

# Fountain Valley Montessori

February 2016

“The word education must not be understood in the sense of teaching, but of assisting the psychological development of the child.” ~ Dr. Maria Montessori

## **Important Dates:**

### **Lunar New Year Celebration**

Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

### **Valentine’s Day Celebration**

Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

Please see your child’s teacher or newsletter for details. PTU will be providing pizza.



### **School Closed in Observance of President’s Day**

Friday and Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

### **Re-Enrollment Packets Out**

Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

### **Make-up Pictures**

Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

### **Curriculum Information Night**

Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

Toddler & Preschool: 5:30 -6:15pm

Elementary: 6:15pm -7:00pm

### **Re-enrollment Registration Fee (\$100) waived**

Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

**Tax Time:** Our tax ID # is 33 0961742. Please see the office if you need any statements for the 2014 school year.

**Lunar New Year Celebration:** All classrooms will be celebrating the Lunar New Year which begins on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. We encourage students to wear festive attire including traditional clothing or red clothing to help celebrate. The children of Room 1 and 4 will jumpstart the celebrations with a festive parade. All preschool children will get an opportunity to watch and enjoy the parade. Happy New Year!

**Correct Information:** Please make sure the office has your most current information. If you have changed cell phone numbers, switched emails, or recently moved, please make sure to double check the information with the office.

**Make-up Pictures:** Apple Dumpling Portraits will be here on **Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**. You can pick up an envelope in the front office if you would like to have your child’s picture taken. Please note the pictures will be taken using the same background and poses as done in September. Please turn in your envelope and payment to the office no later than **Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you.

**Curriculum Information Night and Re-Enrollment:** Join us on Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> for Curriculum Information Night starting at 5:30pm. Our Toddler, Preschool and Elementary teachers will be discussing the program and the benefits of a Montessori education. Child care is available. Please see the flyer that was emailed out and RSVP!

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Meet our Elementary Teachers! For those parents who are interested in our Elementary Program (K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade), one-on-one meetings are available with those teachers. To set up a time to meet the teachers and learn more about the Elementary Program, please contact Ms. Sneha at sneha@fvmontessori, call 714.593.8333 or stop by her office, and she will coordinate a time that works for you.

**Re-Enrollment:** Re-enrollment will be taking place for the upcoming summer and the **2016-2017 School Year** between Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>- Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. We offer placement for summer and fall to existing students and siblings first, before we open up to our wait list.

We will be placing your enrollment packet in your child’s file. We will be offering an early enrollment incentive of zero enrollment fees for those families who turn in their re-enrollment no later than **Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**. All re-enrollment forms turned in after will be subject to the re-enrollment fee of \$100.

Please make sure to return your re-enrollment forms no later than **Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**, in order to ensure placement for the upcoming summer sessions and fall. We will open enrollment to new students after this date and will be unable to guarantee any late registrations we receive.

**Facebook and Website:** Like us on Facebook! We post updates and pictures from recent events. Visit us at [fvmontessori.com](http://fvmontessori.com) for the newsletter, calendar, etc.

**Room 1- Ms. Paula & Mr. Jason:** Welcome to the shortest month of the year. Last month we explored Europe as part of our cultural curriculum. The children were introduced to the map, countries, culture and flags. We will continue our cultural studies and be moving to the continent of Asia in February. The grand celebration of the Chinese New will be acknowledged with a parade on Monday February 8<sup>th</sup>. This will be beautifully orchestrated into our studies.

We will learn fun facts about the panda, orangutan, the elk and the tiger as well as the reptiles of Asia. In music we will be listening to different genres of Asian music.

The book *100<sup>th</sup> Day Worries* will be read to children on that day. More information on this was sent home. The children will bring in a collection of one hundred items, to recreate the story. More specific information to follow.

Our artist of the month will be Jim Dine. His work is known for his unique presentations of hearts. Our Valentine Day's celebration will be on: Pizza Day Party on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

If you wish to participate in our Valentine's Day card exchange, please have your child bring in 32 valentines to be shared with the class on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate St. Valentine's Day. Please have your child sign their own cards and address the card to a friend.

We will also learn about the US presidents past and present. Please note that FVM will be closed on February 12<sup>th</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup> in observance of Presidents' Day.

We have more marvelous mysteries to discover about Asia and will continue to cover Asia until mid-March.

In Spanish Miss Josie will review the alphabet and introduce words of nature.

February is also Dental month. We will be discussing the importance of taking care of our teeth. We will be having Dr. Chu join our class to teach us how to take care of our teeth!

