

*Weekly Notes April 23, 2024*

*Office Notes*



MONTESSORI  
SCHOOL OF ROME

*May Day*

& MOTHER'S DAY  
PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1ST  
8:00AM



Wisdom      Knowledge      Peace

## **May Day Program – Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

- The program will begin promptly at 8:00am, so your child will need to be dropped off between 7:30-7:40am. Our parking lots and driveways will close to all traffic at 7:45am.
  - The program takes place in front of the main building in the parking lot.
    - No one will be allowed to park in the lower parking lot (the parking lot in front of the office). Park only in the Upper Parking Lot.
    - It is a good idea to get to the school early since the Upper parking lot fills up quickly. You are welcome to bring a lawn chair.
    - **Our driveways will be closed off beginning at 7:45am. No one may enter or exit our campus after this time and until the program reaches completion. This is for the safety of our students and faculty as the performance will take place outside.**
  - 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 the branch of May that you send with your child is not the one that your child will bring home with them at the end.
    - At the end of the program, we will 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 may also send in a change of clothes if you do not want your child to wear their nice clothing on the playground as we will resume our regular academic day following the event.
  - 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. Angela for working with the students on all of the music!
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## *Ms. Ginny's and Ms. Kelly's Toddler Class*

Thanks to everyone that came and helped us celebrate Gardening Day! Our patio looks beautiful with all our pretty plants and flowers!

I would like to send out a big thank you to the Mathews, Henry's family, for their donation of the mud table. The kids will enjoy this for many years to come!

Please remember Mother's Day/May Day is coming up on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. We have moved the time up to 8:00a.m. Drop your child off at the same place between 7:30 and 7:40 and then find a place to park in the Upper parking lot and then go to the front parking lot. Some parents bring chairs to sit in. Please dress your child nicely for this and let them bring a "branch of May" (a flower) to exchange with another friend at the end of the program. It's really a cute program.

Ms. Ginny

## *Ms. Shannon's, Ms. Kristin's, and Ms. Rachel's Toddler Class*

Our Gardening Day was so wonderful! Thank you so much for coming to spend the morning with us. Our patio looks so beautiful. The children are going to have the best time watering their flowers. I also want to say thank you for all your donations from our wish list. I received enough money to build us a really cool water wall. I spent a lot of time at Home Depot shopping for all the pieces for it this weekend.

Today we released our ladybugs in the garden. The children were so excited! They held them and let them crawl on their hands and arms. It was so precious!

May Day/Mother's Day celebration is on May 1st. Please make sure you make arrangements to attend. The children will sing a few songs and we will give our Mommies a gift and have cookies and lemonade in the classroom afterward. The program will begin at 8:00am and will last about an hour and a half.

Ms. Shannon

## *Ms. Angie's, Ms. Karabeth's, and Ms. Ribar's Primary Class*

We had a great time with our Gardening Day/Special Persons Day. The patio looks so lovely with the bright colors from all the flowers. The children will also enjoy caring for the flowers as the season continues. Thank you to our wonderful families for providing the beautiful flowers, garden fairies, and other accessories that bring our garden to life.

We are continuing our practice for our annual May Day program which will take place next week on Wednesday, May 1st. Your child should arrive to school dressed in their Sunday best for the program that morning. We will begin promptly at 8:00am so your child needs to be dropped off at school between 7:30-7:40am that morning. Please also send them that morning with a branch of May and keep in mind they will not go home with the same flower they bring in as it is an exchange. Please prepare them for that and I will do the same. More information pertaining to this event can be found above in Ms. Jamie's Office Notes.

Have a great week!

Ms. Angie

## *Ms. Ortrud's, Ms. Camela's, and Ms. Trudy's Primary Class*

Thank you so much for making Gardening Day such a great experience. It was nice to see all the special guests, grandparents and parents coming together and enjoying themselves. Now, thanks to you, our community garden looks amazing. A special thank you goes out to Kayla and Tori for planning and running the planting activity during gardening day. The children enjoyed spending time planting and crafting with you!

Ms. Ortrud

## *Ms. Robin's, Ms. Dolores's, and Ms. Rana's Lower Elementary Class*

We are staying very busy as we work to squeeze daily requirements and lessons in between all of our special events. We still have a few students testing in our building, so we must continue to be mindful of punctuality and noise that may disturb others. (No knocking on doors, thank you!)

Students have had time off from homework during science fair and testing, so we will be sending homework folders home this week. We will be sending 2 weeks' worth of work because students will not have a chance to turn it in next week. We leave for the Fortson 4-H center on Thursday, May 2nd, so this homework packet won't be due until Thursday, May 9th.

Next Wednesday, May 1st, is May Day! Students will all gather in our front parking lot to sing and celebrate with a Maypole dance. Parents attend, and the performance is followed by a "Branch of May" exchange. Students each bring a branch of May: clippings from your yard/garden of flowers, or flowering bushes, etc. Some prefer to purchase a flower or two from the store. Guests may come to visit the classroom following the exchange.

Thank you for returning permission slips and payment for our visit to Fortson on May 2nd and 3rd, and especially to the parents who have volunteered to drive and chaperone! Packing lists were handed out at our meeting but will be resent. We'll be in touch with chaperones later this week to send more information. Anyone interested in more information sooner please go to [www.fortson4h.org](http://www.fortson4h.org).

Have a great week!

Ms. Robin, Ms. Dolores, and Ms. Rana

## *Ms. Kathleen's and Ms. Leighan's Upper Elementary Class*

Thank you to everyone who came out last week and made Gardening Day a huge success! The children had so much fun planting the flowers we grew. Your support and involvement are a valuable part of their education.

This week we head out on our annual spring trip to Jekyll Island 4-H. Please refer to the email sent previously for departure and return times as well as a few important reminders about packing. If you have not sent the \$25 transportation/dissection fee, please do so as soon as possible.

**May Day is fast approaching and will occur on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00a.m.** For those of you who are new to our program, the children are asked to bring in a single flower that day that will be incorporated into our festivities.

Thanks as always!

Ms. Kathleen