

Weekly Notes February 8, 2022

Office Notes



Quick Note for Late Stay Parents: If you see your child on the playground when you arrive to pick them up from the late stay program, please feel free to park at the gate and your child will be brought directly to you. If you pick your child up at the gate, don't forget to drop by our front porch to collect their belongings!

Ms. Jamie & Ms. Melanie

Ms. Ginny & Ms. Kelly's Class

We're continuing our study of Mexico for International Day on Thursday, February 24. Our students have been learning about different animals found in Mexico and all the delicious food they eat. We would love to serve our students an authentic Mexican lunch on International Day. Please be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet and let us know what you'd like to send in to share with the class.

Just a reminder that we'll be celebrating Valentine's Day on Monday, February 14. We will have 13 students exchanging Valentines. Please label the Valentines "To my friend" and sign your child's name. This makes it much easier to pass out for the students! If you'd like to send in a special snack for the class, please let us know!

Ms. Ginny and Ms. Kelly

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

We have begun our study of Turkey for International Day. The kids were so excited today to see our flags that we made hanging up today. We have been enjoying going through the box of items that Leo's family has so graciously let us borrow. We watched a video on how to make Turkish tea and got to see Leo's grandmother's teapot and a teacup. We even practiced how to pronounce teapot in Turkish.

With the surge in Covid it has put a few classes behind so the teachers have decided to do International Day on different days. We will be celebrating Turkey on Friday, February 25. The classes will not be allowed to visit between classes so we thought it would be a good way to end the week. With that being said, we will also not have parents in the classroom either. I will be videoing our presentation and will send you all a link to watch it. We will look at a smaller scale for our meal and I'll send you some information about that soon. We will make shirts for the day. Please Venmo \$7 to me @Shannon-Goble-2 to cover the shirt costs. It would be great if you can do that by the end of the week, at the latest, so I can get the shirts ordered. Also, when you send the money via Venmo, please do not mark as "goods or service" or else it will charge an additional fee.

Next Monday is Valentine's Day. The children will exchange Valentine's in class. We usually decorate a bag and then we sit down on line and allow them to deliver them to their friends. We have 21 students in our class so please make sure to send enough cards for everyone. Please don't feel like you have to do something elaborate. I know some people like to do that but it's also fine to buy a box that is intended for a class. Please only label them from your child to make it easier for them to deliver. If someone would like to send in a special treat for snack or lunch please let me know.

I appreciate all your support the last few weeks. I know it is hard on everyone. I hope our classroom will soon be past all this sickness and on to spring like our Georgia groundhog, Gen. Beauregard Lee, predicted!

Ms. Shannon, Ms. Rachel & Ms. Savannah

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

I hope everyone is healthy and getting life back to normal. I know that our classroom is ready for normalcy again. With that being said, please remember that your child must wear a mask in class at this time. Also, please make sure that your child does have an extra change of clothes in their cubby box. Their name should be labeled on all outerwear that comes into the school.

Thanks to everyone for being so understanding these last two weeks. Thanks to Vita Rutledge for coming into the classroom and volunteering while we had teachers out. You parents are awesome and we greatly appreciate all that you do to make our classroom exceptional.

Monday is Valentine's Day and we will celebrate in our classroom. The children will decorate bags this week for their Valentines to go in. We have 26 children in our class (13 boys and 13 girls). Children are asked to bring in cards for their friends and peers on Monday and they will get to give them out that morning. Treats may be sent in but they need to be individually wrapped. We will also celebrate Rayansh's birthday with a lunch on Monday provided by his family. We DO NOT need lunch on Monday.

We are continuing our studies of American Samoa. There are some great videos about American Samoa on you tube that your children can watch. They can share a lot of information with you already. Enjoy learning because they are great teachers.

Have a great week.

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

Ms. Valerie & Ms. Christina's Class

Hello,

Ms. Christina and I are so happy to be back in the classroom. We missed the kids so much while we were gone. We will be getting back into our routine this week and will start introducing our lessons about Thailand!

