

Fountain Valley Montessori

December 2016

Education is a natural process carried out by the child and is not acquired by listening to words but by experiences in the environment." ~ Dr. Maria Montessori

Important Dates:

Collette's Children's Home Drive

Monday, November 21st – Friday, December 9th

Room 4's Holiday Gift Shop

Monday, December 5th - Room 7

Tuesday, December 6th - Rooms 2 & 3

Wednesday, December 7th - Rooms 5 & 6

Thursday, December 8th - Rooms 1 & 4

Holiday Shows

Elementary- Wednesday, December 21st

Room 1- 5:30pm

Room 4- 6:15pm

Toddler & Preschool- Thursday, December 22nd

Room 7- 9:20am

Room 2- 9:40am

Room 3- 10:00am

Room 5- 10:20am

Room 6- 10:40am

International Potluck

Thursday, December 22nd

Pajama Day

Friday, December 23rd

Winter Break (School Closed)

Monday, December 26th - Friday, January 6th

Happy Birthday...

Ms. Rasika- 9th Ms. Paula- 17th Ms. Lisa- 24th

Stone Soup and Harvest Feast: A big thank you for contributing to the Stone Soup. The children enjoyed the warm soup and also learned the value of sharing and caring. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the delicious Harvest Feast in each classroom and to the parent helpers who helped set up the feasts. The food was enjoyed by all.

Parent/ Teacher Conferences: Thank you to all the parents who attended Parent/Teacher Conferences. It was great to see all of you and we hope you enjoyed learning about your child's progress.

Holiday Program: The holiday season is upon us and we are excited for our Annual Holiday Programs. This is a time for your child and their classmates to show off their talents and share their holiday cheer.

Our Elementary classes will perform on the evening of December 21st. We will transform Room 4 into a holiday venue. Please make sure to drop your child off in their classroom 15 minutes prior to their performance time. We encourage all parents to pick up your child early on this day, so your child has time to rest and freshen up for the evening.

The toddler and preschool children will be performing in their classrooms on the morning of December 22nd. Please make sure to drop your child off in their classroom by 9:00am minutes prior to their performance time.

The staff at FVM would like to wish you and your family a safe and Happy Holiday Season as well as a wonderful New Year.

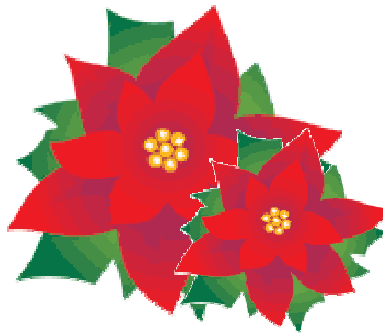
Room 4's Holiday Gift Shop: Our upper elementary students are excited to stock, organize and run their very own holiday gift shop this holiday season. Preschool and Elementary classes will have the opportunity to shop for their loved ones on their specified shopping day. To have your child participate, on their specified shopping day please send them to school with no more than \$5.00 in a labeled zip lock bag with their name on their specified day. Please see the letter that will be emailed out for more information as well as your child's holiday shopping day!

International Potluck: This month all classrooms will be learning about holidays from around the world. To culminate this we will be having an International Holiday Potluck on Thursday, December 22nd. Please see sign-up sheet on classroom doors for more information.

Pajama Day: On Friday, December 23rd, we will be having Pajama Day. Feel free to have your child come to school in their favorite pajamas. This is a day to just have fun and relax. Please make sure they wear school appropriate shoes. Thank you!

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 & Ms. Lindsay: First of all, we wish to thank all the parents who volunteered for our successful Friendship Feast in November. Thank you for your contributions. During November, we explored North America and had fun learning fun facts about the continent we live in.

For the month of December, we will learn about Antarctica, the most southern continent and the northern most frigid zone of the world, the Arctic Circle. We will learn about places of interest and the animals. We will also learn about the Antarctic Treaty. We will also explore the Arctic, and share some important facts.

It will be exciting to learn about all the various holiday traditions. This will include the Feast of Saint Nicholas on December 25th, St. Lucia Day, Hanukkah, Kwanza and Christmas. In Art, we will do projects to commemorate all these special events. Please remember our holiday show will be held on Wednesday December 21st at 5:30 p.m. The show will start promptly at 5:30pm. Please make sure that your child is brought to room 1 by 5:15pm. This gives the children time to settle down and get ready for the event!

In Botany, we will be covering parts of the leaf and talk about holiday plants. Our artist will be Grandma Moses and our musician will be Adele. We will be writing about Penguin Pals and the fascinating facts on penguins.

