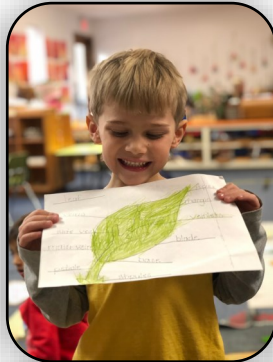


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# DOLPHIN TALES



## December Birthdays:

Anika G.	12/1
Lilah P.	12/4
Devi S.	12/5
Callie D.	12/9
Ria R.	12/11
Nolan F.	12/13
Andrew F.	12/13
Liam A.	12/13
Vihaan P.	12/16
Ann C.	12/17
Thadd G.	12/21
Rex H.	12/23
Natalie D.	12/27



## Important Dates:

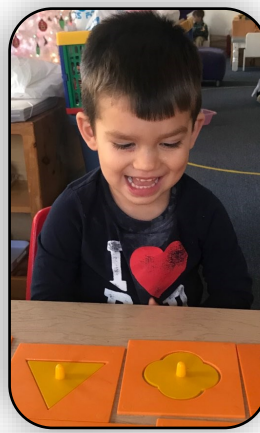
**December 17th**  
Holiday Program  
Rome City Auditorium  
6:00—8:00 PM

**December 18th**  
Holiday Celebration  
in the Classroom &  
Pajama Day

**December 20 Half Day**  
11:30 dismissal. Win-  
ter Break until we  
return on Jan 6.



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



The month of November was fun and just seemed to fly by. Learning all about transportation was fun. We also studied how Thanksgiving originated. I want to thank all you parents that volunteered to bring food and who came to enjoy the lunch with us for our Thanksgiving feast. It turned out great! I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

This month we will be spending a lot of time and energy getting ready for our holiday program. The children are practicing daily and working very hard to get it down pat. Please work with them on holding their 2 fingers up to make the "peace" sign. We do that in both of our songs and some are having a hard time with it. Our program is Tuesday, December 17 at the Rome City auditorium on Broad street. You don't want to miss it! It should be very entertaining:)! Please send in to the office \$10 for their shirts that will be worn that night. They need to wear blue jeans also. Tickets are for sale in the office on Monday. \$10 for adults. \$5 for children.

We will also be very busy with crafts this month and will read holiday books and sing Christmas songs. I will not do Nursery rhymes as planned, instead probably add them in the next month or so. I just don't feel like time wise, I'd be able to fit them in the way I'd like.

Please make sure your child has extra clothing at school. Accidents seem to happen pretty often. Also, please label all their jackets and hats. Thank you for sharing the gift of your children with us!

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



Thank you all for making our Thanksgiving feast so lovely. It was such a good time having all the families together! I really appreciate all your hard work and time that you took to be here to support your children and our class!

I can't believe it's December already!! This month is going to be very busy! We will be learning nursery rhymes this month, talking about different holidays, and practicing, practicing, practicing!

We will have our holiday program, Peace, Love, and Montessori, on December 17. We will wear tie dye shirts and jeans with tennis shoes. Please send in \$10 for your shirts. Ms. Shemi is having them made and I will send them home right before the program. We are practicing our songs and the kids are doing a great job. More information will be coming soon! We will have a movie and pajama day the next day. Holiday program tickets are on sale Monday in the office. \$10 adults. \$5 children.

We will go outside everyday unless the real feel is below 32. Please make sure to send in coats daily. Also make sure to dress your children to go outside.

Please make sure to send in extra season appropriate clothes for your cubbies. If your child has an accident or receives a note that they need diapers, please send them in the following day. Thanks!



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

We had an amazing November. We learned so much about Native Americans and the Mayflower, but I think making butter was one of our favorites. We put whipping cream in mason jars and the children shook the bottles until we had butter. It was so much fun. We then tried some of our fresh butter on crackers. We all loved it.

Graham's parents came in to teach us all about our body. They made each child pretend lungs out of paper bags. The children loved it. We learned about germs and why it is important to wash our hands. We learned about organs in our body, and every child got to listen to their heart with a stethoscope. We then all became doctors by wearing gloves and a mask. It was amazing! Thank you so much to Graham's parents! Please come back soon!

December is a very exciting time at school. We love to make ornaments for our Christmas tree and decorations for our classroom. I always tell the children that our classroom becomes Santa's Workshop, because it sure feels that way. This month we learn all about different traditions all over the world. We learn about how different countries celebrate Christmas and about different holidays around the world.

We would love to hear all about your family's traditions. We love to have parents and grandparents come in to read Christmas stories to the class. You can bring in a favorite Christmas book from home or choose one from our classroom library. We have line time at 8:30am and 10:30am. Please let us know if you would like to come in to read.



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

Hello everyone!

Wow this year has flown by. The last few months we have worked diligently on manners during our grace and courtesy lessons. I hope that you can see the lessons in daily living now. This month we have so much to keep us busy. We hope that we remember to use grace and curtesy when life is so busy.

The Holiday Program is Tuesday, December 17th at the Rome City Auditorium. Tickets will go on sale Monday in the office. It is \$5 for children and \$10 for adults. The show is at 6:00 and will last around an hour or so. Costumes will be very simple this year. T-shirts for primary will be \$15 per child. Your child will wear jeans with it. The theme is Peace, Love, and Montessori. I will send the songs through a separate email so you can find them easily. Our music is so fun and the children enjoy singing and dancing to the songs.

