

# Dolphin Tales

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## November Birthdays

Annabelle C.	11/2	Blaire P.	11/18
Luca A.	11/4	Lincoln L.	11/18
Tegan A.	11/4	Aiden W.	11/19
Parker C.	11/4	Claire C.	11/22
Reynolds L.	11/6	Rishi S.	11/23
Ms. Kelly	11/9	Charles G.	11/27
Kriva S.	11/16	Ms. Ginny	11/28
		Serena C.	11/29

## Important Dates

November 4th	Fall Portrait Make-Up Day
November 8th	Deadline to order Square1 Artwork
November 15th	Lower El Field Trip - The Spires
November 25th-29th	Thanksgiving Break
December 6th	R.O.M.E. presents "The Wiz"
December 17th	MSOR Holiday Program
December 20th	Holiday Classroom Celebration (1/2 Day)
Dec. 23rd-Jan. 3rd	Winter Break
January 6th	School Resumes



# Office News:

Ms. Jamie

## Drop-Off & Pick-Up

### Ms. Ginny

Drop-Off: 8:15–8:25

Pick-Up: 2:15–2:25

### Ms. Shannon

Drop-Off: 8:20–8:30

Pick-Up: 2:15–2:25

### Ms. Angie

Drop-Off: 8:00–8:10

Pick-Up: 2:35–2:45

### Ms. Ortrud

Drop-Off: 8:10–8:20

Pick-Up: 2:25–2:35

### Lower Elementary

Drop-Off: 7:45–7:55

Pick-Up: 3:00–3:10

### Upper Elementary

Drop-Off: 7:35–7:45

Pick-Up: 3:00–3:10

### Important Reminders:

Unless you have a doctor's excuse, no student may attend school on a day when they will not arrive before 9:30 a.m.

Children who are not picked up during regular dismissal times will be sent to the Extended Day Program (Late Stay) and charged the "Drop In" rate (space permitting).

## Lost & Found

With the changing weather our Lost & Found basket is already growing! If your child brought a jacket to school but did not bring it home, please contact the Office as it may be in our Lost & Found.

Please remember to label EVERYTHING! This helps us keep up with what belongs to your child!

## Square1 Art Due Nov. 8th

Don't forget! Square1 Art orders are due next Friday, November 8th to guarantee delivery in time for the holidays. These art projects make fantastic gifts for the holiday season and a portion of all proceeds benefits the Montessori School of Rome Booster Club!

[Click here to view the Square1 website and place your order today!](#) Please view the customized flyer that went home to obtain your child's access code.

# Toddler News

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



We had so much fun at the Halloween parade. Our toddlers looked so cute in their costumes and did so well marching around that big playground! Thank you to everyone who donated items for the classroom party. We ate pizza and pouches and cookies until we were stuffed!

We're excited to talk about transportation and opposites this month and to continue to talk about the fall season. We'll read books related to these topics, sing songs, make art projects, and introduce new work throughout the month. We'll spend some time talking about the Thanksgiving holiday, too.



"Any child who is self-sufficient, who can tie his shoes, dress or undress himself, reflects in his joy and sense of achievement the image of human dignity which is derived from a sense of independence."

– Dr. Maria Montessori

We will host our annual Thanksgiving Feast on Friday, November 22nd. We will send an email out later next week with more information about our classroom's celebration. Reminder that we will be closed November 25–29 for Thanksgiving.

We are in need of plastic grocery bags. If you have any that you'd like to send in to school, we'd love to take them!

As the days become cooler, if the temperature is 32 degrees or higher, we will go outside on the playground. Please dress your child appropriately (hats, warm jackets, etc.) as well as label all outerwear that comes into the classroom.

[Here is a great video](#) on how we put on jackets in the Montessori classroom if you'd like to practice this with your child at home. We encourage you to adopt these independence-fostering moments at home.



# Toddler News

Ms. Shannon's, Ms. Kristin's, & Ms. LaKosta's Class



October was such a great month! We really enjoyed our nocturnal animal unit but it's time to zoom into November. This month we will be learning about transportation. We will discuss various modes to get around and use this to integrate opposites into this month's study. This month we will also learn a little about fall. We will make some art with the leaves that are changing and falling. I am making a sensory bin with all the many acorns that the children have collected. I would love to have round containers with lids (Pringles, Oats, etc.) Please let me know if you have some you could send. They can not have contained anything with peanuts. I plan to use these containers in the sensory bin to make "trees" for the squirrels to store their acorns and pinecones.

Thanksgiving will be celebrated in the classroom on Friday, November 22nd at 11:00. I will send out a sign-up list for food and to RSVP. Everyone is invited for lunch that day. The school will be closed the following week, November 25-29, for the Thanksgiving holiday.



# Primary News

Ms. Angie's & Ms. Karabeth's Class

## Celebrating Holidays the Montessori Way...★

Children in a Montessori classroom embrace celebrations of the seasons in a cross-curricular, more involved, and less obtrusive way. In the weeks prior to a holiday of importance, the Practical Life shelves may reflect the colors and symbols of the season in the pouring, sorting, or transferring works.