Happy Birthday: Ms. Paula- 17th Emma W.-27th

So then we'll be signing off for this year! May you all have a healthy, very healthy, happy holiday season as well as the upcoming year of 2017! Please note that winter recess is from December 26th 2016 to January 6th 2017. As always, we wish to convey our heartfelt thanks for sharing your child with us.

Collette's Children's Home Drive: Monday, November 21st – Friday, December 9th

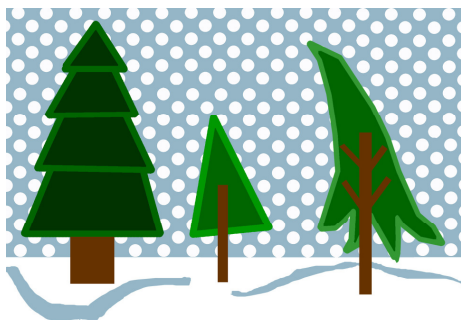
Room 4's Holiday Gift Shop: Thursday, December 8th - Rooms 1 & 4

Holiday Shows: Elementary- Wednesday, December 21st - Room 1- 5:30pm

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Room 2- Ms. Zyerie & Ms. Josie: November was a wonderful month! We focused on how useful farm animals are and what they contribute in our daily lives. The children became familiar with the parts of a turkey and parts of a leaf. Our journey through North America ended by briefly learning about the history of the United States. The children created a masterpiece of their own, using the artist Piet Mondrian as an inspiration. I enjoyed talking with everyone during Parent/Teacher conferences.

We are thankful for all the wonderful FVM families. We appreciate the delicious food and assistance we received during our Harvest Potluck. The children enjoyed contributing their ingredient for our Stone Soup and sharing it with everyone. We will be looking forward to seeing you during our holiday events, which are fast approaching.

In December, we will be learning about the Arctic Animals. We will learn about their characteristics and how they are able to survive in the cold weather. In Botany, we will focus on parts of a tree. In Zoology, we will be learning about the parts of a fish. In Spanish, we will focus on learning our colors.

Our exploration will lead us to the continent of Antarctica, learning about the environment and animals living there.

Our artist of the month will be Paul Klee, The children's artwork will be displayed on our outside wall. Our musician of the month will be Johann Sebastian Bach.

Room 2 will be doing a book exchange on December 16th. The book should have a limit of \$5.00, wrapped and ready to exchange! Your child will not be able to participate if they do not bring a book. Our Holiday Show will be on December 22nd, at 9:40 AM. Please have your children dressed in festive attire and in class by 9:00am, we will begin at 9:40 am in our classroom.

On December 23rd, we will be having Pajama Day to end the year. We wish you Happy Holidays and a great new year ahead!

Happy Birthday: Sadie B.-28th Giavanna M.-10th

Collette's Children's Home Drive: Monday, November 21st – Friday, December 9th

Room 4's Holiday Gift Shop: Tuesday, December 6th - Rooms 2 & 3

Holiday Shows: Toddler & Preschool- Thursday, December 22nd-Room 2- 9:40am

International Potluck: Thursday, December 22nd

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Room 3- Ms. Alecia & Ms. Christine: November was a great month in Room 3. We had a great time making our Stone Soup and learning about working together along with what we are all thankful for. Thank you to all the families who contributed to our Harvest Feast. It was a great time for all the children. I enjoyed meeting with all of you during Parent/Teacher conferences. Thank you for all your support and I am excited for the months to come.

The holiday season is now in full swing and while December is a short month, it will be a full and fun month! The children in Room 3 have been busy practicing for their Holiday Show and we can't wait to sing for you on the 22nd! Please have your children dressed in festive attire and in class by 9:00am, we will begin at 10:00 am in our classroom.

We will be traveling to the Arctic and to Antarctica for the chilly month of December. We will be learning about the cold regions, their arctic animals, while focusing on different types of penguins. We will also be working on fun winter art projects to display all around our classroom! In Spanish we will be learning colors and the numbers 1-20. Our artist for the month of December is Grandma Moses. Please check out our bulletin board in the hallway for the children's interpretation of her work. Our composer will be Mozart.

On Thursday, December 15th we will be having a book exchange! Please bring in a wrapped book (\$5.00 or less) before Thursday, December 15th. On the tag write "To: My Friend From: (your child's name)".

We will be celebrating the season with an International Potluck on Thursday, December 22nd. Please look for the sign-up sheet on the classroom door.

We want to wish you and your families a happy holiday season. We will see you in 2016!

Happy Birthday: Arya 4th

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Room 4's Holiday Gift Shop: Tuesday, December 6th- Rooms 2 & 3

Holiday Shows: Toddler & Preschool- Thursday, December 22nd-Room 3- 10:00am

International Potluck: Thursday, December 22nd

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Room 4- Ms. Angela: November was a fun month of thankfulness. I hope you all enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday and had time to spend with friends and family. Thank you for supporting all of our classroom activities this month.

