

## *Weekly Notes January 24, 2019*

### *Open Houses:*

*\*\*If your child is moving up the next program, then please plan on attending one of these Open Houses!\*\* Example: Toddlers who will be 3 on September 1, 2019 need to attend the Primary Open House. 3<sup>rd</sup> year primary students need to attend the Elementary Open Houses. 3<sup>rd</sup> year Lower Elementary students need to attend the Upper Elementary Open Houses. 6<sup>th</sup> year Upper Elementary need to attend the Adolescent Open House.*

### **We invite you to attend our annual Open House!**

We will be giving tours of the school and discussing our unique, whole child educational programs. All current students moving to the next program should attend!

Please plan to join us!

<b>Toddler &amp; Primary</b>	<b>Elementary &amp; Adolescent</b>
<b>January 31, 2019</b>	<b>January 31, 2019</b>
<b>5:30-6:30pm</b>	<b>6:30-7:30pm</b>
<b>Toddler &amp; Primary</b>	<b>Elementary &amp; Adolescent</b>
<b>February 2, 2019</b>	<b>February 2, 2019</b>
<b>10:00-11:00am</b>	<b>11:00am-12:00pm</b>

*Our school depends on word of mouth referrals. We have limited openings and would love to give first choice to referrals from our current families.*

Do you know any future Montessorians?

If so, please complete the following information or email the office at [office@msor.org](mailto:office@msor.org). We would like to send them an invitation to our Open Houses. We have discovered through our 38 years of operation that although there are many ways to advertise our program, our parents are consistently our best source of referrals. When considering your family, friends, and colleagues, please keep us in mind if any of them are seeking a quality education--an education redefined— an education of the whole child.

**We truly appreciate your support of the school! Even if you do not know of a child to refer, please visit our Facebook page, like the Open House event and share it!**

Prospective  
Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Address  
/email: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Age: \_\_\_\_\_

May we let them know you referred us? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

If yes, please give us your name \_\_\_\_\_

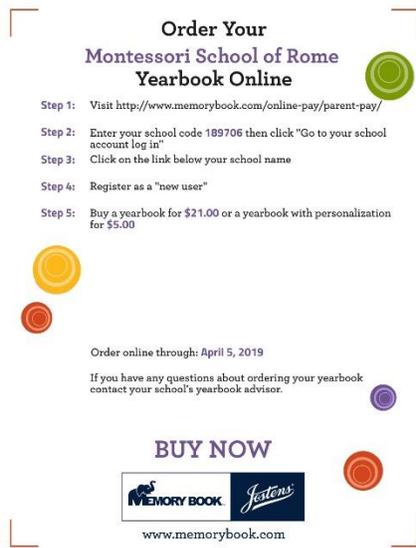
### *Lost and Found*

There is a very nice towel, swimsuit and bag along with several other items in our Lost and Found box. It is located in the Resource Room (the room off the main lobby) in a wicket basket labeled Lost and Found ☺ The items will be donated at the end of the month.

### *Illnesses:*

We are trying to keep germs out of the classrooms. We are having the children wash their hands a lot and we are cleaning everything we possibly can. When you have a chance, please review the handbook on illnesses. You can find information on pages 14 and 15. Here is a link to the handbook: <http://msor.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/MSR-Parent-Student-Handbook-Current-Year-.pdf>

### *Yearbook Ordering Directions:*



**Order Your  
Montessori School of Rome  
Yearbook Online**

Step 1: Visit <http://www.memorybook.com/online-pay/parent-pay/>

Step 2: Enter your school code 189706 then click "Go to your school account log in"

Step 3: Click on the link below your school name

Step 4: Register as a "new user"

Step 5: Buy a yearbook for \$21.00 or a yearbook with personalization for \$5.00

Order online through: April 5, 2019

If you have any questions about ordering your yearbook contact your school's yearbook advisor.

**BUY NOW**

[www.memorybook.com](http://www.memorybook.com)

Ms. Robin has also placed posters on the doors of the school with the ordering information. If you want to have the yearbook personalized, it is \$5.00 extra.

### *Tuition:*

Several families utilize online bill pay through their bank. Please make sure that your bank sends the checks for receipt by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month. When they are sending paper checks, it

sometimes takes up to seven days for us to receive them, making the tuition payment late.  
Thank you!

### *Ms. Ginny and Ms. Pam*

We are enjoying learning about the Arctic animals, what they eat, how they stay warm even the sounds that they make. We are enjoying making crafts and also doing a few experiments including showing the children how the penguins feathers stay dry. They truly loved the ice painting we did. We are staying very busy and learning a lot!

Just a reminder, on Monday, January 28, no lunches will be needed. Christian's parents are providing lunch for our class to celebrate his 2nd birthday!

PLEASE label all outerwear!!

### *Ms. Shannon, Ms. Rachel, and Ms. Kayla*

This week we will continue with our studies of arctic animals. Last week we had a lot of fun studying ice. The kids loved learning about blending colors with the ice. We made purple and green water last week by freezing their primary colors and seeing what happened when the different colors melted. The kids were amazed!

Make sure to send your kids dressed for outside. We will go out if it above freezing. Please make sure their jackets and hats are labeled.

We are preparing for International Day. Please send in \$10 to help with costumes and some other decorations for the classroom. Thanks!

We will have a birthday lunch for Gabriella on Friday. Her parents will provide lunch for the class! Thanks Brandie and Corey!

