

Weekly Notes September 15, 2020

Office Notes:

Congratulations to Ms. Carolina, Jason, Ava and Sawyer on the birth of Malachi Odin Wright! He was born on 9/10, 7 lbs, 6 oz, 20.5 inches.



Substitutes: We need substitutes this year, and we want to have at least one substitute per class.

If you know of anyone, please have them email melanie@msor.org. If you are available to substitute in your child's class, please let me know and we will be eternally grateful! *Please share our Facebook job posting under Montessori School of Rome.*

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter: If you would like to see pictures of your children at work and play, be sure and follow us on these platforms. We post every day or so, and we do not want you to miss it!

Ms. Ginny and Ms. Kayla's class

We love the zoo theme this month! We are singing The Boa Constrictor song and The Bear Hunt song and making lots of fun crafts to decorate our classroom. Ms. Shemi just purchased a beautiful wood and glass easel for us to use outside, and we now have our new umbrella installed so we can work outside more! Thank you also to Ms. Melanie for bringing in a fairy garden for us. I know the children will be excited to see it at line time!

We are settling in nicely. We appreciate so much your arriving on time for drop off and pick up. The children love to be here, and we love guiding them.

Ms. Shannon and Ms. Rachel's Class

We are having a great time learning about the zoo. The kids are so excited about the animals. We have been talking about the colors and patterns of their fur, the food they eat, their sounds, and where they live.

We are so happy to have everyone back. Thank you for your support during all of this. I know it is hard, but we must look out for the class as a whole. We have people in our class who have immunocompromised family members; I am as well. This is just a nasty virus and I am sure that it will not be the only one passed around this year. It is the nature of children at school. We will continue to do our best to keep it at bay by washing hands and keeping our environment clean.

Conferences are coming up. I will be sending a sign up soon. We will do our conferences over Zoom. We will be closed for conferences October 8 and 9. Ms. Shemi would like both parents to be involved. If you would like to do it in the evening when you are both available, please let me know. I will start conferences earlier than the 8th to accommodate this.

Ms. Valerie and Ms. Christina's Class

Hello,

We are excited that fall is right around the corner. The weather will be cooling down in the mornings, so you may want to send a jacket with your child. Please make sure that their jacket is labeled with their name.

The children are really enjoying our ocean studies. We are learning about sea turtles, sea mammals, and the layers of the ocean this week. Thank you to all the families that donated towards the "adoption of a sea turtle". We showed the class a picture of Athena (The Loggerhead Sea Turtle). In a few weeks, we will receive information about the Loggerhead species, a certificate of adoption, and a picture of Athena. We will continue to receive monthly updates on Athena throughout the year. The children are eager to learn more about Loggerhead sea turtles and have even requested that we make a material in the classroom pertaining to sea turtles.

Friendly Reminders:

Conferences will be held on October 8th and October 9th (Virtually) – no school on these dates

Here is the link to sign up for conferences <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4BABAC2AA2FC1-conferences>. If none of the time slots work for you, please let us know and we will work out a time/day to meet with you.

Thank you so much,

Ms. Valerie and Ms. Christina

Ms. Angie and Ms. Carolina's Class

Hello everyone.

The children are working so well in the classroom now. Normalization is a beautiful and amazing result that the children view daily and get excited for their peers who are now able to enjoy the entire process of a work cycle. The mask compliance has not bothered them all.

We are enjoying our studies of the ocean and beginning our studies of the continents. Please ask your child about sharks and starfish. We have been learning so much about these two thus far.

Happy note— Ms. Carolina did have her baby on Thursday of last week. He is gorgeous and they are doing well. She does miss the children and we do have plans to FaceTime her at line time this week. Ms. Nikki has found her home again within the classroom and it has been a seamless transition.

We would like to welcome our new friend to our class. She is Athena Shah and she has moved here from California. She seems very happy and is making new friends daily. She attended a Montessori school in California last year but has been staying home during COVID until she joined us.

Please be sure to send nap rolls on Mondays and we return on Fridays. Readers are to be sent in on Mondays and Thursdays. Please be sure that your child has extra clothes (including shoes and masks) in their bin. The zoom conference list was sent out last week via email. If you have not had a chance to sign up for a time, please do so soon. Thanks to all who have already signed up. A friendly reminder— Our normal drop off time is 8:00-8:15 and pickup is 2:35-2:50. If your child has an older sibling, then they would adhere to the time for the oldest sibling for pickup.

There have been several addendums to our handbook due to the pandemic circumstances this year. Ms. Melanie has sent them through emails. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Your cooperation has made this somewhat challenging year become a year of great learning experiences. We appreciate and love our families.

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Ms. Dolores and Ms. Robin's Class

We made it through another week! We are easing our way back into group work this week. The class has been divided into three groups to research the Mesozoic Era. Please ask your child which period they are studying and have them tell you about what they are learning.

Most of the class has chosen characters for The Historical Timeline. Please make sure that your child has made his/her choice and submit books for approval by Thursday, 9/24.

Last night, Ms. Dolores sent invitations to join Zoom to all new families. The invitations were sent to the child's school email. Please make sure that you have downloaded the Zoom software to your computer. If you just get on Zoom through the internet without installing the software your invitation to join will not work. Some folks have not been able to join, so Ms. Dolores sent new requests from class today. You

will need to use Zoom for teacher conferences. Ms. Dolores will set up a Google Doc to use for sign-up and will send it out this week. Please let us know if you would prefer to have a conference during the evening (5-6pm), on a Saturday, or on Thursday, 10/8.

Thank you,

Ms. Robin

Ms. Maggie and Ms. Stefanie's Class

Happy Tuesday!

Thank you for your cooperation last week! We are thankful for all our families.

Characters for Historical Timeline need to be approved by September 24th. Please do not start on the project until a teacher has approved of your character. Historical Timeline will take place in our classroom this year. We will present to a Primary class over Zoom. We will record the presentation and send it out to parents. Each student will be assigned one presentation day (28th or 29th).

The students checked out library books yesterday. They were excited! Library books need to come back next Monday. We are working with Ms. Carol on a permanent library schedule.

If you have not done so already, please sign up for a conference time on the Google Doc. Conferences will also take place over Zoom. I will send an invite to your email.

Thank you,

Ms. Stefanie & Ms. Maggie

Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Kaitlin's Class:

We are moving full steam ahead as we begin Week 7. As more and more activities are added to our workday, students will have more responsibilities and will need to maintain their motivation. Students were allowed extra time in the day to complete any unfinished morning works but that will end this week as more projects, lessons, and cultural classes are implemented. Unfinished works will be sent home or posted on Google Classroom.

We are beginning our outside educational programs, 4-H and Fire Safety, this month. All will be virtual, but we will make the most of these experiences.

Students will bring home a letter to parents this week to inform and update you on student normalization. Zoom parent/teacher conference schedules will also be sent out this week via email.

Our first Historical Timeline Milestone is due this Friday!!! Please submit their top two choices by Friday if you have not already done so. Almost half of our students have been approved for their chosen historical characters!

Thank you,

Ms. Rebecca