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# DOLPHIN TALES



## November Birthdays:

Emily H.	11/2
Samuel D.	11/2
Madison W.	11/3
Luca A.	11/4
Parker C.	11/4
Tegan A.	11/4
Myles B.	11/6
Reynolds L.	11/6
Aubree C.	11/7
Luke M.	11/11
Katherine J.	11/12
Thealynn G.	11/14
Nicholas W.	11/16
Athan W.	11/17
Ryder C.	11/17
Bear B.	11/18
Andi R.	11/21
Claire C.	11/22
Charles G.	11/27
Quade W.	11/29



## Important Dates:

**November 8th**  
Fall Festival and  
Art Auction  
Division St. Gym  
6:00—8:00 PM

**November 26th**  
Holiday Celebration  
In Classroom

**November 27th– 29th**  
Thanksgiving Break  
No School



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



We certainly had a fun month learning all about nocturnal animals in October. We also had a lot of fun with Halloween songs, poems and making several crafts. Our field trip to the pumpkin patch was fun for all!

In November, we will talk about transportation and opposites. We will also talk about Thanksgiving and how it all started with the pilgrims and Indians. We will have our Thanksgiving feast on Tuesday, November 26. We will take up money for chicken nuggets and will need a volunteer to pick them up. There will be a sign up sheet for sides hanging on our door. This is for you and your child. I hope you plan to attend. If you know in advance you are not coming, please let us know as we need to know the amount of money to take up from each family attending for the cost of the nuggets.

I hope you have all marked your calendar for the Fall Festival/Auction on Friday, November 8 from 6:00-8:00 at the Division Street gym. It will definitely be a lot of fun for the entire family. We are making 2 projects that you may purchase that your child has participated in. The cost of the projects will be \$25 and \$15. This is basically a donation to our booster club that helps each classroom. We also will have a larger project that each child participated in for the auction! Please come and bid on it!

I want to thank the families that purchased books from the book fair for our classroom! We always love getting new books to read and enjoy!!

## Toddler News from Ms. Shannon, Ms. Rachel, & Ms. Kayla



We had a fabulous time learning about nocturnal animals in October. This month we are trucking on to transportation and opposites. We will learn about different modes of transportation and what they are used for. Opposites is such a natural pairing for this month. We can show how the truck goes fast or slow and if the train is big or little.

Our Fall festival/art auction will be held on November 8 at the gym on Division Street. Each child will have two art projects for sale. Our class is also working on a beautiful group project for the silent auction. There will be fun, inflatables, and food. Don't miss out on this chance to support our Booster's Club and get plugged into the community.

We will celebrate Thanksgiving on November 26 in our classroom. Parents are welcome. I will be posting a sign up sheet for the lunch. Please RSVP on it so everyone will know how much to bring.

There will be no school on November 27-29. I hope you all have a wonderful, safe, and blessed Thanksgiving!



## Primary News from Ms. Ana Maria & Ms. Valerie

We have had an amazing October. We have learned so many new things and we have gotten to experience some new things.

We loved studying about parts of the body. We have learned about our bones and nervous system. We learned about the different functions of organs in our body and why it is important to eat healthy.

We then studied the five senses. I think this was some of the children's favorite lessons. I know it was mine. For the sense of smell, we had smelling jars for the children to match the smells. It was really funny watching them smell everything. They loved the peppermint scent the best. For the sense of touch, we did an extension of the touch tablets. They put on a blindfold and had to match the touch tablets with their sense of touch. For the sense of hearing, we learned about sound waves and the children match the classroom bells. For the sense of sight, we did the second color tablet box. This is where the children match all the colors. They then had to find objects from around the room to match the color tablets. For the sense of taste, the children got to try different foods. We had sour, sweet, and salty for them to try.

My Mom, Mary Elena, came in to tell the children Halloween stories. She taught the children how to tell a jump story. Be sure to ask them about it.

The children have been busy working on their art auction items. Each child has created two pieces of art and we are creating one large art project for the live auction. All the children are amazing artists. We are combining the fall festival and auction this year. Be sure to mark your calendars for November 8th. It will be from 6pm to 8pm. It will take place at the Willingham Gymnasium and Community Center, 560 N Division St NW, Rome, GA 30165.

Thanks!



## Primary News from Ms. Angie & Ms. Carolina

Happy November!

We can't believe that the end of the year is approaching! We had such a busy month full of fun and learning and we are ready to begin with our holiday season.