Now that the month of December is here, it is time to rejoice, be glad and look forward to all the activities that are going to take place. Our class will have a Book Exchange on Friday, the 18th. Please make sure your child brings a wrapped book (between \$5-\$10 in value) no later than, Thursday, December 17th. Also, please make sure that the gift has a tag that says, "**To my friend. From, your child's name.**" Please check your email for further notices.

Our Annual Holiday Gift Shop will be open again this year! All students in Room 4 will have duties and responsibilities in the shop, and will have the opportunity to shop for gifts for their loved ones on Thursday, Dec. 8th. Please send no more than \$10.00 with your child on this day so they could buy presents for someone dear to them. We are also looking for parent volunteers to help our elementary children run the shop. A signup sheet will be posted on our door. Our Holiday Show is on Wednesday, December 21st at 6pm. Please check your email for notices regarding attire and schedule. This year, our class is going to present another original play. We will be sending home a script with your child's part highlighted. Please help your child memorize their lines at home. Thank you for your support. We are very excited for this play and we look forward to seeing you on this night.

In this joyful month, we will be learning about the different holidays around the world. In Geography, we will study the continent of Antarctica and it's animals. For Science, we will study our central nervous system. In Botany we will continue our study on the types of leaves. For Spanish, we will be learning action words. The composer for this month is Tchaikovsky. All students will be working on their winter scene art work this month which will involve yet another medium: cross stitch and stippling to add to their art repertoire.

Have a safe and wonderful vacation. Happy holidays and see you in 2017!

Happy Birthday: Tyler B. – 3rd Karina T. – 9th

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Room 4's Holiday Gift Shop: Thurs. Dec.8th- Rms 1 & 4

Holiday Shows: Elementary- Wednesday, December 21st - Room 4- 6:15pm

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Room 4- Ms. Neranja: Welcome to the frosty month of December! It is so hard to believe that November is over and the holidays are already approaching. Thank you to all the parents who helped contributed to our Harvest feast. We are so lucky to have such supportive parents and the children really enjoyed having you there.

December is a short time due to our winter vacation, but we still have time to cover some important topics. To begin with, we will learn about World Holidays. This will be a great opportunity for them to explore together how holidays are celebrated in other countries and how they have incorporated some of those traditions into their own family celebrations. In this way, children realize that all cultures can offer and enriching and positive experience.

We are excited to announce our holiday show, "Battle of the Eras" This play is an age appropriate take on music of different eras and it is written by Ms. Angela. The young performers have been hard at work preparing for the performance, and with the diversity of talents and personalities in the classroom, this show is surely not to be missed! We will be sending an email regarding costume suggestions. Feel free to borrow and share if you have extras.

The Units for the month of December will be:

American History-Civilizations of Middle Americas: The Mayas and the Aztecs.

Botany- The tree diagram of the Plant Kingdom.

Physiology-The Nervous System

Music- The Nutcracker ballet and the music by Tchaikovsky.

Art- Pen and Ink Art: Cross hatching and Stippling

More information regarding the holiday program will be sent out in an email once all the finer details have been decided on. Please be on the lookout for more details! Also, stay tuned for the "International Holiday Party Celebration Potluck" signup sheet to be posted on our classroom door. Please be sure to enjoy these last days of the year 2016 and hope that everyone has a warm and cozy December!

Collette's Children's Home Drive: Monday, November 21st – Friday, December 9th

Room 4's Holiday Gift Shop: Thurs., Dec. 8th - Rms 1 & 4

Holiday Shows: Elementary- Wed., Dec. 21st-Rm4- 6:15pm

International Potluck: Thursday, Dec. 22nd

Pajama Day: Friday, December 23rd

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Room 5- Ms. Gloria & Ms. Jahaira: Phew... how time has flown as we reach the end of 2016! In November, we were thankful for many things, including the children and families of FVM. Our Stone Soup and Harvest Feast Potluck were successful with your help and we humbly thank everyone who helped us in numerous ways. Thank you all for meeting with me for parent/teacher conferences.

In December, the children will learn about Antarctica and its geographic location on the world map. In Zoology, the children will learn about the parts of a penguin. We have a fun art project planned as well! In Spanish, Ms. Jahaira will teach them the shapes. The musician for the month is Michael Jackson. We will listen to his music during work time. In Art, the children of room 5 will be learning how to draw a winter scene using pastels. Holiday themed artwork will also be worked and adorn our classroom during December. We will also work on holiday themed art projects during the month of December.