Our Music Teacher, Ms. Angela, is teaching the students to sing a Thai song! We were blown away by the kids singing in Thai. Here is a link to the song they are singing <https://youtu.be/4-jXvHRzE68>

A little history behind the song they are singing:

Loi Krathong is a festival that is celebrated in Thailand. It is known as the floating lantern festival. It is celebrated each November during a full moon. **Loi** in Thai means to float and **Krathong** means little boat of banana leaves. During the festival, people sail small boats with lighted candles down rivers and canals. They believe the boats symbolically float away any bad luck. If their candle stays lit, they believe it will be a year of good luck.

Friendly Reminders:

Please make sure your child brings their reader to school! Ms. Christina and I will practice with them at school even if they didn't practice at home. The more they practice, the more fluent they become.

Important Dates:

Monday, February 14th - Valentine's Day Party. 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.

Please reach out to us if you have any questions.

Warm Regards,

Ms. Valerie and Ms. Christina

Ms. Dolores & Ms. Robin's Class

Science fair packets went home on Friday. The children are excited about choosing their projects. Inside the folder is an important list of due dates. The first is the project proposal form which is due on 2/17. I will send an email with the packet attached so that you have the information and can make extra copies if needed. Please help to guide your children through this assignment by allowing them to choose a project that interests them and can be easily completed at home. Please feel free to contact us with any questions, especially new-to-Montessori and first year parents.

Valentine's Day is almost here! Please have your child prepare Valentine cards for 16 classmates and send them with a bag to carry home all their Valentines. You may send Valentine treats-they are always appreciated!

Ms. Robin and Ms. Dolores

Ms. Stefanie's Class

Valentine's Day is coming up next week. We'll have a small classroom celebration and students will be able to hand out cards to classmates if they choose to do so. Please have your child sign his or her name to the cards before bringing them to school. If you would like to send in a treat, please make it individually wrapped. Our focus for Valentine's Day will be on friendship. Happy Valentine's Day!

Please continue to help your child be aware of the weather. Some days we are outside when it is very cold, and students should dress for the weather. Thank you!

As a reminder, we do not have forks or spoons at school. Please involve your lower elementary child in preparing his or her lunch for the following day so he or she is aware of whether a fork or spoon will be needed. Several students have been without a needed utensil lately due to not having one in a lunchbox. We like to encourage proper table etiquette at school, especially when foods need to be eaten with a utensil.

We have been working on drawings of animals native to South Africa. The students are enjoying this activity and we are looking forward to putting the drawings up in the classroom for International Day. International Day will be recorded and posted to Google Classroom. If you are still unable to access your child's student email to sign on to Google Classroom, please contact the office for assistance.

There will be a birthday lunch on Thursday of pizza and cupcakes. Thank you to Wanling's family for providing the lunch. Happy Birthday to Wanling!

Science fair information will be sent out later this month. Please continue to explore ideas and thoughts with your child to find a topic that is interesting to him or her. Remember, the goal is to find a question your child can answer through performing an experiment and observing the results. Thank you for all you do to support your child's education!

Ms. Stefanie

Ms. Rebecca & Ms. Kaitlin's Class

Parents:

Students are excited about our studies of Ancient Greece and Rome. As more students return to the classroom, we will begin delegating concepts for students to focus on for their presentations. Also, I have asked students to think about resources at home that could be a possible costume (sheets, sandals, etc.).

Upper Elementary is currently studying the cardiovascular system in preparation of Valentine's Day! As we study the heart, the main component of the cardiovascular system, students will have an opportunity to create Heart Art.

The classroom will have a Valentine celebration on Monday, Feb. 14th. Students will be making a bag for their Valentines during the week. Students are being asked to bring a Valentine for each peer on Monday. There are 27 students in the classroom; 19 boys, 8 girls. Bags and Valentines will be for all students regardless of absences. Treats are welcome if items are individually wrapped.

Tennis will be Thursday, weather permitting. Drivers, please arrive at 2:30pm and all pick-up at the courts by 3:45pm.

Ms. Rebecca and Ms. Kaitlin