

Tuesday Notes February 25, 2020
Reenrollment Packets due March 13
\$300 deposit for Toddler, Primary, and Lower Elementary
\$400 deposit for Upper Elementary, Adolescent, Secondary

We have a waiting list for Primary and very limited openings for Toddler. We are accepting current families and siblings first, and then we are opening admission to the community on March 16. To secure your child's enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year, please complete your enrollment packets and return with your deposit before March 13. The enrollment packets should not take very long at all to complete. We pre-filled the information wherever we could! 😊

Primary to Lower Elementary Parent Education Night with
Ms. Shemi:
Please note the new date:

Date: Monday, March 2

Time: 6:00 to 7:00 pm

Who attends? Parents of Third Year Primary students who are moving to Lower Elementary (if your child is in Ms. Angie's afternoon class, you need to attend this education night about the Montessori Elementary curriculum).

Where: Lower Elementary classrooms

**Childcare will be provided! We will have someone watch your children while Ms. Shemi takes you on a tour of the Montessori classroom and explains the many benefits of the elementary curriculum.

Ms. Shemi requests your presence to gain insight and ask questions! Please rsvp to office@msor.org so we will be prepared for the childcare numbers.

Look for details on the other Parent Education nights for students moving to Primary and to Upper Elementary.

New addition to our staff 2020-2021

We are so pleased to announce that in August, Christina Greenway will join Ms. Valerie's classroom as a Primary Assistant. Below is a bit more about Christina--many of you will know her already as one of our fabulous Montessori mothers and volunteers. Three of her children are in Lower Elementary, and Jackson will join the Primary program next year.

"I graduated with honors from Auburn University in 2008 with my Bachelor of Science in Nursing. I worked as a hospice nurse and traveled the country with my husband for his job. In 2011, we decided to settle down and start a family. We were surprised and blessed with triplets and decided that it would work best for us if I stayed at home with them. We welcomed Jackson, our fourth, in 2016. Now that they will all be in school full-time; I chose to rejoin the workforce.

I've always had a passion for teaching children and have developed a love for the Montessori method. I'm looking forward for the opportunity to grow and being a larger part of the MSOR family."

Christina

Please join us in welcoming Christina to our staff!

Ms. Ginny's Class:

I would like to thank you all for coming to our International Day presentation. The children did a wonderful job!

Thank you also for signing up and bringing your food to share for our special Mexican lunch. It was delicious! On Monday, our class presented information about Mexico to the Primary classes, and it is wonderful to hear these little ones in their first public speaking roles! They are so excited to share what they have learned.

This week we are mostly reviewing different things like our colors and shapes. Today we had a great line time talking about different emotions we have -- happy, sad, excited, scared, shy, embarrassed, etc. I had a great book on this topic, and the kids truly loved it. We also have a cute song that goes along with it. We love seeing their reaction when we teach them new things.

Please keep a check on your child's extra clothing box and make sure everything they might need is in there.

Parent/teacher conferences are March 13. There will be no school on that day.

Ms. Shannon's Class:

Thank you all so much for coming to International Day! It was wonderful to have so many people present. The food was amazing!! I was so proud of the children. I think they did a fabulous job! This week we will be wrapping our study of Ecuador. Today, the Primary classes came over today to visit and the children performed for them.

Welcome to our new student, Eliza and make sure to extend a Montessori welcome to her mom and dad, Hunter and Hunter. We look forward to guiding her in the Montessori method.

Please make sure to label everything that comes to school. We have several jackets and water bottles that are coming in with no labels. Remember the only shoes allowed at school are tennis shoes.

Parent/teacher conferences are March 13. There will be no school on that day. I will be putting up my conference sheet on Wednesday. I will have times at drop off and pick up available so that you can spend that day doing something more fun than conferences. 😊

Ms. Ana María:

Hello!

Thank you to everyone from making International Day so amazing. We loved trying all the food and loved getting to share everything we had learned with you. I am so sorry it was a little crazy. We are ready for all this rain to stop.

*After International Day, there was an aqua water bottle left in our room. Please let us know if it belongs to you.