### *Ms. Ana Maria and Ms. Valerie*

Hello!

I hope everyone has been staying warm. Please be sure to send your child in warm clothes. If the real feel temp is above 32 degrees, we will go outside to play. Please label all jackets, hats, and mittens. We try our best to keep up with everything, but things always go missing.

Thank you to Alexis, Athan's Mom, and Kim, Jamesen's Mom for volunteering to help with costumes and decorations for international day. Ms. Valerie and I have been having so much fun getting to plan on how to transform the classroom.

We are trying to keep all the germs out of the classroom. We are having the children wash their hands a lot and we are cleaning everything we possibly can. When you have a chance, please review the handbook on illnesses. You can find information on pages 14 and 15. Here is a link to the handbook: <http://msor.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/MSR-Parent-Student-Handbook-Current-Year-.pdf>

Important Dates coming up:

**February 21st**- International Day- Our parent performance will be at 11am with lunch immediately following. I

**March 8th**- No school (Parent/Teacher conferences)

Please let us know if you have any information or resources on Nepal.

Thank you!

Ana Maria

*Ms. Angie and Ms. Carolina*

Hello everyone!

I hope that you are enjoying the cold weather. Please check the weather each day to be sure that your child is dressed to be comfortable for the day. We are dealing with some crazy change of temps and cannot depend on seasons being our indicator for what the weather will be these days. lol

January 31st is Open House for the toddler and primary programs. If you know of someone that would love to be a part of our school, then please tell them about open house and invite them to be here at 5:30 on that day. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Melanie or Ms. Chandler in the office. February 2nd is Open House in our classroom from 10-11 in the morning.

International Day for primary is February 21st. We are studying the Philippines for it. Thanks Ms. Stephanie and Mr. Roberto (Abby Samia's parents) for preparing and sending in traditional foods from the Philippines for us to try. The children have enjoyed all the food. There will be more information soon about International Day and we will post a sign-up sheet on Monday, January 28th for things that are needed for that day.

Thank you so much for all that you do to make our class awesome.

Angie and Carolina

*Ms. Dolores and Ms. Robin*

We've been reading *The Adventures of Don Quixote* in the classroom. The kids are loving it and asking to do a couple of short skits for you on International Day. Should be fun !!!

If anyone has a Spanish dish that they'd like to prepare for the class on International Day, please let me know. We will be preparing a menu and asking for volunteer cooks sometime next week.

Don't forget Open House is right around the corner, for primary children moving up and children from our community. Let Ms. Melanie or Ms. Chandler know if there are any friends you'd like to invite.

First semester report cards came home yesterday. Please sign, date, and return them to me in the provided envelope. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a Wednesday afternoon meeting, please let me know.

I've found an interesting app that we've been using in the classroom to help with our cursive writing. The children are so excited and learning to form their letters correctly. The name of the app is *Cursive Writing Wizard* by *L'Escapadou*. There is a free version, as well as a paid version, for both iPhone and Android. Hint! Hint! Your children

want to use this at home. Two other apps that may be helpful (though not necessary) are *Montessori Math Add, Subtract* and *Montessori Math Multiplication* by *Edoki Academy*. Both apps have digital versions of Montessori materials that we use in the classroom.

We've had several cases of the flu in the primary and elementary classrooms. Please have a conversation with your child about washing hands, keeping hands away from his/her face, and covering coughs and sneezes.

Stay well and stay warm.

*Ms. Maggie and Ms. Stefanie*

Hello.

Thank you to the Echols family for the Christmas gift of providing our classroom with snacks! The snacks include animal crackers, GoGo Squeez, Skinny Popcorn, and Veggie Straws. Students do not need bring a snack. We will let you know when snacks need to be brought in again.

International day is on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our country this year is Ghana! The food sign up list is posted on our classroom door. We will send out links to the food items closer to time. We encourage each family to make the food item together! The students enjoy telling the class how they prepared it!

Science fair is on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Project approval and due date information will be sent out in February. Please remember that we do not allow science kits. We are encouraging the students to challenge themselves!

Please continue to send your child to school with a water bottle and winter coat.

Thank you,

Ms. Maggie and Ms. Stefanie

*Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Kaitlin*

Parents:

Thank you Mr. Tom Combes, Ms. Lynn Ashley, Ms. Amy Dempsey, and Ms. Dagmar for driving our students to the Booth Western Art Museum this week. The upper elementary students were outstanding today as we participated in two programs and toured the museum. If you have not had the opportunity to visit this museum in Cartersville, it is worth it. Please feel free to view photos on the upper elementary snapfish account at [snapfish.com](http://snapfish.com), username is Msr, email is [rebecca@msor.org](mailto:rebecca@msor.org), and password is UpperEl.

This will be a short week for our students, so here are a few reminders as we move into next week:

- \* Friday - Wordly Wise due, Classical Roots test, and YMCA
- \* Saturday - several of our students are participating in the 4-H DPA presentations

Next week, we will begin our Storytellers class with Ms. Kirk. The students are excited about being in her class again this year and we look forward to hearing their fabulous tales.

Open House - Upper Elementary 6:30pm to 7:30pm on Thursday, January 31st and Saturday, February 2nd at 11:00am to 12:00pm

\* Student volunteers would be appreciated during these times to assist in the classroom with work/material demonstrations

International Day and Science Fair are quickly approaching, further instructions and information will be sent home soon.

Thank you,

Ms. Rebecca