

Weekly Notes October 5, 2021

Office Notes

It's a rainy week at MSR! In anticipation of the bright sunny days that are sure to be here soon (we hope!) one of our parents shared a wonderful article with us this morning discussing the benefits of playing outdoors. Here is the link: [THE UNSAFE CHILD: Less Outdoor Play is Causing More Harm than Good | Children & Nature Network \(childrenandnature.org\)](https://www.childrenandnature.org/unsafe-child-less-outdoor-play-is-causing-more-harm-than-good)

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Put on your best smile! School pictures are here. As a reminder, the schedule is below:

Toddler – Tuesday, October 12th (rescheduled from 10/5 due to bad weather)

Primary – Wednesday, October 13th (rescheduled from 10/6 due to bad weather)

Elementary & Siblings – Thursday, October 7th

Make-Up Day – TBD

If you have not yet turned in your portrait package order form and payment and you wish to order photos, please do so today! Contact Ms. Jamie if you need a copy of the form.

Ms. Ginny and Ms. Kayla's Class

Toddler pictures have been postponed until next Tuesday, October 12.

The field trip to Copper Creek Farms will be next Thursday, October 14. There is no school that day, so if you don't attend the field trip please find alternate care for your child.

Please be mindful of drop off and pick up times.

Drop off is at the stop sign by our classroom unless it's raining. Then it's at the front door. Pick up, if in late stay, is at the front door regardless of weather.

The ones that do not stay in late stay are picked up at stop sign by our classroom unless raining, then drive to front door.

Times are:

Drop off-8:15 - 8:30.

Pick up for non late stay 2:15-2:25.

I leave the school at 2:30. If there are questions about something that happens in late stay, they need to be addressed to the office and they can get answers to your questions.

Thank you all for signing up for conferences. It's going great and good to talk to each of you.

We would love to have a volunteer to bring a large pumpkin to carve and a smaller one that the kids can wash. If interested, please let me know!!

Ms. Shannon, Ms. Rachel and Ms. Savannah's Class

It's October and time for us to learn about things that go bump in the night! The children will be learning about nocturnal animals this month. We will also talk about the changing of the seasons, With our upcoming trip to Copper Creek Farm, we will be preparing by discussing the life cycle of the pumpkin. This means we will be singing the fabulous, "Five Little Pumpkins Sitting on the Gate" song. Ask your children if they were able to make the lights turn on today.

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me about your children. I enjoyed touching base with you about your children. Remember there is no school this Friday, Oct. 8. Enjoy your long weekend!

Over the weekend would be a great time to get together a set of extra clothes for your child's cubby. A lot of kids are missing extra clothes and shoes. Most of the extra clothing we have is for warmer weather so hopefully, if you send in some fall clothes the weather will follow suit.

Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate today. We will try again to do pictures next Tuesday. You guys did great on this first attempt. They all looked fabulous!

Ms. Angie, Ms. Sydney, & Ms. Anna Kate's Class

Hello everyone!!! We have a few reminders for the week. October is here and that means that fall weather is near. Please be sure to label any of your child's belongings. We will let you know if your child needs an extra outfit or masks, we will let you know.

This month we will learn about the human body, the five senses, life cycle of a pumpkin; North America; and fun facts about spiders and bats. We will learn some Halloween songs and fingerplays. If you would like to donate some small pumpkins to our classroom, the children would appreciate it. Observations are available upon request. Please schedule an appointment time if you are interested in observing your child.

IMPORTANT DATES

Readers are due on Mondays and Thursdays.

Library books are due on Wednesdays..

Music on Wednesdays at 8:30.

10/6 Wednesday--Picture Day.

10/7 Thursday--Siblings Picture Day

10/14 Thursday--Copper Creek Farm field trip.

Have a great week. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Ms. Valerie and Ms. Christina's Class

Hello,

The children are so excited that it is now the month of October. We will be learning about the five senses, the human body, facts about bats and spiders, the life cycle of a pumpkin, and explore the continent of North America.