We have enjoyed learning about Mardi Gras this week. We got to try king cake that was brought all the way from New Orleans. Thank you to Mary Alston's family for bringing it in. We made some masks today and listen to jazz music. The children loved it!

The elementary students have started to work on their science fair projects and we will get to visit their classrooms at the end of March. We will start doing some simple science experiments in class. We will learn how to make a hypothesis and how to make observations. The children always love to discover new things.

March 13th- No School- Parent Teacher Conferences

- Be on the look-out for a sign up list by the end of the week. We can't wait to tell you about everything your child has been doing in class.

Third Year Parents- There will be a Parent Education Night on Monday, March 2nd. It will be from 6pm-7pm and childcare will be provided. Ms. Shemi will guide you through the Lower Elementary curriculum.

Thank You,
Ana Maria

Ms. Angie's Class:

What a great International Day. The kids did an awesome job, and the food was amazing thanks to all the parents. Our classroom looked great thanks to Seanna and her family for sharing many of their treasures from home and for bringing in so many delectable dishes from Colombia. A lot of hard work goes into International Day, but it is worth it. Again, thank you. These are the days your children remember long after they have graduated from MSR.

We would like to invite all third years and their parents to parent education night on March 2nd. It begins at 6 in the lower elementary building with Ms. Shemi talking about the program. I would love to see all third years there.

Thank you for keeping Ms. Carolina and her mom in your thoughts. It means so much. Thank you to Ms. Olivia for substituting this week for Ms. Carolina.

Ms. Dolores' Class:

International Day was fantastic. Thank you ALL for your participation: putting together costumes, sharing fabulous food, volunteering to set-up and clean up. These big events require lots of time and effort and your assistance is invaluable. The children did such a fabulous job decorating the room and sharing their knowledge of Israel. A trip to Jerusalem is on everyone's bucket list! Thank you to Ms. Robin for her major efforts in transforming our classroom.

Science Fair folders have been sent home, and the first due date is this Thursday. Please help your 1st year child to fill out the Question/Hypothesis sheet and the list of Materials. Second and third year students should be doing this in their own handwriting with minimal assistance from you. Please also ensure that several tests are to be done in order to verify results.

When project due dates come up, please make sure that the whole folder is turned in – no need to take out pages.

Parent/Teacher Conference day is Friday, March 13. I will have appointments available beginning next Tuesday, in the afternoons from 3:15 until 5 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the hallway tomorrow morning.

Our overnight field trip this year will be to the Alabama 4-H Center. We will drive there Thursday morning, April 9, spend the night, and return by dismissal time on Friday, April 10. Chaperone duties will be offered to parents of 1st year students first. We are only allowed to take a limited number of adults on this trip.

Ms. Maggie's Class:

Thank you all for joining us on International Day. The food was delicious! Thank you for all you do to help us present a beautiful and educational International Day!

The next due date for Science Fair is this Thursday, February 27. The Problem/Hypothesis and Materials pages were sent home on Monday. Students need to complete these pages and return them on Thursday .

Parent Teacher Conferences will be Friday, March 13. There will be no school for students on this day. A sign-up list with available times will be posted on our classroom door tomorrow.

Please make sure your child has mud shoes at school. During these wet days, our playground tends to get very muddy. Also, extra clothes are needed for every student. If your child does not already have an extra change of clothes at school, please send them in as soon as possible.

Water bottles are still required every day. It's very important for students to stay hydrated.

We also want to encourage healthy lunch choices. Please involve your child in packing their own lunch. Every student needs a protein, fruit and vegetable for lunch daily. Please remember only water is allowed for the drink. We appreciate you helping your child make healthy choices that will stay with them for a lifetime!

Ms. Rebecca's Class:

Thank you all for another successful International Day. The students worked very hard and they learned so much about Ancient India.

Birthday lunch is this Friday, February 28th. It will be a delicious lasagna!

Science Fair Milestone #3 is due this Friday. This is the "Materials, Procedure and Variables" section of the yellow Science Fair folder.

Storytelling classes with Ms. Kirk have begun in the afternoons. The students have been enjoying telling tales and creating their own personal narratives. Thank you to our Booster Club for sponsoring this event.

All students need to bring in a copy of "Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry". We will begin as soon as all students bring in their copies.