Happy Birthday: Brooklyn D.- 25<sup>th</sup> Ethan N. - 25<sup>th</sup>

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**Room 2- Ms. Kelli and Ms. Josie:** What a great start to 2016! We finished learning all about the Water Cycle! The children has a chance to experience the water cycle on our rainy days. The children also really enjoyed learning parts of a fish! They had so much fun making the fish art projects. Lastly, the children learned about Martin Luther King. They were excited to tell me how they are going to make the world a better place!

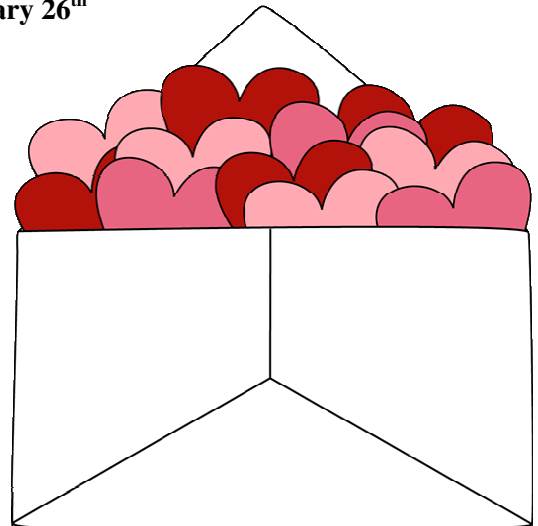
For the month of February our unit study will be Land and Water forms. Our Continent for the month will be Asia. We will be learning about the animals, landmarks, and plants found in Asia. We will also celebrate the Lunar New Year on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Our cultural studies will include parts of a volcano and parts of a turtle. Our artist of the month with is Sakai Hoitsu. We will be learning about his unique style of painting. For music, we will be listening to Asian music.

We will celebrate Valentine's Day on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Your child can bring a valentine for their friends. Please bring enough for 26 children. Please write: To my Friend, From: (your child's name). the PTU will be providing pizza.

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**Room 3- Ms. Alecia and Ms. Christine:** 2016 is off to a great start! We were busy learning all about the water cycle! The children loved making their very own water cycle and learning all about parts of a turtle. We also learned about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and made an art project, focusing on world peace. A big thank you to all the families who made my birthday a special day!

For the month of February, we will be learning all about volcanoes. We will learn about the parts of a volcano and the difference between a dormant and active volcano. We will also erupt our very own volcano during class! For Zoology, we will be studying parts of a fish. For Geography, we will be learning about the continent of Asia. We will learn about the culture, landmarks, and animals of Asia. We are also excited to celebrate the Lunar New Year!

In honor of Presidents day, we will be talking about some of our past and present presidents.

This month we will be celebrating the holiday of love and friendship. On Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating Valentines Day. The children are welcome to pass out valentines on this day as well! Please bring enough valentines for 26 children. To make it easy please write, "To my friend From: (your child's name)". The PTU will also be providing a pizza lunch on this day!

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For Spanish, we will be learning the names of shapes. This month we will be learning all about the Beatles! Our artist of the month will be Jim Dine.

Happy Birthday: Sophie N.-17<sup>th</sup> Harlow B. - 25<sup>th</sup>

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**Room 4- Ms. Riza and Ms. Angela:** 2016 is off to a wonderful start! The children have started off the year with such enthusiasm! We had fun learning all about the world around us. With the proceeds from our Holiday Gift Shop, we will be going to Bella Terra to watch Kung-Fu Panda followed by a special lunch at Johnny Rockets.

This month will be very busy and filled with new experiences. On February 8<sup>th</sup> we will have a Lunar New Year celebration and will be making projects or compositions related to this subject matter. This will lead to a study of the entire continent of Asia including the Zodiac. We will be learning about the different countries, their flags, capital cities, and languages spoken.

Also for the month of love, our class will have a card exchange on Thursday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of February to celebrate Valentine's Day. We highly encourage the children to make their own cards and exchange them with friends in class. We hope that everyone will participate in this activity to spread love and kindness to each other.

Our class will also be learning about the presidents of the United States. Each student will have the opportunity to choose the U.S. president that they want to research. This research project will be done in class; however, we will need your help by taking your child to the library to borrow a book on the president that they have chosen to research. Once their project is done, they will be assigned a day to present their report. A schedule for presentations will be posted on the door in the coming weeks. In Spanish, all students will be learning the alphabet and shapes. We will be listening to the diverse music from around Asia. Finally, for art we will work with Japanese ink and learn how to make bamboo art.