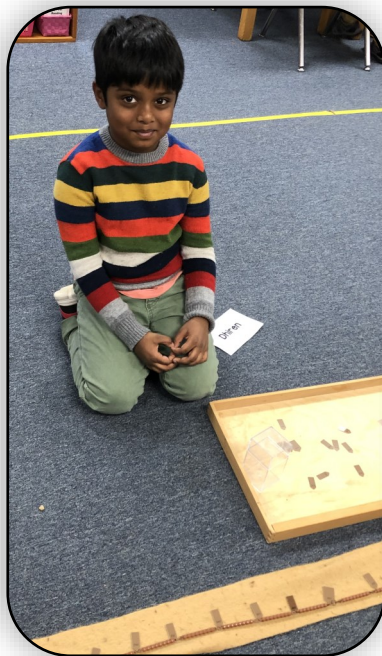
Pajama day is Wednesday, December 18th. Please make sure the PJs can be worn outside. Slippers can be worn in class but your child needs sneakers for outside playground time.

December 20th is our last day before holiday break. It is a 1/2 day so pickup is 11:15 to 11:30. We have several fun things planned for the morning. If you would like to send in a Christmas treat for the children, please let us know. Winter break begins at 11:30 on December 20 and we return on January 6.

We consider each and every day with your children a gift.

Thank you,

Angie & Carolina



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

“Joy, feeling one's own value, being appreciated and loved by others, feeling useful and capable of production are all factors of enormous value for the human soul.”

Maria Montessori

The holiday season is a special time in our classroom and school community. We come together to celebrate, share and reflect on our time with one another. During this time, we also learn about holidays that are celebrated around the world. This is a time to practice and hope for peace. We enjoy celebrating this time with each student and seeing their excitement as we prepare for the holiday break. Students share precious memories with families and friends to their classmates. They enjoy baking and taste testing their creation. We also enjoy making ornaments to decorate the tree!

For our classroom gift exchange this year, we hope to give the gift of joy! We would like to ask each student to bring in a gently used article of clothing and a new jacket/outerwear. We would like to get a collection of clothing together to donate to Restoration Rome for families in need. We encourage everyone to spread joy to family, friends and our community during this holiday season!



# Elementary News from Ms. Dolores & Ms. Robin

## Peace Education in the Montessori Classroom

In our modern world, it is so easy to get sucked in to conflict – online, on the news, with our family and friends. It is important that at a very young age, we begin to learn how to settle our differences and appropriately handle strong emotions.

Peace education is a major component of the Montessori classroom. Adults model peaceful and respectful behavior, and because Montessori classrooms are composed of mixed age groups, older students serve as role models for younger children.

Most classrooms have a peace corner or peace table, at which two students can go to resolve a conflict or a single child can go to calm down and feel peaceful. One strategy is the use of a peace rose. Children learn to take turns holding the peace rose while speaking about how they feel. They stay at the peace table until they have heard each other and resolved their conflict. With very young children, adults model and coach the children with words they can use. Older students can do this independently. At the Elementary level, when the imagination takes off, students enjoy role playing and solving problems in small groups. They may also participate in student-led community meetings, in which conflicts are discussed, brainstormed, and resolved as a group.



# Elementary News from Ms. Rebecca & Ms. Kaitlin

## Montessori Students and Community Service: Volunteering and Compassion

Community service projects can be accomplished at all levels and in all age groups in the Montessori school. Louise Seabrook Knisley of the Montessori School of Anderson, South Carolina suggests that Primary and Lower Elementary students are capable of visiting residents of assisted living facilities. They can make holiday cards, bake cookies or bread, and make special art projects and decorations for their new friends. They can also take part in food, toy, personal hygiene, or coat drives. Doing so teaches them that although they are young, they can and do make a contribution to their community.

Upper Elementary Montessori students function more independently. They can read to or listen to younger students read. They act as tutors and mentors for younger students, keeping Dr. Montessori's vision of peer learning alive. Upper Elementary students also have the ability to embrace greater responsibility in their community service efforts. They can volunteer at soup kitchens, food banks, and animal shelters. They can help rake or shovel the yards of elderly neighbors. They can help with Special Olympics or similar events. They can adopt a family in need and assist them throughout the year, not just at the holidays. They can plant gardens and flowers to share with those less fortunate in their communities. They can paint murals over walls defiled by graffiti.

Youth learn by observing the world around them. Therefore, it is important that adults model our commitment to giving back to the community. Adults should take an active role to involve their families in their communities in addition to what students do in school.

I have previously written about the types of service learning and community service projects I have done in my own Montessori classrooms. Through our efforts such as a personal hygiene products drive to help the victims of the California wildfires to baking cookies for a local Ronald McDonald House to making quilts for Habitat for Humanity, I have seen great personal growth in my students. Their compassion for those around them has grown exponentially when they give of themselves. As a tutor for NAMC, I continue to read about the wonderful community service projects that Montessori teachers and students around the world are doing. Each time I read these stories, it warms my heart to know that young people around the globe are doing so much to make our world a better place.





## 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

## **Holiday Program:**

Dear MSR Families,

Here is important information on the Holiday Program:

**Date:** Tuesday, December 17

**Location:** Rome City Auditorium

**Time:** 6:00 - 7:00 pm. Your teacher will tell you arrival time.

## **T-Shirts:**

Toddler t-shirts at \$10 and everyone else is \$15. You can pay for the t-shirts at the office. Thank you! We will give you the t-shirts the day before the program. Wear blue jeans with the shirt.

## **Tickets:**

Tickets will be available for purchase starting next week! Child tickets are \$5 and adult tickets are \$10.

## **Breakfast box:**

Dear MSR Families,

Breakfast box will return until January 10th.

Thank you for your support!

The Adolescent Class