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# DOLPHIN TALES

## March Birthdays:

Dhiren K.	3/6
Robert K.	3/6
Thomas D.	3/9
Rajveer S.	3/9
Kaylie M.	3/12
Charlene S.	3/13
Dmitri I.	3/15
Levi H.	3/18
Aurora C.	3/19
Sawyer W.	3/24
Jamesen H.	3/31



## Important Dates:

March 13th  
Reenrollment Packets  
Due

March 13th  
Parent/Teacher  
Conferences-No School

March 26th  
Science Fair

March 30th– April 3rd  
Spring Break

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



We are really looking forward to the month of March to learn all about the farm animals and what all is done on a farm. We will hopefully get several crafts made, learn new songs and read lots of books. The Booster Club has paid for the toddler classes to have a petting zoo come to our school on Monday, March 23 from 9:00 to 11:00. The toddler classes will split the time having one hour each. We will see a mini horse, mini donkey, calf, goats, lambs, rabbits, pig, chicks and possible ducks. The kids will love this I'm sure.

Please see the sign up sheet by our door to sign up for a conference. There are several times that will be available. Several of you I speak to daily and we are pretty caught up with how your child is doing so unless you feel the need, you do not need to sign up. Just a reminder that Spring break is coming up March 30 - April 3. I pray it will be a beautiful week with hopefully NO rain!!!

I would also like to thank the Angle family (Michael's parents) for bringing the children cupcakes and pencils to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday Monday. They also donated a Dr. Seuss book to our classroom which we enjoyed very much!!

We have had a case of the flu in our class this week. Please, if your child is not acting well and running a fever, please try to keep them home for the sake of us all.

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

We are so excited to learn about the farm in March. We have some fun new work, crafts, and songs that we are working on. We have started learning about what all we get from the farm. We visited the chickens yesterday to kick off the month.

Thank you to the Angle family for bringing cupcakes, pencils, and donating a book to the classroom for Dr. Seuss' birthday. The kids loved them!

The Booster's Club has graciously paid for the toddler classes to have a petting zoo come to school. The Cook Farm will be coming to visit on Monday, March 23 from 9-11. We will split the time between the two classes. They will have a mini horse, mini donkey, calf, goats, lambs, rabbits, pig, possibly chicks and ducks. I could use a few volunteers that day to help. Let me know if you're available.

We have two new students joining us this month. Please welcome Eliza and Arhaan. They are going to be lovely additions to our class.

Please sign up for a conference, if you haven't done so. The sign up sheet is outside our classroom door. There will be no school on March 13.

Spring Break is March 30-April 3. I hope you have a great week!!



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

We had so much fun talking about Dr. Seuss! Thank you to everyone who brought in books. We had so much reading them. We talked about rhyming words and our imagination. We read the book *If I Ran the Zoo*, and the children used their imaginations to come up with an animal they would want in their zoo. Be sure to ask your child what animal they came up with. We have their artwork displayed in the classroom. They look amazing.

Next week, we will learn about dinosaurs. The children are so excited! If you have any books or anything else at home about dinosaurs, we would love to see it. As always, please label everything that is sent in. After we learn about dinosaurs, we will be doing science experiments in preparation for the science fair in Elementary.

Please talk to your child about the importance of washing their hands with soap. We have been talking to them about washing their hands and not touching their face, but it always helps when you talk to them too. We have a few students who like to stick their fingers in their mouth. We want everyone in class to stay healthy.

Thank You!



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

March is here already. School days are going by so fast. We have enjoyed learning so much already. We loved our studies of Colombia in February. We have more interesting things to learn about before the school year ends. This month we will learn about deserts and reptiles and amphibians. We will also learn about the continent of Africa.

The school science fair is coming up this month. We will visit the elementary classes and hear about some amazing science fair projects. We will demonstrate some simple experiments in our class. "Free the child's potential and you will transform him into the world." "Only through freedom and environmental experience is it practically possible for human development to occur." "The child, making use of all that he finds around him, shapes himself for the future."



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

We hope that everyone enjoyed International Day! Thank you for helping the students prepare for the program and for making the yummy dishes! We enjoyed sharing this special day with you!

"Travel stories teach geography; insect stories lead the child into natural science; and so on. The teacher, in short, can use reading to introduce her pupils to the most varied subjects; and the moment they have been thus started, they can go on to any limit guided by the single passion for reading." -

Maria Montessori

The Montessori curriculum uses stories to spark learning and imagination. Reading is a big part of our daily routine. During this past month, we learned about many aspects of Vietnamese culture through reading. We were able to discuss Vietnam's traditions, history, and geography. Students imagined what it would be like to experience these stories and culture first hand. We hope this will spark an interest to learn about other unfamiliar topics. Reading will help encourage this. Without reading, we would be limited in our knowledge of what is going on around us. Reading lets us travel and use our imagination to find the answers to our many questions. Please encourage reading and researching in your homes! Read to your child and have them read to you! Open up the mind to a world of unlimited possibilities!



