevance to our studies of unicellular organisms and the prokaryotic cell make is a perfect concept to use for art!! Also, students are preparing to research the story of writing and numbers for our fourth and fifth Great Lessons.

This Friday our school will participate in the international live streaming of *Sing Peace Around the World*. Look for our song at 9:30AM on Friday, September 21st.

A few other things to remember this week:

* Historical Timeline is approaching quickly, I attached the milestone document in an email to you earlier. (Due Dates!!!) (Names were posted on last email)

* September 25th, Tuesday - outing to ECO Center @ Ridge Ferry Park (will send home form this week with details; \$5 per student)

* Language HW - Wordly Wise Chapter 2 due Thursday

* JGB HW - 5th & 6th due Mondays & Thursdays; 4th due Tuesdays & Fridays

* Spanish HW - Due Fridays

* No School - October 1st & 2nd

Thank you,

Ms. Rebecca

Adolescent and Secondary Students

Thank you so much for your support of Breakfast Box and Lunch Box! The Adolescent students have enjoyed getting Lunch Box started. Tori Reynolds stated, "Lunch Box has been an

interesting business to begin and get organized. Thank you all for signing up and supporting us!” We are still accepting enrollment for Lunch Box. Please sign up at the office.

You may not see some of us on campus as much as you used to – we attend college classes at GNTC and Georgia Highlands. This year, Isaiah and Kaylie are beginning their Dual Enrollment with a general education English and Speech class. Shakeria, Cydney, Nicholas and Illiyaan are taking classes ranging from Calculus to Music Appreciation to American Literature. The Dual Enrollment program allows us to obtain college credits while still in high school. Our goal is to take several general education classes while still in high school, allowing us to focus more on our major area of studies.

To enhance our American History studies, Ms. Shemi took us to Los Angeles over Labor Day weekend. We were able to see the photographic exhibit from the Library of Congress. They loaned their “History Through Photography” to the Annenberg Center who aggregated the 4 million pictures down to 1400. Also, we visited the Getty Art Museum. We were able to take this trip with funds from our businesses which you graciously support, so thank you!