

Fountain Valley Montessori

April 2016

“Above all it is to be noted that the child has a passionate love for order and work, and possesses intellectual qualities superior by far to what might have been expected.” ~ Dr. Maria Montessori

Important Dates:

Spring Break

Monday, March 28th -Friday, April 1st

Earth Day ~ Gardening Day

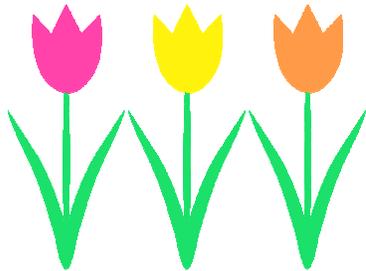
Friday, April 22nd

Happy Birthday...

Ms. Ashley... 1st

Ms. Jamie... 9th

Ms. Lindsay... 18th



Morning Drop Off/Afternoon Pick up: Classes start promptly at 9:00am and end at 12:00pm for our half day students and 3:00pm for our full day students. We encourage all students to be dropped off between 8:45-9:00am to ensure a smooth transition into school. Please note, when dropping your child off on the playgrounds in the morning, please ensure that your goodbyes are short and sweet. This is a time for the children to interact with each other and their teachers. Please observe through our classroom observation windows. If you require afternoon daycare for your child, this must be pre-arranged with the office. We do offer occasional daycare at the rate of \$15.00/hr., which will automatically be billed to your account if your child is picked up after 3:15pm. However, we do require that you call ahead and let us know, so that we can make sure that we are within ratio. If you are going to be late, please quietly drop your child off in class, and one of the teachers will escort them to morning circle. Please make sure that your child is picked up promptly at the end of the school day.

Extra Clothing: Please bring two extra sets of clothing (including socks and underwear) to leave in your child's cubby.

Toy Policy: In keeping with our “No Toy” Policy, we ask that all children leave toys at home. Share items can be pictures pertaining to our unit of study or something special from a trip. Talking shares; in which your child tells their friends about a special vacation, etc. are always welcome too!

Checking your Child In and Out: As you know, signing your child in and out each day is a function mandated by the State of California. Each person who has your permission to drop off or pick up your child on a regular basis must register their OWN door code and fingerprint. This acts as an electronic signature. Throughout the year, reasons do arise that you may have someone pick-up your child who may or may not be on your “authorized pick-up list. Please fill out a pink authorization slip from the office for these situations. Also, please ensure that they have a picture ID. Children will not be released to anyone without your prior permission.

Snack and our Low-Sugar Policy: As part of the children's Practical Life activities, each classroom has a monthly snack host/hostess sign-up calendar. This will allow the children to experience the full process of creating a meal: shopping, preparing, and serving. Each month please see the snack sign-up sheets located outside each classroom door. Please plan on serving 24 children and adhere to our "low sugar" policy. Please remember when signing up for classroom snack to bring at least two food groups. Also, please make sure items are pre-washed. Individually packaged or pre-distributed items are greatly appreciated.

Facebook and Website: Like us on Facebook! We post updates and pictures from recent events. Visit us at fvmontessori.com for the newsletter, calendar, etc.

Room 1- Ms. Paula & Mr. Jason: Welcome back from a week long spring break! We hope you and your children had a good rest during that time!

In March, we loved talking to you about your loved one during the conference. Thank you for your participation. March was dental awareness month and we enjoyed the presentation on dental hygiene by Dr. Chu and staff. Thank you to the parents who chaperoned the field trip to the Yakult factory. It was an interesting experience for the children.

In March, we continued to study Asia and visited many countries learning about the geographic region, their food, and the languages spoken. Did you know that there are eleven time zones in Russia! Room 1 has gone on a safari to Africa, from the last week of March and will continue the journey throughout April. So far, we have studied the geographic regions (central, eastern, northern, southern, and western) and vegetation zones of Africa. We will continue to explore Africa and learn about the unique animals, amazing landmarks and types of housing. In Music we will listen to various types of music from Africa and explore paint techniques with animal prints of various animals of Africa. In Zoology, we will cover the parts of a frog. In Spanish, children will learn about water cycles and numbers.