We will be telling the story of the little orange house for the month of October. Here is the link to the story: <https://typicallysimple.com/the-little-orange-house/>

If anyone would like to donate a large pumpkin or some small pumpkins for the classroom, we would greatly appreciate it! We will use the pumpkins for the pumpkin scrubbing work. We also would love to have some Indian corn for the classroom to use for tonging.

Music

Several families have asked that we share the music we listen to in the classroom.

Here are some of the songs we listen to:

Laurie Berkner Band: Rocketship Run, We are the dinosaurs, The Goldfish

Frank Leto: Backseat Driver, I have two thumbs, Ladybug, What can we do today

Billy Jonas Band: Nocturnal, Watermelon, Old Saint Helen

***Some other songs we enjoy listening to are:* light a candle for peace, the world is a rainbow, lean on me, and we're going on a bear hunt.

Important Dates Coming Up:

Wednesday, October 6th- Picture Day for our classroom (If anything changes due to the weather, We will let everyone know ASAP)

****** If you would like your child to change their clothes, please bring extra clothes in a bag. Please make sure the clothes and the bag are labeled with your child's name on it.

Please make sure your child eats a full breakfast before they arrive at school on picture day. We will be serving the children a snack after their picture is taken. We want to ensure that their clothes stay clean for their picture

Thursday, October 7th- Sibling Picture Day

Thursday, October 14th – Copper Creek Farm Field Trip

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us.

Warm Regards,

Ms. Valerie and Ms. Christina

Ms. Dolores and Ms. Robin's Class

Rain, rain go away!! We're having a busy week. Students are becoming more independent and making good choices when choosing work.

This Thursday is our class school picture day, weather allowing. Please send an extra outfit if you don't want their portrait clothes muddied at recess.

A few notes on homework:

-Please don't send it in early. We are thrilled when they complete it early but we like to collect it and check it all at once. If your child was absent on the due date, you should just send it in when they return.

-The Historical Timeline Outline is due on Thursday.

-Please check your child's homework folder when it comes home on Friday and help them to make a plan for completing it all before Thursday. Check in during the week to make sure that they are staying on track. Third year students should be able to plan with minimal oversight.

-Please reach out to discuss any issues that you are having with homework at home.

We're looking forward to "seeing" all of you during our Zoom conferences. Ms. Dolores will send links for the conferences at the scheduled times.

Have a good week,

Ms. Robin and Ms. Dolores

Ms. Stefanie and Ms. Abigail's Class

Happy October! The students are all getting very excited about Historical Timeline. Outlines are due this Thursday. Students will use their outlines to write speeches about their historical person. The outlines and notecards for speeches will be sent home in the homework folders this Thursday. It is fine for parents to help 1st year students with writing their speeches. 2nd and 3rd year students need to write their speeches in their own handwriting. Please encourage your child in choosing their own words to write their speech. Speeches are due October 18th. Presentations will be October 25th and 26th in the classroom. I will try to find a practical way to record students' speeches to send them to parents.

Please remember to send any utensils your child needs for lunch inside a lunchbox. We don't have utensils available at school this year. Thank you! Also, be sure your child has a water bottle every day. It is very important they stay hydrated throughout the school day.

We will have a separate Halloween parade on our playground just for our class on Friday, October 29th. Students are welcome to come to school dressed in a non-scary costume on that day. Please make sure they have clothes at school to change into. If you would like to send in a treat, please make sure they are individually wrapped. Thank you!

Please be sure your child is returning their library books to school every week. We try to hand out new books at the beginning of each week but are unable to check books out to students who have not returned their previous books.

Thank you all for signing up for conferences this week. I always enjoy showing parents the beautiful work their students are doing in their notebooks.

Ms. Stefanie & Ms. Abigail

Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Kaitlin's Class

Parents:

Just a reminder that there will be **no school this Friday, October 8th**. Students are excited about their three day weekend!!!! There will not be any tests this week and our regular language homework is being substituted for Historical Timeline homework. Please encourage your child to study for their classical roots test daily regardless of the postponement.

This Thursday, October 7th, is our scheduled **picture day**. Students may bring an extra change of clothes and shoes. Please look for updates in case the weather disrupts the plan.