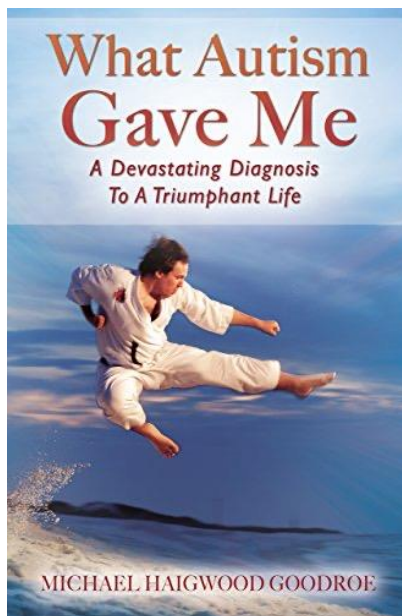


Weekly Notes November 19, 2019

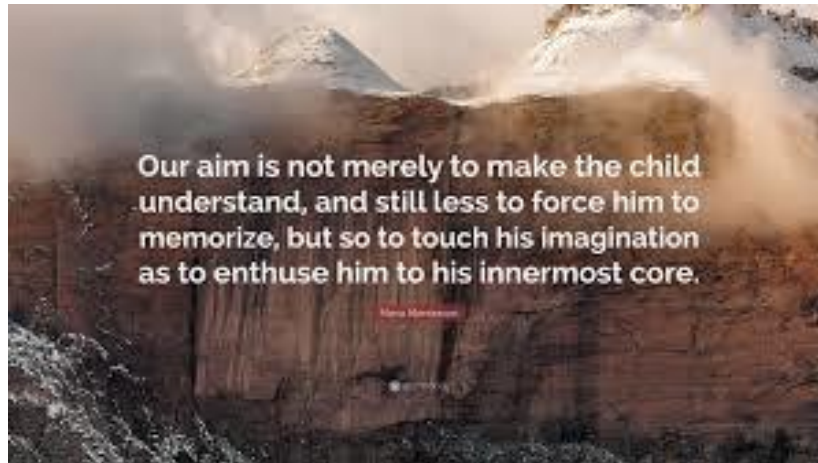
Friday, November 22: Michael Goodroe, author of *What Autism Gave Me* will be speaking to the students of MSR. It's featured this week at Amazon as the book of the week and he will come to speak for 30 minutes in Upper Elementary. Families, please join us at 9:45 with the speech beginning at 10:00. It will last approximately 30 minutes. Copies of his book will be available. Here is the link if you would like to learn more about Michael Goodroe's journey:

https://www.amazon.com/What-Autism-Gave-Devastating-Triumphant/dp/1478797827/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=michael+goodroe&qid=1574201435&sr=8-1



Thanksgiving Feast next Tuesday, November 26. Celebrations are in each classroom at lunch time. We will have After School Care on this day; however, you are welcome to take your child home after the feast!

Thanksgiving Holidays are next Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. November 27, 28, 29 and school resumes Monday, December 2. We are grateful for each of you, for the pleasure of guiding your children, and for your recognition of the value of a Montessori education.



BREAKFAST BOX WILL RETURN AFTER THANKSGIVING BREAK ON DECEMBER 6

Ms. Ginny's Class:

This month is just speeding on by. Everyone is probably getting very busy preparing for the upcoming holidays.

We have talked about every kind of transportation that I can think of and really have enjoyed reading books on the different kinds. We are still making crafts and will probably start reading about Thanksgiving near the end of the week. I have a great little book about the very first Thanksgiving that gives them a bit of history of where it all started. Today we talked about opposites. Most of our older ones seemed to really understand! We will spend at least another day on them.

We have had a case of pink eye in our classroom so just wanted to make you are aware in case your child's eye becomes red and crusty. It is contagious while there is still a discharge and redness. We are hoping to keep all the children as well as possible for the upcoming holiday as I'm sure many of you will be visiting family and friends.

Periodically check your child's extra clothing box and make sure it's ready in case of accidents.

On Tuesday, November 26th at 11:15 we will be having our Thanksgiving Dinner together. There are still a couple of items needed on our sign-up sheet if you haven't signed up yet. We put 14 items down since we have 14 families. It is located on our classroom door. Thanks to all of you that have already signed up! Please bring the food warm and ready to be served. You are all invited!

Ms. Shannon's Class:

We are so excited about the Thanksgiving feast next Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 11:15. Please sign up for something to bring and make sure to RSVP so everyone knows how much food to prepare. Normally, we have at least one parent per child. We have 20 kids in our class. If you are bringing a dish that needs to be served warm, it would be best to bring it in a crock pot or wait to bring it with you at lunch. We can't warm up everything in our small microwave. 😊 You are welcome to take your child with you after the feast. Remember there is no school next Wednesday-Friday.

We are still having a problem with people not labeling things. Our kids are very blessed. This means they each have several jackets, water bottles, lots of clothes, etc. We can't remember who goes with what and things are going to end up getting lost or misplaced. Please label everything that comes to school.

Please make sure to check the weather when you dress your child in the mornings. It's been fluctuating a great deal lately. We go out at 10 for an hour, unless the temperature is below freezing. Make sure to dress appropriately. If your child is staying in after care, then consider layers. Please make sure your child has an extra set of clothing in their cubbies. We have several friends who do not. If your child is potty training then please stock up a few sets (pants, shirts, underwear, socks, and shoes).

Remember to save the date for our Peace Program. It's December 17. We are working on our songs. The kids are doing a great job!

Ms. Ana Maria:

Hello,

For the Holiday program, we will be ordering tie-dye shirts for the children to wear. Please email me back to let me know what size shirt your child wears.