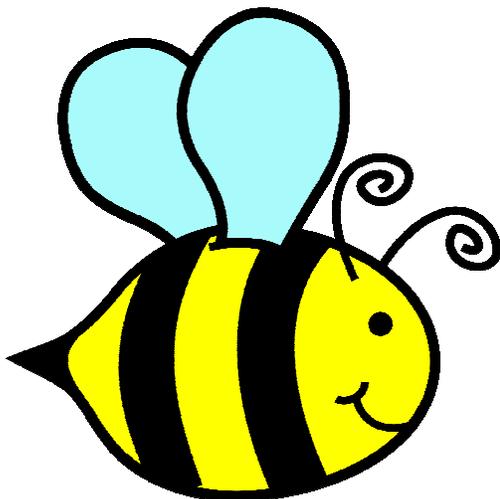
Thank you and have a great month!

Happy Birthday: Kalyn D. - 4th

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Room 2- Ms. Kelli and Ms. Josie: Welcome Spring! We had fun last month learning about the parts of a clover leaf. The children had a great time learning about Australia and the animals that live there. Thank you to all who helped out with passing out the Easter eggs and thank you for all the spring potluck sign up! I enjoyed talking to you about your child during conferences.

For the month of April, our unit of study will be all about insects. The children will be learning about all the different types of insects. We will be focusing on the life cycle of a butterfly. In Botany, the children will be learning “parts of the flower.” I will be doing a science experience with food coloring and white carnations. The children will get to watch how the flower “drinks up” water.

Our continent for April will be Africa. The children will be learning all about different insects found in Africa. We will be exploring different landmarks and types of food eaten there.

Our musician for the month will be Elvis Presley. We will be listening to his unique music. Our artist of the month will be Eric Carle. Eric Carle is the author of “The Very Hungry Caterpillar”. He is also a great artist and has created wonderful art for his books. We will learn about his lifestyle and creations.

In Spanish we will be learning the names of fruits and vegetables.

We will be celebrating Earth Day on April 22. The children will be helping me plants flowers and potting seeds!

Happy Birthday: Tad P. - 4th

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Room 3- Ms. Alecia and Ms. Christine: Thank you everyone who made it to parent/teacher conferences, it was a pleasure speaking to you about your child's progress. During the month of March the children enjoyed learning all about transportation and the traffic signs we see every day. We also learned all about Africa and the animals that live there. Thank you to everyone who brought in your favorite Dr. Seuss book. We had fun sharing and reading them throughout the month!

In Geography we will be taking a safari to the outback of Australia. We will be learning all about the animals and the native aborigines of Australia.

We will also study about insects, their life cycles, and focus on the lifecycle of a plant. We will also learn about parts of a butterfly. We will have a special gardening project for Earth Day that we will be celebrating on the 22nd. In Spanish, we will be learning different types of insects.

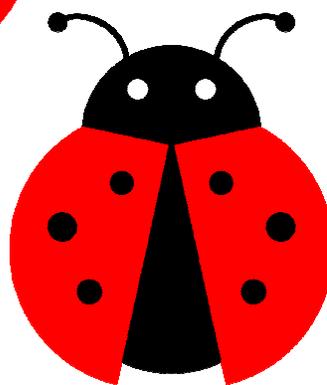
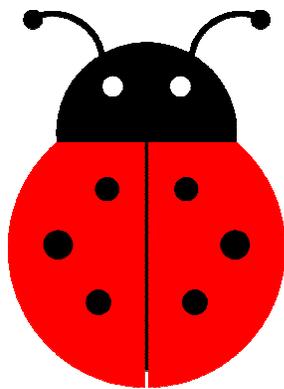
Our composer for the month will be Vivaldi. For our Artist of the month we will be learning about Georgia O'Keefe and her amazing work.

Happy Birthday: Sarah S. - 9th

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Room 4- Ms. Riza and Ms. Angela: Thank you for coming to Parent-Teacher Conferences. I had a wonderful time speaking to you about your child's progress. Happy spring! We hope everyone had a great Spring Break.

