

Weekly Notes April 25, 2023

Office Notes

Quick Reminder - *Bright From the Start* mandates that no child in Toddler or Primary may have the following foods sent for lunch or snack:

- *Popcorn*
- *Raw carrots in any form*
- *Hot dogs in any form*
- *Grapes in any form*
- *Cheese sticks in any form*

Please do not send these items (in any form) in your child's lunchbox. We are unable to serve these items to your child per Bright From the Start.

May Day Program – Monday, April 1st

- The program begins at 8:30am, so your child will need to be at school before 8:15am.
- The program takes place in front of the main building in the parking lot. It is a good idea to get to the school early since the parking lot fills up fast. You are welcome to bring a lawn chair.
- No one will be allowed to park in the lower parking lot (the parking lot in front of the office).
- Everyone will need to bring in a branch of May to exchange with another child at the end of the program. A branch of May could be a flower from your front yard or the store. Please note that the branch of May that you send with your child is not the one that your child will end up with at the end. At the end of the program, we sing a song while holding a branch of May and then exchange the branch of May with a friend.
- The children will need to wear their “Sunday Best” for the program. Clean khakis, dress shirts, dresses, etc. are fine. You can also send in a change of clothes if you do not want your child to wear their nice clothes on the playground.
- The program lasts around an hour. After May Day we invite our mothers or special women in your child's life to have lemonade and cookies with us.
- Special thank you to Ms. Ariana for working with the students on all of the music!

Ms. Ginny's and Ms. Kelly's Toddler Class

We have really been enjoying our study of insects and gardening this month. Last week, we planted our sunflower seeds and watched as they developed roots and sprouts. This week, we continued with a lesson on how seeds grow into plants by reading a book donated by Ms. Ana Maria from Cheeky Baby called *Seed Work*. We even examined the roots of a plant grown in water! The students noticed right away that the stem was green but the roots were white. We've also been excitedly watching our live caterpillars grow bigger and bigger each day. We're anticipating them spinning their chrysalis and hopefully turning into beautiful butterflies in the coming weeks.

May Day is next Monday morning, May 1st. The program will start at 8:30am so please have your child here promptly at 8:15. Please send your child in with a branch of May (a cut flower from your yard would be great) that they may exchange at the end of the program. After the program, we will return to our classroom for some cookies and lemonade and to give our moms a special gift.

Thank you to all of our parents and special people that attended Gardening Day last Friday. Our patio is beautiful and we are really enjoying taking care of our flowers and plants. Thank you for all the donations, as well!

Ms. Ginny & Ms. Kelly

Ms. Shannon's, Ms. Jessica's, and Ms. Kristin's Toddler Class

We are absolutely loving our insect unit. Yesterday we had a lesson on bees. We learned about the different types, their home, and how we get honey from the bees. They were excited to see the large nest we have hanging in the classroom. We took it down for a closer inspection and looked at the cells inside.

They are also anxiously awaiting their butterflies to come out of their cocoons. We made caterpillars last week and they came in to find them inside cocoons at the end of last week. To add to the excitement, we received two live caterpillars that we are hoping to watch go through their own cycle!

May Day is fast approaching. The program will start at 8:30 in the lower school parking lot. Please make sure to have your child to school by 8:15 that morning. Children need to come dressed in nice clothes(church). Each class will perform a song or two. They will need a flower or a branch of May to exchange at the end of the program. This can be a flower from your yard or a store-bought flower. We will come back to the classroom afterward for our gifts for our moms, cookies and lemonade.

We have several kids who are potty training. Please make sure to bring back clean clothing the following day if we send dirty ones home. Everyone should have a pair of back up shoes in their cubbies.

Ms. Shannon, Ms. Jessica, & Ms. Kristin

Ms. Angie's, Ms. Karabeth's, and Ms. Rana's Primary Class

We have been practicing for May Day/Mother's Day and we are very excited for our performance Monday morning. We are also excited to celebrate our wonderful mothers on this day. See office notes above for all the details.

If you want to celebrate your child's birthday at school before the end of the school year, please let me know. A few parents have already done so.

