

Weekly Notes December 7, 2021

Office Notes

Dear MSR Families,

Be sure to mark your calendars for our MSR Holiday Program "Simple Gifts" to take place next Tuesday, December 14th at the Rome City Auditorium. We will begin loading the stage at 5:30 so students should arrive shortly before. The show will begin at 6:00pm.

Tickets are on sale now and the prices are as follows:

Adults: \$10 each

Children Ages 4-12: \$5 each

Children 3 and under are free

Ticket order forms went home last week, but if you need another please call the Office.

Ms. Melanie & Ms. Jamie

Ms. Ginny & Ms. Kelly's Class

It's hard to believe that there is only one more week until our Holiday program! The kids are practicing hard and doing great! We never know how they will do the night of the program but they are always really cute! Please remember to let them wear Christmas pajamas and be at the auditorium by 5:30 as the program starts at 6:00. Hopefully, you've already purchased your tickets through the office. It'll definitely save you time when you get there. Allow extra time for parking! If you do not plan to attend, please let us know so we can plan accordingly.

We have stayed very busy making crafts to decorate our tree. The children love it and can't wait for their turn 😊. We are also reading Nursery Rhymes and Christmas stories!

On Tuesday, the day of our program, the boosters are providing a pizza lunch for the entire school. No lunches will be needed on Tuesday! Then on Wednesday, we will have pajama day!

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns!

Ms. Ginny & Ms. Kelly

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

We are having a great time talking about nursery rhymes and holiday things. They really enjoyed singing "I'm a Little Teapot."

Don't forget to send in your ticket forms for the holiday program. We will be wearing Christmas pajamas and tennis shoes for the performance. I'm so sorry but I gave you the wrong time last week. The program is starting earlier so I will need them to meet there by 5:10-5:15. We will be loading the stage to perform for the large group at 5:30. We will be backstage and then perform our two songs. We will keep your child backstage with us throughout the program, unless they are having a hard time and need their parents. We will be dismissed from the stage at the end of the program. Since we are dismissing in this way, please do not send coats or anything else with your child backstage. If you are not planning on attending please let me know.

We have had our first stomach virus reported. Please be vigilant about keeping your child home if they are not feeling well. We don't want everyone to be sick with the program coming up.

Thanks for your help and support.

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

It is hard to believe that we only have two more weeks of school left before Christmas... That is so exciting. We are working daily on our songs for the Christmas program. The children are doing an amazing job. We can tell that many of them are practicing at home also. If anyone needs the music to be resent, please let us know. Hopefully everyone has their costumes for the program. Please let us know if you have any questions. We do have a few reminders for the next couple of weeks:

Readers are due on Mondays and Thursdays. Library books are due on Wednesdays. Tickets for the program can be purchased in the office. Your child needs to be at the auditorium on Tuesday, December 14th, at 5:30. Our program begins at 6:00. We will send more information out about the holiday program at the end of the week. Pajama Day will be Wednesday, December 15th for toddler and primary. Friday, December 17th, will be a half day. Pickup for primary is 11:10. All primary will be picked up at the main entrance.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Happy Holidays!!

Ms. Angie, Ms. Sydney, & Ms. Anna Kate

Ms. Valerie & Ms. Christina's Class

Hello,

It is hard to believe we only have 2 more weeks of school left before our winter break. This week we will be doing a lot of crafts, making ornaments, practicing for the holiday program, and learning about Christmas around the world!

** Please make sure your child arrives at school on time this week and next week. We will be practicing for the Holiday program and will have several morning practices with Ms. Angela. It is important that all students are in the building no later than **8:25am**.

Important Dates Coming Up:

Tuesday, December 14th (Practice for the Holiday Program)- Please make arrangements to drop your child off at the Rome City Auditorium between **7:45am-8:00am**. We will begin practicing right away so it is very important that your child arrives on time. You may pick up your child at **10:30am** at the Rome City Auditorium.

Your child may go home with you to rest, or you may bring your child back to the school after the practice. If your child plans to return to school, we will provide them with a pizza lunch that day. All students who are returning to school will have rest time. If your child is a third year, we ask that you provide a nap roll for them that day.