FVM's annual holiday gift shop organized by our Room 4 Elementary children will be held on December 8th. Please send \$5.00 in a labeled baggie with your child on Thursday, December 8th to purchase gifts for the family. We will be participating in a book exchange on Thursday, December 15th. Please send a new age appropriate book with your child to school wrapped and labeled "To my friend" and "From (your child's name)" by Wednesday, December 14th. If your child does not bring a book for the exchange, he/she will not be able to participate.

As the holidays are getting closer, the children of Room 5 will be practicing for our Annual Holiday Show which will be held on Thursday, December 22nd at 10:20 a.m. Please have your children dressed in festive attire and in class by 9:00 am. Their performance will be held in Room 5, followed by the International Potluck. Sign-up sheets are available next to the snack sign-up. The last day of school is Friday, December 23rd, which is also pajama day accompanied by a movie and popcorn.

Ms. Jahaira and I wish you all happy and safe holidays!

Happy Birthday: Elise P.-8th Lily H.-15th

Collette's Children's Home Drive: Monday, November 21st – Friday, December 9th

Room 4's Holiday Gift Shop: Wednesday, December 7th- Rooms 5 & 6

Holiday Shows: Toddler_& Preschool- Thursday, December 22nd -Room 5- 10:20am

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Room 6- Ms. Rasika & Ms. Bea: November was a fun month full of thankfulness! We explored modes of transportation and learned about parts of a tree. In Geography, we learned about North America and studied Georgia O Keefee for art. Making our Stone soup and learning about working together was so much fun. Thank you to all the families who contributed to the Harvest Feast and children had a great time. I would also like to thank all the parents who attended Parents/Teacher Conferences.

In December, we will be traveling to the continent of Antarctica and learning all about Arctic animals. In Zoology, children will be learning about parts of a penguin. In Spanish, Ms. Bea will teach numbers 1-20. Our artist of the month will be Grandma Moses and we will be working on our own interpretation of one of her artworks. We will also work on holiday themed art projects during the month of December. The musician of the month will be Michael Jackson. We will be listening to his music during work time!

FVM's annual holiday gift shop organized by Room 4's Elementary children will be held on Wednesday, December 7th for room 6. Please send \$5.00 in a labeled baggie with your child to purchase gifts for the family. Our annual holiday show will be held on Thursday, December 22nd at 10:40am in Room 6. Please have your children dressed in festive attire and in class by 9:00 am, we will begin at 10:40 am in our classroom. We will also be having an International Potluck on the same day. Please look for the sign-up sheet.

We will be having our classroom Book Exchange on Friday December 23rd. Please make sure your child brings a wrapped book (\$5.00 value) no later than Monday December 19th. Also, please make sure that the gift has a tag that says, "To my friend" and "From, (your child's name)".

Have a safe and wonderful holiday. See you in 2017!

Happy Birthday: Jack H. - 5th Ryan T - 6th
Ms. Rasika- 9th Jazlyn V. -15th Ethan N.-15th
Ariana R. - 25th Toby L. -26th

Collette's Children's Home Drive: Mon., Nov.21st – Fri., Dec. 9th

Room 4's Holiday Gift Shop: Wed., Dec. 7th- Rooms 5 & 6

Holiday Shows: Thurs., Dec. 22nd-Room 6- 10:40am

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Room 7- Ms. Kelli, Ms. Britney, & Ms. Mackenna: What a Thankful month we had! I am so proud of all of our students for understanding what "giving thanks" means. They really enjoyed painting leaves I brought back from New England. They had a fabulous time making our Outside wall art with them. Thank you for all the help with our Harvest Feast. The children had so much eating together. Stone Soup was a big hit also. We enjoyed making our own soup in class. The class smelled wonderful. Even our picky eaters enjoyed tasting it!

I can't believe how fast this year has gone. December is going to be such an exciting month for us. We have fun activities planned, not to mention all the fun jobs in class.

Our book of the month is going to be "Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You See" By Eric Carle. I will be replacing our beloved turkey with a polar bear.

Our color of the month will be White. I will be changing the felt and the practical life objects to emphasize this color.

This month on, we will be introducing a shape of the month. For the month of December, we will be focusing on a triangle. We will be making a holiday tree and a star with triangles.

The children of Room 7 have been busy practicing their holiday songs. On Thursday, December 22nd we invite all parents to join us for a fun morning of singing! Please have your children dressed in festive attire and in class by 9:00 am, we will begin at 9:20 am in our classroom. We will also have an International Potluck! You will be able to sign up to bring a dish from your country of origin. I will be having a sign-up sheet by the snack calendar.

We are going to miss all of you during winter break and hope you enjoy the holiday! See you in the New Year!
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