Welcome New and Old Friends to the 2014-15 School Year!

What a great start to the new school year. Thank you all for your patience and your trust as we successfully implemented some new changes to the school day.

I would like to welcome all our friends, both new and old, back for this year. We are welcoming 15 new families and two new staff members. We are so happy to have Robyn VanLandingham as the new Head Teacher in the 3-6 Room and to have Catherine Army running the morning program.

The children are settling in beautifully to the new year and a wonderful hum has taken over the school. The mission of this newsletter is to help you hear this hum! Please do not hesitate to call, email, or just stop by if you have any questions.

I would like to send a big thank you out to all the parents and kids and friends that joined us for the Celebrate Mansfield Day Parade. It was a very hot and humid day, but it would take more than that to keep us from being in the parade!

The 9-12 Class JUMPS at the opportunity to study plants!

We Love Mansfield!
First, I want to begin by thanking all of the Children's House parents for all of their help making our first couple of weeks a success, especially during drop off and pick up! Remember a brief drop off is a much easier transition for your child and it allows the entire class to get right down to our morning circle.

Second, what a GREAT class we have this year! Every child is so eager to learn and actively participates in each circle and with the lessons. I am happy to report we are moving along nicely! Each day we begin by coming together for our morning circle. I greet each child individually with our good morning song. This is usually followed by another song or two. Next, I present our special study and this is interactive with the children. Finally, a friend helps me with our alphabet presentation. Our special study for the next couple of weeks is to learn the continents. You may see some of the supporting material coming home. Please talk to your child about it. It helps to reinforce the topic and it's also fun to hear what they have learned. I actually had a parent tell me, many years ago and with another study, that their daughter told them that a butterfly turns into a "Raccoon" instead of 'Cocoon"! I honestly enjoy the feedback! Please feel free to ask questions or provide feedback at robyn@ogms.org.

Third, our sharing circle is on Friday, and for those friends who do not come on Fridays it is on Thursday. Please try to keep the sharing item small and if possible with the topic of study. Lastly, thank you to Miss Miranda and to Miss Emily for all of their help getting this classroom into tip top shape!

Miss Robyn, Miss Miranda, and Miss Emily
The 6-9 Room Studies the Color Wheel and Primary and Secondary Colors

After School Program