This month we will begin our studies about mountains and native Americans. Also, we will be learning and preparing for Thanksgiving. There will be a sign up sheet next to our classroom door for our Thanksgiving feast. We will celebrate it on Tuesday, November 26th.

We want to thank you for everything you do for our class and the children. If you would like to come and visit our class, November is the best month! Please let us know if you or someone of your family would like to come visit us. The three year cycle is an essential element to Montessori education. Allowing children to stay in the same Montessori environment with the same group of children and teachers through the full three year cycle is critical for teachers and children to build a very strong, stable and consistent community. As, Dr. Maria Montessori said "the most important period of life is not the age of university studies, but the first one, the period from birth to the age of six".

Our Boosters Club Auction and Fall Festival is next Friday November 8th, please make sure to attend and invite family members to come as well, we will have lots of art pieces done by child for sale. All income benefits the boosters club who do so much for our school. More information to come.

Weather is rapidly changing, please make sure to check your child's box for appropriate weather clothing.

Some of the important dates coming up:

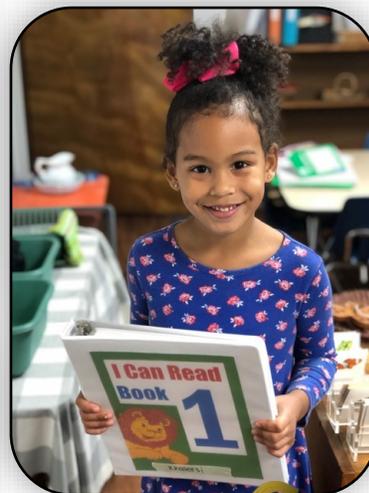
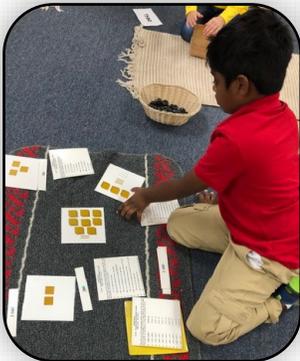
November 8th Auction/Fall Festival

November 26th Thanksgiving celebration in class

November 27th-29th Thanksgiving break

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Angie & Carolina



## Elementary News from Ms. Maggie and Ms. Stefanie

“To speak afterward of the life of man on the surface of the globe is to speak of history. And each detail holds the child’s interest by reason of its strict relation to the others. We may compare it with tapestry: each detail is a piece of embroidery; the whole constitutes a magnificent cloth.”

We celebrated the end of this month with Historical Timeline. Non-attendees of a Montessori school may see this process as an unnecessary program. However, this tradition has a great purpose. Students look back in history to find humans that paved the way for how our life is now. These historical figures implemented their knowledge or even fought for what is right. They impacted this world for the better. This is such an inspiration to our students and audience when we hear about what these characters accomplished in their lifetime! It sparks us to work hard and strive to do something that can help out our world today.

Historical Timeline gives a present voice to those that have passed. Our students continue to share their story. They become interested in their character and enjoy sharing what they have learned to others. It is important to learn about our past and celebrate accomplishments. Students will then strive to set personal goals and find out their purpose in life. This time of the year is so special to our classroom. We look at our own life as well as the timelines of others. We see the importance of working together and encouraging one another to be our best self!



## Elementary News from Ms. Dolores & Ms. Robin

I continue to be charmed, year after year, by our Historical Timeline presenters. I know that many of you parents hold your breath and sigh with relief when your child finishes with a “thank-you”.

It's never too early to encourage children to stand up in front of people to perform. Public speaking doesn't have to be learning lots of lines for a speech; it can be as simple as singing a song, telling about a picture they drew, reciting a favorite nursery rhyme, or sharing about a book that they've read. The more we encourage young children to speak, the greater their self-confidence is likely to grow. Everyone has a story (looking for a listener) to tell.

Public speaking is a very important medium for delivering ideas and building opinions. If you catch children before they have that fear of speaking in front of people, they'll probably miss that hurdle altogether and go on to be great communicators. Practicing in class with peers provides opportunities for giving and receiving feedback. Participants learn to use empathy and develop an awareness of pitfalls that may not have yet presented themselves.

Perhaps the best part of showing children how to speak publicly is the look of exhilaration on their faces when they succeed. Imagine the delight when they realize that they did it all by themselves. Capturing the attention of a room full of people, and watching the audience enjoy what they are hearing can develop a feeling of importance and fearlessness.