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As always, thank you for your continued support and effort in helping your child with their work at home. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Happy Birthday: Seth C. – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sean V. – 10<sup>th</sup>

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**Room 5- Ms. Gloria and Ms. Bea:** During the month of January, we started a journey to Asia. We will continue to explore Asia during February and learn fascinating facts about the continent. We will work on an art project on the Taj Mahal. On Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, the children will celebrate the Lunar New Year by making a dragon mask and enjoying a parade. Please feel free to send your child in traditional attire on that day.

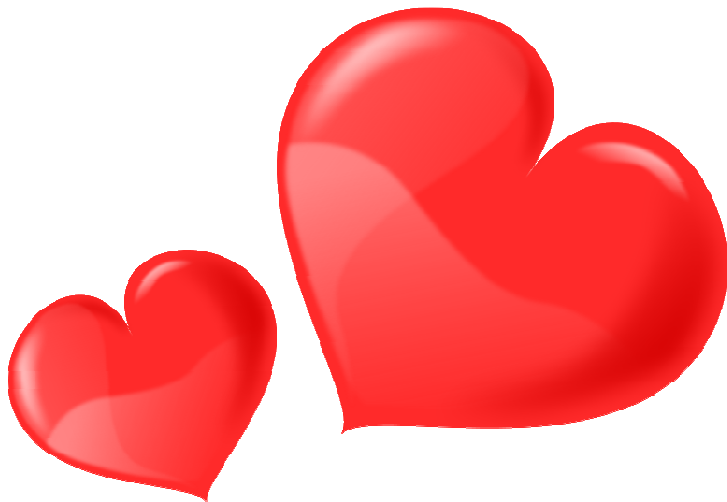
In Science, the children will learn about the parts of a plant and the parts of a horse. In Spanish, we will learn about vegetables.

We will talk about past and present presidents for Presidents' Day. The children will celebrate Valentine's Day in class on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to send 24 valentines for your child to pass around. Please write "To my friend from (your child's name)".

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Happy Birthday: Nathan -13<sup>th</sup>

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**Room 6- Ms. Leah and Ms. Rasika:** January was a wonderful first month back! What a way to start a great New Year!!

We learned all about volcanoes. We made a volcano and watched it erupt. The children even named it "Mount Woozie". We talked about dormant and active volcanoes and we also learned the parts of a volcano. We also studied the continent of Europe. We learned about the wonderful architecture that makes this continent so beautiful. In Spanish, we began learning shapes.

For the month of February we will be learning all about the Solar System. We will be learning about the various planets and stars that make our Solar System. In Spanish, we will continue our study of shapes. In Geography, we will be learning about the continent of Asia. We will be studying about culture, traditions and customs. Hokusai will be our artist for the month and we will be learning parts of a fish for Zoology and listening to the Beatles for Music.

We will be talking about the Lunar New Year and will be celebrating on February 8<sup>th</sup> by making dragon masks and watching a dragon parade.

We will also be celebrating the holiday of love and friendship; Valentine's Day! We will be handing out valentines on Thursday, February, 11<sup>th</sup>. If your child would like to participate please bring 25 valentines. On them please write, or have your child write, "**To: My Friend**" Love: **Your child's name.**"

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Please make sure your child has **one** jacket on the rack at school.

Happy Birthday: Holden- 7<sup>th</sup> Maddie- 11<sup>th</sup>

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**Room 7- Ms. Jamie, Ms. Lindsay, and Ms. Alicia:** Room 7 started off our new year by learning about modes of transportation. The children painted airplanes, made hot air balloons, yellow buses, and learned different ways to get around.

For the lovely month of February, we will be learning about colors and shapes. This will be a fun and exciting month for our class! We will be experimenting with mixing colors and working on lots of art projects. A fun and exciting color project will be picking a different color to wear on the dates listed below. That color will be the special topic of the day. The following colors should be worn on the listed dates below:

Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> Green  
Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> Red  
Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> Blue  
Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> Yellow  
Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> Orange

To incorporate the color into our day, we will be working on a special color art project and would also like to coordinate our snack to match the color of the day. We will also discuss how we can make shapes out of our bodies. For example, how many friends does it take to make a triangle?

February is the month of love and kindness. I will be sending home pre-cut hearts with your children. Please write down on each heart something your child has done to be helpful or kind. Please return the hearts to school by Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> to Ms. Jamie.

Spanish: Colors and Shapes  
Book of the Month: "My many colored days"  
Song of the Month: "Colors of the Rainbow"

On Thursday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Valentine's Day card exchange. We have a total of 24 children in our class. If you would like to participate, please write the following on the cards:

To: my friend.

From: (your child's name).

We will be passing out the cards during second circle time. Parents please keep in mind (also school policy) that we have a low-sugar policy at school.

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Happy Birthday: Sophia- 12<sup>th</sup> Daniel- 19<sup>th</sup>

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