The Language area and circle time activities will most certainly incorporate stories and songs related to the seasonal celebrations. Math works may use counting items that correlate with holiday themes.

Art supplies change to stimulate the children's unique artistic expression using materials inspired by the time of year.

And perhaps the best part of the classroom to share information about specific holidays is the Cultural area, where the children may find continent boxes filled with photographs, artifacts, and items associated with various holidays and the cultures from which they originated.

[Read more here...](#)



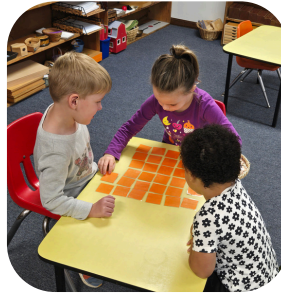
# Primary News

Ms. Ortrud's & Ms. Rana's Class

## Mixed Ages in the Montessori Environment...★

Mixed-age group Montessori classrooms are designed to foster collaboration, peer learning, and a sense of community among children of different ages, typically spanning three years. This approach encourages older children to mentor younger ones, promoting leadership and social skills while allowing younger children to learn from their peers.

It also enables teachers to tailor instruction to individual developmental needs, fostering independence and self-paced learning. Overall, mixed-age groups create a rich, dynamic learning environment where children thrive together. For further reading follow this link: [Mixed Ages in the Montessori Environment](#)



# Lower EI News

Ms. Maggie's & Ms. Robin's Class

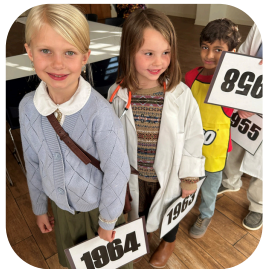
In Montessori education, the changing seasons are more than just a backdrop—they are integral to the learning experience. Fall, with its vivid colors, crisp air, and abundant harvests, inspires students to engage with nature in meaningful and educational ways. From leaf sorting and nature walks to practical life lessons and seasonal art, Montessori students learn to appreciate the beauty and wonder of the natural world while building essential skills that will serve them throughout life.

By incorporating the fall season into the curriculum, Montessori educators provide students with a holistic, sensory-rich learning experience that fosters curiosity, independence, and a lifelong love of learning. As the leaves change and the world transitions into autumn, the classroom comes alive with the spirit of the season, inviting students to “fall into learning” in the most natural and joyful way possible.

Here are some examples:

- Seasonal Journaling
- Seasonal Art and Creative Expression
- Leaf Classification
- Nature Walks

Revolving classroom materials grouped around the change of seasons offers students a connection to the environment outside their window. These materials can also be a portal for students to encourage and ask their families to explore nature with them. The benefits of connecting students to nature is well documented. Among the benefits are restored attention, less stress, increased self-discipline, and greater creativity. We encourage all of you to take advantage of this beautiful weather and explore the outdoors.



# Upper El News

Ms. Shemi's, Ms. Dolores's, Mr. Keith's, Ms. Ribar's, Ms. Gabi's,  
Ms. Ariana's, & Ms. Karen's Class

We had a GREAT October! Congratulations to all of our notable people for a terrific Historical Timeline presentation! We also had a fun-filled Halloween, filled with tricks, treats, and lots of laughter. THANK YOU so much for bringing all the delicious food and treats. We really appreciate it, and it made for such a nice party.

Now that these special events have concluded, we are now officially resuming our regular classwork AND homework schedule. Homework includes JGB, Spanish, Math, and Language. Many students are not completing homework.

On the positive side, lots of our students are finishing planners and testing to move forward to their next planners. We have added Wordly Wise to our Language Homework rotation... with success! In the future, Einstein's Reading Comprehension Stories will rotate with Wordly Wise.

Moving forward, please look out for information on an upcoming hike to Cloudland Canyon, as well as information regarding the Thanksgiving Feast!



This is our **HOMEWORK SCHEDULE**, as of now.

**LANGUAGE:** homework comes home Monday, and is due Wednesday.

**MATH:** homework comes home Thursday (do at least 1 problem from each section), and is due Friday. The whole math assignment is due the following Monday.

**SPANISH:** Ms. Gabi directly communicates any homework via email straight to you, parents!

**JGB:** 4th years have something due every Tuesday and Thursday. 5th years have something due every Monday and Wednesday. 6th year's JGB equivalent is their Adolescent Literature class with Ms. Karen... who clearly communicates all of her homework daily.





# Adolescent & Secondary News

Ms. Shemi's, Ms. Ariana's, Ms. Gabi's, Ms. Karen's, Ms. Dolores's,  
Mr. Justin's, Ms. Angela's, & Mr. Ben's Classes

Thank you, MSOR community, for coming out to Fall Festival last week! We hope everyone had a terrific time. As always, thank you so much for supporting us as we raise funds to go on our international trip to Argentina and Antarctica in the spring.

At this time, our next sleepover is scheduled to be Friday, November 15. Keep an eye out for a flyer and sign up forms from us soon!

This month, we are looking forward to a season of thankfulness, bonding, and preparing for the Holiday program!



*You've got a friend in me!*