If your child is a third year in my afternoon class, the t shirt order form link is here:

<https://stores.cedarstream.com/montessorirome/shop/home>

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Ms. Angie, Ms. Karabeth, & Ms. Rana

Ms. Krystle's, Ms. Macy's, and Ms. Trudy's Primary Class

It is Tuesday's notes again. :) I am reminding you of some important dates for birthday celebrations and graduation, but first and foremost, THANK YOU to each and every one of you for helping to make Gardening Day successful. We truly couldn't do it without you.

Monday, May 1st- May Day / Mother's Day celebration. See Office Notes above for more details!

Tuesday, May 2nd- we will celebrate Mila's (early) 6th birthday. Her family will bring in pizza and cupcakes. Please supply your child with fruits and veggies.

Friday, May 5th - we will celebrate Kevin's (early) 5th birthday. His family will bring in pizza and cupcakes. Please supply your child with fruits and veggies.

May 25th- all third years will meet at Shorter University in Rome at 8:00 A.M. (The adult with your child may stay or come back). Your child will need to be picked up at 10:30 A.M. If your child comes back to school on this day, all children ****including third years**** will be required to rest during rest time. **The graduation ceremony starts at 6:30pm and all graduates will need to be at Shorter University by 5:45.** A schedule for pictures will be sent out soon. Graduating girls must wear a white dress and white shoes. Graduating boys need to wear: Khaki pants, white collared button-down shirt, a navy blazer and black shoes. All non-graduates will need to arrive by 6:15 p.m. and non-graduates will need to wear their Sunday best!

May 26- Half-day and all Primary children need to be picked up no later than 11:00 A.M. There will be no lunch.

Finally, third year t-shirts are available to order. Click the link here:

<https://stores.cedarstream.com/montessorirome/shop/home>

Have a wonderful week!

Ms. Krystle, Ms. Macy, & Ms. Trudy

Ms. Robin's and Ms. Dolores's Lower Elementary Class

Thank you for getting your children to school on time this week for ITBS testing. Please continue to make sure that they are well rested for the rest of the week. First year homework is due on Thursday.

I have three drivers for our strawberry farm field trip to Lazy Creek Farms on May 11th. We need another driver who can take 3 students. Please let me know if you are able to volunteer. The cost is \$10.00 per person and it includes ice cream and strawberry picking. Please send money for students and chaperones before Friday, May 5th.

Monday is May Day! Please send your children dressed nicely for the performance and the exchange of a branch of May. A branch of May should be a flower or a small clipping from your yard that is exchanged with a friend after our performance. Parents are invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

Ms. Robin & Ms. Dolores

Ms. Stefanie's & Ms. Ribar's Lower Elementary Class

Thank you all for helping your children get a good night's sleep and nutritious breakfast for testing this week! Thank you for arriving on time in the mornings, also.

May Day is this coming Monday, May 1st. Students should wear their nice special occasion clothes for the May Day performance. They also need to bring "a branch of May" (flower) to exchange with a friend. Parents and families are welcome to attend the performance.

The field trip to Lazy Creek Farms is Thursday, May 11th. We still need 3 more drivers who can transport 4 additional people in their vehicles. Please let me know if you're available! The cost is \$10 per person. This includes an educational presentation, strawberry picking, an ice cream, and a farm tour. Please send in the \$10 by Friday, May 5th. Thank you! We're looking forward to enjoying strawberries from the farm!

Ms. Stefanie & Ms. Ribar

Upper Elementary Class

Dear parents,

ITBS testing is currently in progress. Please continue to arrive by 7:40 a.m.

Please check the weather each morning and dress accordingly.

Our May Day/ Mother's Day program will take place on May 1st at 8:30 a.m. Girls need to wear a dress and tennis shoes. Boys need to wear khakis, a spring dress shirt, and tennis shoes. Please bring a change of clothes for after the program. Students also need to bring a branch of May (flower). Please join us in the classroom immediately after the program for some light refreshments. ☺

May 25th- Graduation Practice- Shorter Chapel- All Students

May 25th – Graduation-Shorter Chapel (6th years-Graduating, All students-Elementary Spring Concert)

May 26th- Half Day/Last Day of School

Upper Elementary Guides