

## *Tuesday Notes February 16, 2021*

### *Office Notes*



**Re-enrollment Time!** We are preparing to send re-enrollment packets out, and just a heads up to you to begin preparing to pay the \$300 deposit (Toddler/Primary/Lower EI) and \$400 Deposit (Upper/Adolescent/Secondary). It will be due in March. The deposit reduces the overall amount of tuition owed. As a reminder, you have two choices to pay tuition:

Plan A: Tuition is paid in full by June 1<sup>st</sup>, and you receive a \$200 discount.

Plan B: Tuition is broken down into 11 interest free payments due on the first of each month with the first payment being in June for the upcoming new school year.

In several programs, we have limited spaces available, and anticipate a waiting list, so please respond promptly with your re-enrollment paperwork. We will pre-populate as much information as we can so that completing the forms should not take too much time. 😊

After current families are re-enrolled, we will open enrollment to the public. If you know anyone who is interested in a Montessori education at our excellent little school, please email me their contact information. This year, we will not host our traditional Open Houses, but in the spring, we will have some type of Parent Education event for those families whose children are moving up to a new program.

When I receive calls from prospective parents, they almost always have learned about us from our current families. When I give tours, they often mention knowing a Montessori student and being so impressed with their knowledge, grace, courtesy, and respectfulness. While I have been writing these notes, two families have called for tours based on knowing current families! Thank you so much for your support!!

### **Car Seats:**

As a school, we are required to make sure that all students are properly buckled into a car seat when on our premises. Please, please be sure that you are using the straps correctly and requiring your child to be buckled in the car seat properly.

This year, to make drop off and pick up easier and quicker, we ask that the car seat be placed on the rear passenger side. If you have more than one child, please have the younger one's car seat on the right side. We are trying to avoid having staff or children walk behind cars or in front of cars.

We appreciate your patience at pick up and drop off!

### *Ms. Ginny and Ms. Kayla's Class*

We are having so much fun learning about Kenya! Today we started working on our necklaces to wear next Thursday. On that day, 2/25, please remember to have your child wear a solid t-shirt any color, but preferably bright colors, and blue jeans or dark pants. Yesterday, Ms. Sarah brought in a cardboard house to make indoor recess a little bit more fun, and they loved it! Remember, sometimes the simplest things bring the most joy!

This group of students loves to sing and dance. Encourage them and it will build their vocabulary as we reinforce new vocabulary in the classroom. I am always amazed when all of them will sit and listen so intently to a book about Kenya; the non-fiction topics really capture their interest.

Be sure and look at the pictures of our class posted on Instagram and Facebook!

## *Ms. Shannon, Ms. Rachel and Ms. Harbin's Class*

We are having a great time learning about Togo. The children are playing the drums, talking about the animals, the food, and the terrain in Africa. We have been enjoying mango and papaya for snack since they are commonly grown there. Some of them loved it! Some of them were a little leery after seeing the seeds in the papaya.

We are so excited to share all we've learned with you. Our performance will be videoed on next Thursday, Feb. 25th. Please have them wear jeans and a solid colored (white or black would be great) long sleeve t shirt that is thin enough for us to layer their Togo shirt on top of. Thank you to all the parents who have sent in their \$10 to pay for their shirts. If you haven't please do so as soon as possible.

Please remember that if you are early to park in the other lot until our designated time. It backs up Ms. Valerie's arrival line. Our drop off starts at 8:20. We have to abide by the times so the parking lot does not get too congested. Thank You!

## *Ms. Angie, Ms. Carolina, and Ms. Nikki's Class*

Hello,

We hope everyone had a good weekend! The children really enjoyed our Valentine's celebration in the classroom on Friday. We just wanted to say thank you to everyone for making it so special for the children. We have such an amazing community! This has been a challenging year, but the children are so resilient and always have a smile on their faces.

We will be practicing all week for our international day presentation. We have already sent their speaking parts home; I am sending a separate email with costumes, details, and speaking parts for our International Day presentation. They are excited to sing the songs in Spanish we have been practicing, and we have been learning a lot about Argentina.

We have Argentinian snacks already purchased by us, but we are still hoping to order some empanadas for lunch that day. The store is in Johns Creek, but they won't deliver so I would like to ask for volunteers to pick them up for us.