Children will, of course, learn hard skills like math, science, and geography, but speech training teaches them those important soft skills: initiative, creativity, persuasiveness, and organization. This sort of training is one of the best benefits we can give our children; it will stay with them for the rest of their lives. We are, after all, equipping the future leaders of our world.



## Elementary News from Ms. Rebecca & Ms. Kaitlin

During Maria Montessori's extensive observations of the child, she discovered the importance of learning through movement and the senses. Research corroborates the vital hand/brain connection, proving that new pathways in the brain develop as children use their hands to explore and interact with the world.

Children in a Montessori environment learn cursive in several sequential steps. They begin with the cursive sandpaper letters that they trace with their fingers. Afterward, they may form the same letters in a tray of sand. Next, the letters are written on a large chalkboard. Eventually lined paper is introduced and children learn to shape the letters between the two parallel lines and also learn that the letters of words are hitched together.

In the next step, a child starts to express his thoughts and ideas using letters that are cut out of particle board, called the Moveable Alphabet. In this way, he or she begin the process of "writing," or expressing thoughts in written symbols, long before they have learned to independently form all the letters of the alphabet. The child also learns to hook the letters to one another so that the pencil flows along the paper without frequent stopping within, and between, letters.

After the child has begun to form all the symbols and has been writing stories with the Moveable Alphabet, he or she naturally starts writing words and sentences on the chalkboard and on paper writing strips. You can almost see the thoughts travel from the brain, down the arm and hand, and onto the chalkboard or paper.

When you look at the alphabet in cursive you see that it would be impossible to reverse any of the letters, for example b, d, p, or s. These letters can be very confusing to the child who is printing. Also, with printing, the capital and lower case letters are often similar, causing confusion between the two. However, the capital cursive letters are significantly different; and usually they are not connected to the following letters.

Beyond what you can observe in a classroom, studies have also shown that kids who learn cursive rather than simply manuscript writing score better on reading and spelling tests, perhaps because the linked-up cursive forces writers to think of words as wholes instead of parts. It's also worth noting that once children have learned cursive, it is very easy for them to learn print. The reverse is more difficult. Also, a child who writes in cursive can also read print, but a child who only learns print cannot read cursive.



## Announcements



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We invite you to connect with us on social media! We post regularly on Facebook and Instagram and just re-launched our Twitter. Please follow us to stay updated on school events and to view a ton of great photos of our students at work. We look forward to connecting and communicating with you. We hope you like and comment on our posts and feel free to ask any questions or share our content with family and friends.

**SCHOOL MESSENGER:** To opt in to receive text messages from school messenger please text the letter **y** or **yes** to **67587**. We use school messenger to update parents on weather, delayed openings or school closures, etc.

Warm Wishes,  
Chandler Lawrence  
Administrative Assistant

# Announcements

## **SAT Scores:**

Congratulations to Illiyaan Sundrani for making a 1450 on his SAT. Our seniors are diligently completing college applications!

## **Tardy Policy:**

Dear MSR Families,

We are having trouble with students arriving to school late, and per our handbook, if you arrive after 8:30, please come into the school and sign in your child. It is important for your child to be here on time so that they do not miss important lessons during the morning line time and because it is disruptive to the classroom when your child comes in late. We want each child to begin their day in a calm manner without rushing.

## **Fall Festival and Art Auction:**

Dear MSR Families,

Here is important information on the Fall Festival/Art Auction:

**Date:** Friday, November 8

**Location:** 560 North Division Street (Go to the Willingham apartments and drive to the back to the gymnasium)

**Time:** 6:00 - 8:00 pm

### **Event details:**

Inflatables and booths: 6:00 to 8:00

Silent Auction: begins 6:00 and ends at 6:45

Live Auction: 7:00 with auctioneer Lynn Dempsey. During the live auction, the classroom art projects will be up for auction.

### **Here's how it works for the art auction:**

Your children and their teachers have been hard at work creating beautiful pieces of art. The art will be available to sell beginning Monday, November 4 and continuing through the auction. The prices are \$15 for the small pieces and \$25 for the large pieces. This is a thoughtful gift for the upcoming holidays and will create funds for the Booster Club.

### **What are we going to do with the funds?**

We want to upgrade the large piece of playground equipment. It is over \$15,000.

Thank you for your support of the Booster Club!

### **The Booster Club provides:**

\$200 gift certificate per classroom for materials, pizza lunch 3 times a year, in-house field trips, outdoor classroom, playground equipment

# Art Auction Items

