

## *Weekly Notes January 26, 2022*

### *Office Notes*

**Quick Reminder: As we proceed into 2022 we continue to remain cautious and aware of the ever-changing COVID-19 environment. As a quick reminder, please note that if your child or a member of your immediate household tests positive for COVID-19 we ask that the student not return to school until all members of the household can present a negative PCR test. Southeastern Pathology is an available resource and offers daily testing until 11:45am. Results are typically available same-day. Thank you all for your continued efforts to help keep our MSR community safe and healthy!**

#### **We also have a special announcement!**

Congratulations to Eva Lindsey on the birth of her new baby brother! Harper Jackson Lindsey was born on Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Welcome to the world, Baby Harper!

Ms. Jamie & Ms. Melanie

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#### *Ms. Ginny & Ms. Kelly's Class*

We are still reading about Arctic animals and winter weather. We are also starting to talk about Mexico which will be our International country that we will talk about next month. If you have any children's books or picture books on Mexico, we'd love to borrow them from you.

Thank you all for working with us in the late stay situation. Since Ms. Bianca is covering for Ms. Kelly while she is out, she does need to leave at 4:00. Also, thanks for working with us by picking them up by 4:00 everyday so we can stay within our ratio.

Please pay close attention to your child and keep them home if they have Covid symptoms. Even a cold or a low grade fever could be a sign. We just want a healthy classroom.

Ms. Ginny and Ms. Kelly

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

We are continuing with our Arctic studies this week. This week we had a lesson on otters. The children loved how smart and funny they were. They especially loved watching how the otters used rocks to open their clams.

Please remember to label all clothes that come to school. If your child brings home dirty clothes, please send in new ones the following day.

Next month will be our International Day. We will be learning about Turkey. If you have anything that you would like to contribute to our studies or any kind of artifacts that we can display in our class please let me know. I will be sending a lot more information on International Day soon. It is Thursday, February 24th for our class.

Ms. Shannon, Ms. Rachel & Ms. Savannah

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

We are getting ready to study the Samoan Islands next week, concentrating specifically on American Samoa for International Day. The students are so excited to be learning songs and working on crafts. Ask your children about what they have learned so far!

Our classroom is still following a mask policy, and it is time to restock your child's classroom supply of masks. Also - Please be sure your children have their masks when they arrive to school and help remind them how to wear it properly above their nose. A lot of children love to show off the designs on their masks, so we are so glad it is a positive environment for them!

Please continue to take precautions in this environment as we are working hard to keep our classroom healthy. We appreciate all you do.

We also will be celebrating Valentine's Day in our classroom on Monday, February 14th. I will send a separate email out with more information at a later time.

Ms. Angie, Ms. Sydney, and Ms. Anna Kate

## *Ms. Valerie & Ms. Christina's Class*

Hello,

As you may know, I will be out of the classroom this week. Ms. Trudy will be subbing for me this week. I know that the kids will be in loving hands with Ms. Christina and Ms. Trudy.

This week, the children will be learning about famous places and festivals in Thailand. We will be exploring Bangkok (Capital of Thailand), the beautiful beaches, national parks, and ancient cities. We will learn about popular festivals that are celebrated in Thailand, such as the floating lantern festival and the festival of lights.

### **Important Dates Coming up:**

Valentine's Day Celebration (Monday, February 14th). We will be having a Valentine's celebration this day! Your child will need to bring in 25 Valentine's cards. You may bring in extra just in case. You do not need to address the Valentine's, but please write who they are from. We encourage the second years and third years to write their name on their Valentine's. We will provide each child with a paper bag to decorate and place their Valentine's cards in.

\*\* If anyone would like to bring in a treat that is individually wrapped from a store or vendor, we would greatly appreciate it!

Please let us know if you have any questions,

Warm Regards,

Ms. Valerie and Ms. Christina

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

We have had so much fun studying the scientific method. Our botany lessons have given us the opportunity to review the scientific method as we complete experiments with seeds and roots. The class has also been busy with lots of geometry lessons and activities.

### **A few reminders:**

Please try to have your students at school by 7:50 each morning so that they can have a few minutes to settle in before we start work.

Please send warm items in for your child's change of clothing bag. Some students only have shorts and short sleeved tops.

Please remember our school policy about wearing sneakers on the playground.

Thank you,

Ms. Robin and Ms. Dolores

## *Ms. Stefanie's Class*

We are enjoying our studies of South Africa! We have learned that South Africa has very diverse people groups, beautiful landscapes, and many interesting animals for us to learn more about. There are 11 different main languages spoken in South Africa! International Day will be February 25th. A decision has not been made as to whether we will have visitors for our presentation or whether we will record it again. I will send the information as soon as a decision is made.

Please remind your child that a coat is needed to go to recess when it is below 50 degrees outside. We all enjoy getting out on these sunny days and want everyone to be able to join us!

This is a great time to start discussing ideas about science fair projects with your child. Science experiment proposal forms will go out next month. Please help your child find a topic which interests him or her. Then, have them think of a question to ask about the topic regarding something they want to know more about or find out. This is usually the best way to find an experiment which will keep your child's interest throughout the process.

Thank you for making sure your child has all cutlery needed to eat his or her lunch or snack. Remember, we do not have forks or spoons available at school. If your child needs a fork or spoon to eat any food, please pack it in his or her lunchbox.

## *Ms. Rebecca & Ms. Kaitlin's Class*

It is a great day to catch-up on any missed lessons or homework. Please encourage students to log-on to Google Classroom and check out this week's and last week's lessons. Students who have been absent can copy board notes for any morning and afternoon lessons. I have recently added International Day Resources that are kid appropriate; students are welcome to view all links.

Monday's students met with me individually to discuss Classical Roots. Those that acquired an 80 or above for both their semester average and cumulative average will move to the next level book. There will be a test on Lesson 1 this Friday, if all goes well.

Students have a language HW packet composed of reading comprehension articles introducing Ancient Greece. This packet is also posted on Google Classroom and is due this Friday. Coloring the pictures is encouraged!