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NEW SCHOOL OPENS IN ANCIENT CITY: at 9 o'clock on the morning of October 14th the doors of the new school will open to young American, British and other English speaking children who assemble here from many parts of the world in a common adventure of education. Overseas School strikes a unique note in the centuries-old story of Rome. In classrooms where once the hopefuls of a totalitarian regime were indoctrinated with the theory and practice of Fascism, the free air of democratic way now enters..... With this first issue of the Newsletter a beginning is made in recording what is hoped may prove a long and inspiring chapter of parent-teacher-pupil co-operation. The Newsletter will appear at intervals to convey news of the school and information vital to parents..... Those who thus far have had the responsibility for organizing the school solicit the understanding and patience of all as we must operate for the present with a minimum of equipment under new and strange conditions.

School Office Ph. 66530

School Hours 9 a.m. - 3:30

THAT FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL --- WHAT YOUR CHILD SHOULD BRING

Nursery School - If your child is one of the pre-school group he may want with him on that "first day" one of his favorite toys. For the very youngest, too, don't forget to supply extra panties and overalls. All nursery school children must be equipped with a smock, rubber apron or other garment which will protect their clothing during painting, etc. Each article brought must be clearly marked with the child's name.

Primary School - All children in the garden must bring their own lunches to school where they will eat, rest, and play under careful supervision. A thermos of hot chocolate would be a valuable addition to the cold lunch which should include sandwiches and fruit.

Each primary school child must also come equipped with the following items for class-room use: 2 pencils, an eraser, a ruler, and for those seven years and up, a pen and penpoint or fountain-pen. A simple portfolio for these items is recommended.

Contributions of books, games and toys are welcome.

DON'T BRING A COLD TO SCHOOL! — Any child who has had a cold should be kept at home until danger of infection is over, at least three days after onset. Parents will be glad to know that in the event of illness or of accidents at school the Army dispensary is in a wing of the same building. A physical check-up will be given all children within the first month or so.

TRANSPORTATION BEING WHAT IT IS IN ROME, a committee is hard at work trying to figure out some way to get your children to school if you absolutely cannot manage it yourselves. We hope to have definite information on this by Friday, October 11th, and parents are urged to call the school office (Phone 66530) that day.

PARENTS WILL BE GLAD TO KNOW that only one month's tuition in advance is required. However, payment of a semester in advance would be a big help to the budget in giving us a larger working fund, so if you are able to subscribe more now, please do. Tuition has been set at 4,000 lire per month for grade school children and 3,000 per month for nursery school children, based upon estimated needs. If it is found possible to operate on lower tuition, an adjustment will be made in the future as Overseas School is a non-profit organization.

THE SCHOOL ROOMS IN BUILDING ARE BUZZING THIS WEEK, with teacher-pupil-parent interviews preparatory to opening next Monday. The staff is as follows: Director of studies, Miss Anna Thomas; teachers: Miss Edith Lillian Watson, Mrs. Anne Gray, Dr. Elisabeth Schorr, Miss Helen R.H. Nichol, and director of the nursery school, Mrs Ruth Hauser. Secretary, and nursery school assistants: Miss Martinis, Miss Cerreta, Miss Pansecchi. Special teachers will be announced later.

We are fortunate indeed in having a staff of such wide experience and background.