Tuesday, December 14th (Holiday Program) – Students must arrive no later than **5:30pm**. We will be starting the program right at **6pm**. Please make sure your child is dressed and has used the restroom before arriving. When you arrive, you will see either Ms. Christina or I at the sides of the stage.

Wednesday, December 15th (Pajama Day)- Your child may wear their pajamas to school. We will watch the Polar Express and enjoy some hot cocoa and a treat.

Friday, December 17th- (Half Day)- Holiday Party. This will be a fun day with crafts and games. Please make sure your child brings a large bag that is labeled with their name.

Pick Up time will begin at **11:10am**. We will do our best to keep the line moving that day.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to reach out to us.

Ms. Valerie & Ms. Christina

Ms. Dolores & Ms. Robin's Class

Thank you to the Chen family for donating a Christmas tree, and to the Wilsons for sending lights! We will be very busy making ornaments in between work, lessons, and music rehearsal!

Thanks also to all of the families who have been sending in books to donate to the House of the Children. The deadline is this Friday, 12/10.

Ms. Jamie sent out an email from the office regarding tonight's Rome for the Holidays performance. Please drop off students at the Rome City Auditorium for a pre-show warm-up at 5:50. Look for Ms. Shemi, Ms. Dolores, and Ms. Stefanie. I won't be there because I have an evening class. Dress is a Christmas sweater or holiday colored top and jeans.

Next Tuesday, 12/14, is the school-wide dress rehearsal for that evening's holiday program. Drop off is at the City Auditorium at 7:45. Lower Elementary students will be dismissed at approximately 10:45. You may pick up your child and bring them home or return them to school. The Boosters are providing a pizza lunch that day for those who return. That evening, please drop them back off at the auditorium at 5:30 pm.

Homework is due on Thursday.

Thank you,

Ms. Robin & Ms. Dolores

Ms. Stefanie's Class

Excitement is in the air as we get closer to the holiday break! We have our tree up in the classroom and are working on something special that the students will take home before the break. Please remember that Friday, December 17th will be a half day. Our dismissal time will be 11:20 am. Our class will also be having Pajama Day that Friday. Your child is welcome to wear their holiday pajamas on the 17th. If the weather is dry and above freezing, we may go outside, so please make sure the pajamas are suitable for outdoors.

We hope you will be able to join the NWGA Winds, Mr. Sam Baltzer, and us for the community concert at the Rome City Auditorium this evening. Students need to arrive at 5:50pm for rehearsal at the auditorium. Montessori students are wearing a Christmas sweater/top and jeans/pants. The program will begin at 7:00 pm. This will be an enjoyable evening of Christmas music to celebrate the holidays with our community.

Our school's Christmas program is next Tuesday, December 14th. We will have a morning rehearsal that day at the city auditorium. Please drop your child off between 7:45 am & 8:00 am. When rehearsal is finished, your child is welcome to go home for the day to rest for the program in the evening. Please return by 10:45 am to pick up your

child. If they are returning to school, you will need to drive them back to the school. The dress for our program is a Christmas sweater/top and jeans/pants.

Please make sure your child has a change of clothes at school that is suitable for winter weather. We will send the warmer weather clothes home with your child when he or she brings a new change of clothes.

As a reminder, students are welcome to bring a backpack to school every day. It really seems to help with the afternoon loads they end up needing to carry home, such as jackets when the afternoons are warm, classroom papers or activities they bring home, water bottles, library books, etc.

Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the colder weather. We try to go outside as much as possible. If it is below 50 degrees, your child should have a jacket. Thank you!

Ms. Stefanie

Ms. Rebecca & Ms. Kaitlin's Class

Parents:

We are looking forward to seeing most of you tonight for the R.O.M.E. Christmas concert at the Rome City Auditorium. Remember, this is a fun concert for the community!!!

We will try to maintain our usual routine and schedule with homework and classical roots testing for the remainder of the semester. There will be some interruption due to Music practice and rehearsal.

MSOR Christmas Program Rehearsal will be on Tuesday (12/14) morning. Please drop students off at the Rome City Auditorium between 7:45 - 8:00 AM. We will need drivers to help shuttle students back to school after our practice around 10:45 AM. A pizza lunch will be provided for students after rehearsal on Tuesday, December 14th.

Ms. Rebecca & Ms. Kaitlin