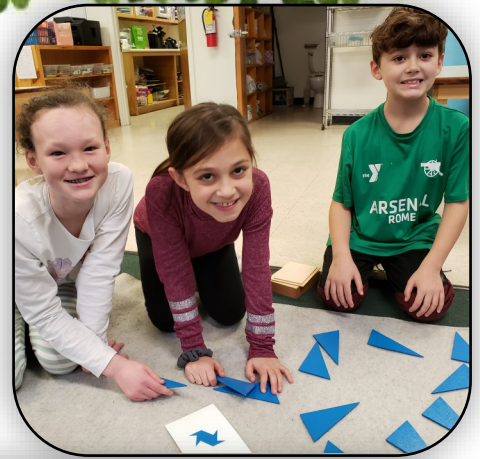
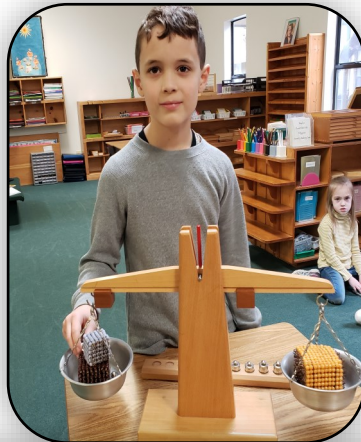
## Elementary News from Ms. Dolores & Ms. Robin

Science is much more than a collection of facts, it is also a process. It's a way that people can look at the world around them and systematically figure out how things work. Learning science is really about developing skills such as observing, inferring, classifying, experimenting, and predicting. Once these skills are honed, they open the door for the discovery of new facts.

Motivating children to learn about science should be easy because kids are natural scientists. They're always trying to find out "how things work, and why stuff happens." According to the National Science Education Standards, the most effective science programs are based on the idea that students should engage in their own investigations. If students are truly going to understand basic science concepts, they must have hands-on experiences with different phenomena. Maria Montessori taught us that kids (as well as adults) learn best when they "play around with stuff." Instead of being the "sage on the stage," teachers should opt for the role of the "guide on the side." Rather than simply being information delivery systems, teachers today are most effective when they act as facilitators, guiding student investigations and allowing them to come to their own conclusions based on the accepted scientific knowledge.

Parents of former MSR students agree that the "special events"; historical timeline, international day, and science fair; are among our children's fondest memories. And the benefits gleaned from these experiences; public speaking, understanding/appreciating other cultures, and subconsciously using the scientific method to solve everyday problems; have greatly influenced the young adults they have become. Share the excitement of this event with your child and help them to keep up with the due dates. You get to do the "fun stuff" at home and hopefully witness that "aha moment" when your child learns something new through their own efforts. Your child may also need assistance with keeping things organized and in the science folder. You can help us out by checking the spelling and grammar of the work they turn in and sending in a science board before March 12. Ms. Robin and I will then monitor the "science board construction", otherwise known as the "un-fun stuff."

Parent conference time is upon us and a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside our classroom. There will be no school for your child next Friday, March 13.



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



### Montessori Curriculum Explained: Sciences Materials, Activities and Philosophy

What is a scientist?... We give the name scientist to the type of man who has felt experiment to be a means guiding him to search out the deep truth of life, to lift a veil from its fascinating secrets, and who, in this pursuit, has felt arising within him a love for the mysteries of nature, so passionate as to annihilate the thought of himself. ~ Maria Montessori, The Montessori Method

Still directly tied to the Five Great Lessons, the Montessori upper elementary science curriculum is about further development of the scientific method. Children now have the ability to focus on in-depth research. They are able to actively engage with what interests them by conducting experiments based on scientifically formulated hypotheses, collecting and interpreting data, and presenting their results. This is a time when Montessori classroom or school science fairs can be used to encourage scientific exploration, research, and promote the sharing of ideas with others.



## Announcements



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If you wish to order a yearbook, you must order before March 27, 2020. The first step to ordering your yearbook is to visit <http://www.memorybook.com/online-pay/parent-pay/>, enter our school code, which is 189706, and go to our school account login. Then click on the link below the school name and login or register if you are a “New User”. From here, you may purchase a yearbook for \$21.00 or a personalized yearbook for \$26.00.

**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,

Melanie McGill

Director of Schools