We enjoyed learning about Native Americans. We learned about the Cherokee and the Sioux. This week we will be talking about the Pilgrims and the Mayflower.

We have lots of events coming up. Here is a little bit about each event:

November 22nd-

We will be having a motivational guest speaker this Friday at 10am. His name is Michael Goodroe. He has written a book called *What Autism Gave Me*. It's featured this week at Amazon as the book of the week. Third year primary will be attending.

November 26th- Thanksgiving Feast:

- The festivities will begin at 11am. The children will do a Native American dance and then we will all say what we are thankful for, so be prepared to say what you are thankful for.
- If you have signed up to bring in food, please make sure you bring the food warmed and ready to eat. It also helps a lot if you label everything you bring in. This includes serving utensils. We want to make sure everything gets back to the right house.
- When you walk into the classroom, you will see where to set the food.
- After we all say what we are thankful for, we will send the children to wash their hands and then we will ask you to fix your child's plate. We have discussed how it is important to try new foods. (We will see what happens.)
- Please let us know if you are taking your child home after the feast. If they leave early, your child will not be missing any classwork.

December 5th- Class Outing:

We will be having a class outing to see *Welcome to Christmas* on December 5th.

- It will be at the City Auditorium. (601 Broad St, Rome, GA 30161)
- When you arrive, you will need to pay for the tickets in the front lobby.
- Once you purchase your tickets, please look for Montessori teachers in the Auditorium. There will be assigned seats for our school to sit, and I have heard we have wonderful seats!
- The program starts at 9am. They have asked that we all be in our seats no later than 8:45am.

(Please remember that Ms. Valerie and I will be meeting you there. We will not meet at school first.)
- The program should last one hour and then we will return to school. The rest of the school day will be a normal day.
- The children need to wear their black MSR shirt.
- Please let us know who will be driving your child there.

Thanks,

Ana María

Ms. Angie's Class

Happy Thanksgiving!

On Tuesday, our Thanksgiving Feast begins at 11:00, and the sign-up sheet is still posted with some spots available for dishes to bring and share.

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December 5th:

We will go to the Rome City Auditorium for Sam Baltzer's annual Holiday Show. Tickets are \$5.00. We will meet there and sit together. Children should wear their MSR black shirt. It begins at 9:00. It will last for one hour, and afterwards, it is a regular school day.

We are thankful for each one of your precious children. Thank you for allowing us to guide them each day!

Ms. Dolores' Class

We will be having a motivational guest speaker this Friday at 10am. His name is Michael Goodroe. He has written a book called *What Autism Gave Me*. It's featured this week at Amazon as the book of the week. Families are invited to attend.

There are still a few empty slots for our Thanksgiving feast next Tuesday, November 26. Let me know what you would like to bring, you are welcome to add something to the list. Gabriel's parents may want some help providing the chicken nuggets/fingers.

We will clean up at 11 a.m. and plan to start eating between 11:15 and 11:30. Family members are welcome to join us. Feel free to take your child home afterwards. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday will be school holidays.

This Friday we will celebrate the birthday of Claire Chen with a pizza lunch.

We will be ordering long sleeved t-shirts for this year's Holiday program. I have asked Ms. Melanie to get size small for Claire, Milan, Bo, and Eloise; medium for everyone else. Let me know ASAP if you would like a different sized shirt for your child.

Thanks,

Dolores

Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire. -- William Butler Yeats

Ms. Maggie's Class

We will be having a motivational guest speaker this Friday at 10am. His name is Michael Goodroe. He has written a book called *What Autism Gave Me*. It's featured this week at Amazon as the book of the week. Families are invited to attend.

The Thanksgiving Feast will be next Tuesday! Everyone is invited to celebrate with us on this day of giving thanks for our many blessings! The date is November 26th at 11:30. Please remember to sign up for the dish you want to bring. The list is on the classroom door. Please list the name of the dish you plan to bring so we won't end up with several of the same dishes. Due to limited oven access please plan to bring a dish that is fully prepared and that will not need to be warmed. We look forward to seeing you all at the Feast!

Our Thanksgiving break will begin Wednesday, November 27th. You're welcome to take your child home after the Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday, if you wish, to spend time with family and friends. School will resume Monday, December 2nd.

Please continue to send in a water bottle with your child every day. As we are in the gym on Fridays at the YMCA it is especially important for every student to have water to drink.

Also, please remember to send in all items needed to ensure your child has everything he/she needs to enjoy his/her lunch. Lower EI is a perfect time to encourage your child to gain more independence by involving him/her in the process of packing a lunch. Students also tend to eat better when it's a lunch they packed themselves!

Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

Ms. Rebecca's Class

Parents:

We will be having a motivational guest speaker this Friday at 10am. His name is Michael Goodroe. He has written a book called *What Autism Gave Me*. It's featured this week at Amazon as the book of the week. Families are invited to attend.

All are welcome and invited to the Upper Elementary/Adolescent/Secondary Thanksgiving Feast on Tuesday, November 26th at 11:30 AM in the upper elementary classroom.

Please let me know ASAP the total number of guests that will be attending the lunch, including your student, as well as the side dish/dishes you are bringing. We are asking for upper elementary families to commit to a side dish for the feast that can feed up to 30 people. Some ideas: salads, breads, casseroles, veggies, fruit, mac-n-cheese, etc. The other classes will be asked to bring main course meats and desserts.

Dietary concerns: Please clearly label any dishes that contain nuts or nut products.

Thank you,

Ms. Rebecca Fussell

Adolescent and Secondary

The Secondary class is excited to join Ms. Mary Donahue again this year at the CTI conference. They will be there on Thursday and Friday.

Breakfast Box will not be open the next two weeks and will return December 6.

Thank you for your support!