Weekly Notes January 22, 2025

Office Notes

Be Sure to Mark Your Calendars for These Important Dates!

- **International Day (Toddler & Primary)** – Thursday, February 6th
- **International Day (Elementary)** – Friday, February 7th
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences (School in Session)** – Friday, March 7th

Calling All World Travelers!

One of our favorite times of year at MSOR is International Day! This year, International Day will take place on February 6th (Toddler/Primary) and February 7th (Elementary). Leading up to International Day, our classrooms take a deep dive into the study of their chosen countries. One of the things we love to do is hear from someone who has lived in, has visited, or has artifacts from a country being studied. If you or someone you know has ties to any of the following countries and would like to share about this experience with our students, please let us know! We would love to invite them in to provide that extra element of education for our students.

Australia, Brazil, Ecuador, Greece, Ireland, or the Ancient Mayan/Incan/Aztec Civilizations

Also - A couple of our classrooms are also seeking empty paper towel rolls for an International Day craft. We would love to take them off your hands if you have any extras! Thank you!

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

We are still in the Brazilian mode as we learn more about our International Day country. Thank you to Arthur's mom for letting us borrow several Brazilian books and to Max's mom for letting us display a beautiful and brightly colored tablecloth from Brazil.

We have a gray knit hat that does not have a name on it if it is your child's, please let us know. We'll send it home in their lunchbox.

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

We are busy learning about Australia this week! We have started working on decorating our classroom with different areas to represent the biomes of Australia. We had a great lesson on marsupials today. Gray brought in a kangaroo that was taller than he was to share with the class. As you can imagine, that was a huge hit!

Please send in $5 to cover the cost of your child's International Day costume. I received them this weekend and they are going to look adorable!

Just a quick reminder, if your child brings home a bag with dirty clothes in it, please send in a replacement set the following day. Thanks!

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

Wow! It is so cold this week. Please dress the children for this weather. Label all outerwear because things can get lost. We are continuing our studies of Greece. I hope everyone got the email and the information letter about International Day that was sent home on Friday. The t shirts are being ordered tomorrow. Hope everyone has seen the lunch for International Day. All the children have been assigned a topic to research for posters. When the poster is made, you may send it in. We will send the song that we are performing and the counting to 10 in Greek website so they can practice at home. If you have anything pertaining to Greece that you can share, we would love to see it. Please make plans to be at the presentation on February 6th.

Have a great week.

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

Dear Parents,

Thank you for making sure your children have temperature appropriate clothing for playtime. They do love to play outside if possible.

Inside we are busy working on learning about the country of Ecuador. Thank you to our Music and Spanish teachers who are helping us prepare for our performance.

We are hoping you will join us on January 6th to travel around Ecuador with us!

Ms. Ortrud & Ms. Rana

Lower Elementary Class

It's another busy week! Last week we enjoyed learning about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, Ruby Bridges, and the struggle for civil rights.

Homework sent on Friday included a new spelling list. Spell check begins again starting this Thursday. We are all reading an Irish book, Under the Hawthorn Tree, together this month instead of the regular JGB stories. Students have been assigned research topics and will be preparing presentations for International Day.

This Friday we will celebrate the birthdays of Gabriella and Vittoria. Lunch will include Chick-Fil-A, veggies, fruit, and cupcakes.

We plan to have two work-days next week to begin transforming our classroom into the Irish countryside. We will also complete craft activities during these afternoons. Please let us know if you are available to help out on Tuesday or Wednesday next week - 1/28 and 1/29, from 12:45-2:45.

We will send home costume assignments later this week.

Have a good week.

Ms. Maggie and Ms. Robin

Upper Elementary Class

Ice Skating

We truly enjoyed spending time on the ice last Friday with some of our students. Be sure to check out some pictures posted on MSOR's social media pages. We can't wait to go on another outing!

Report Cards

Report Cards for Upper El students are coming home this Friday.

Dressing for Cold Weather

As a reminder, please send your children in appropriate clothing for the cold weather. This includes sufficient outerwear.

International Day

During afternoon classes, students are currently working on their 1-2 minutes speeches. They will need your help typing. We are also working on cumulative group-research papers. Students may need access to supervised online research (Think about websites such as Britannica, National Geographic, etc... Avoid Wikipedia!). We may also give them specific websites to view. Look out for the costume plans and food sign ups on Friday! As a reminder, International Day is Friday, February 7, 2025.

Tennis

Thursday's Group: We have communicated with Coach Jan concerning the weather. If the wind chill is close to 40 degrees on that day, we will move forward with tennis. IF we go to tennis this Thursday, students will need to bring extra layers, gloves, etc. Leggings are not warm enough for playing outside in this weather. We will communicate the final decision that morning, so please send tennis clothes and outerwear. Thank you for your flexibility.

Friday's Group: IF we go to tennis this Friday, more than likely we will be playing on the indoor courts. Regardless of that fact, students will need to bring extra layers, gloves, etc. Leggings are not warm enough for playing outside in this weather. We will communicate the final decision that morning, so please send tennis clothes and outerwear. Thank you for your flexibility.