### **Some Friendly Reminders:**

- International Day is **Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** (Your child will need to come to school dressed in their costume). Please bring spare clothes for them to change into after the play. Make sure that the clothes are in a bag that is labeled with your child's name.
- Please label everything, we have a lot of items missing and/or without owners
- Send utensils with lunch please

### **Conferences:**

There will be no school on March 5<sup>th</sup> (Friday)

Conferences will be done virtually on zoom again. Be on the lookout for the sign-up sheet with the zoom info is in there as well. It should be an email following this one.

For desktop users, just type your child's name by a time slot and it will save automatically. For cell phone users, press the blue edit button (looks like a pencil), type your child's name by a time slot. At the top of the screen click on the checkmark to save it.

\*\* If none of these times work for you, please let us know and we will find a day/time to accommodate you.

We look forward to sharing all the wonderful things that your child has been learning about.

Sincerely,

Angie, Nikki & Carolina

## *Ms. Valerie, Ms. Christina, and Ms. Trudy's Class*

Hello,

We hope everyone had a good weekend! The children really enjoyed our Valentine's celebration in the classroom on Friday. We just wanted to say thank you to everyone for making it so special for the children. We have such an amazing community! This has been a challenging year, but the children are so resilient and always have a smile on their faces.

We will be practicing all week for our international day play. We will send home lines by the end of this week for your child to practice at home. They are so excited, and we cannot wait for you all to see the play!

We are so sad that we cannot have the traditional food this year. Ms. Christina and I will provide an Egyptian-themed snack on International day. We will have individual hummus containers and pita bread. If you would like to donate a dollar towards the snacks you may bring it in.

Thomas's Dad suggested an alternative idea of having an Egyptian-themed food night at home. Ms. Christina and I loved the idea! Since we cannot have food this year in the classroom, we are going to print out some popular Egyptian recipes and send them home with your child.

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Warm Regards,

Ms. Valerie, Ms. Christina, and Ms. Trudy

### *Ms. Dolores and Ms. Robin's Class*

BRRRR..... Don't forget those hats and mittens! We are ready for some spring weather.

There is no language workbook homework assigned this week. We want you to focus on your science fair proposals. Please turn in your science fair proposal form to school this Thursday, 2/18. Once approval is received, you may begin work on your projects. All other forms due later should be submitted on Google classroom.

Portugal Studies work is also due this Thursday via Google Classroom. We are learning about Portugal every day and have been busy working on classroom decorations and crafts.

Parent-teacher conference day is Friday, 3/5. Ms. Dolores will post a sign-up portal on Google Classroom this afternoon to schedule conferences for that week.

Thank you all for the Valentine's sweets. They are helping to sustain us during this awful weather! Stay warm and have a good week.

Ms. Robin & Ms. Dolores

### *Ms. Maggie and Ms. Stefanie's Class*

What a chilly Tuesday!

Happy Birthday, Wanling! Thank you for the delicious cupcakes!

We are currently reading over the Science Fair proposal forms. We will let each student know about approval status by today or tomorrow. Please do not buy any materials or begin projects until you hear that the project is approved. Our new students to Lower Elementary will need to bring a tri-fold poster board in by March 25<sup>th</sup>.

International Day is February 26<sup>th</sup>. Boys will need to come to school in khaki pants. They also need to wear a red or white button up shirt. Girls will be wearing costumes provided by the school. However, they will need to wear a plain white shirt and plain black leggings. All students need to bring a change of clothes. Please keep practicing your speech at home.

Conference week begins March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please be sure to sign up on the Google Doc (sent on February 1<sup>st</sup>).

If you are in the “Lions” group on Google Classroom, please check for the new spelling words each week. Please keep practicing at home.

Thank you,

Ms. Maggie & Ms. Stefanie

*Ms. Rebecca, Ms. Kaitlin, and Ms. Rachel's Class*

Parents:

International Day is around the corner and most students have their 1st draft presentation speech prepared to practice in class. Presentations will be recorded on Friday, February 26th as we celebrate our Ancient Civilization studies of the Maya, Aztec, and Inca.

Science Fair projects have been approved and students are currently working on Step #3 (Materials/Procedure/Variables). This will be due on Monday, February 22.

Parent/Teacher Conference Schedule is posted on Google Docs. I hope I have chosen the correct technique to share with all. Please type your name in an available time slot. If it does not work properly, I will try something else. Here is the link:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oqVHwaaez3VGNMfxZQB\\_pCx1OYc8qICVTS8Rk-6bmls/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oqVHwaaez3VGNMfxZQB_pCx1OYc8qICVTS8Rk-6bmls/edit?usp=sharing)

Thank you!!