We will study about Africa through the month of April. The lesson will focus on the continent's geographical location, countries and their flags. We will also discuss the points of interest in every country as well as the land and water formations. All students will be learning the different primates and research on their favorite animal found in the continent of Africa.

For this month, all students will study the names of body parts in Spanish. We will be learning about and will listen to the music of Africa. We will also be learning the art work of Edward Tingatinga, a famous African artist.

April is poetry month. Our students will learn the different types of technique in poetry writing. They will also be writing their own poem. We will also be celebrating Earth Day by planting vegetables and fruits in our school garden.

Thank you for your continued support and have a great month!

Happy Birthday: Jacob R. - 2nd Natalie N. - 21st

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Room 5- Ms. Gloria and Ms. Bea: Welcome back!

We hope everyone had a great spring recess and are well rested!

The month of March has been a fabulous month as we discussed about Shamrocks and Leprechauns for St. Patrick's Day. We also made a "Cat in the Hat" hat to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and discussed the importance of reading. Thank you to all the parents who met me for parent/teacher conferences.

During March, we studied the continent Australia. In April, we will go on a safari to explore Africa. The countries, animals, Art and the food of Africa will be presented and discussed. We will make Igbo masks by Faith Ringgold.

With the onset of spring, we will learn about insects and parts of a butterfly. In Zoology, each child will get to explore the life cycle of a butterfly by observing the caterpillars that have just been hatched. They will be placed in a clear container with food and the children will observe the caterpillar's growth and various stages in its life cycle. The cocoon will be transferred into a pavilion and later all the butterflies will be released.

The composer of the month is Vivaldi. In observance of Earth Day on April 22nd, the importance of recycling will be discussed. Plastic bottles will be recycled in our room. It will be nice if the children can continue to recycle outside of the school. We will also plant seeds in biodegradable pots which can be directly planted in soil later.

Happy Birthday: Gabriel S. – 15th

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Room 6- Ms. Leah and Ms. Rasika: March was a month filled with moving, growing and learning as we studied all about Transportation. We learned about all Community Helpers. We also had parents come in to talk about their professions. Thank you to Robert Hays and Lynn Ho for talking to us about your careers. We celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday by reading various Dr. Seuss stories and making our very own rhyming cat in the hat, hats! What a treat! We also traveled to Africa where we learned about African animals.

During the month of April we will be studying all about life cycles. We will watch the life cycle of a butterfly in class in May as well. We will learn the stages of life that these wonderful creatures experience during their development. We will also have an ant farm in our classroom to observe! We will be celebrating Earth Day by planting a beautiful flower. In Geography, we will be learning about the Outback of Australia and Aboriginal Art.

In Spanish, we will be learning the names of insects. The Musician of the month will be Chopin.

As a few reminders: As the weather changes, please replenish your child's extra clothing, one jacket per child and as always school starts promptly at 9:00am.

Happy Birthday: Ben B.- 9th Samantha G.- 23rd

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Room 7- Ms. Jamie, Ms. Lindsay, and Ms. Alicia:

During the month of March, we learned all about zoo animals. Our classroom turned into a zoo with wild animals everywhere. We talked about what they eat and where they live. We also enjoyed our St. Patrick's Day celebration. The children wore shamrock hats, and wore green to celebrate this fun holiday. We also, enjoyed our spring egg hunt and yummy pot luck.

Spring is in the air! This means fruits and vegetables are growing everywhere! In the month of April, the class will be learning about the many different types of fruits and vegetables we eat. Each day at morning circle, the children will study and taste a different fruit or vegetable. Please see the fruit and vegetable sign-up sheet outside of Room 7.

Color of the month: Purple

Song of the month: Little bunny foo foo

Book of the month: Oh how my garden grows

Reminder: School begins at 9:00a.m. Please have your child at school no later than 9:00a.m.

Happy Birthday: Ms. Jamie - 9th Ms. Lindsay - 18th

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