

Fountain Valley Montessori

June 2016

"The greatest sign of success for a teacher... is to be able to say, "The children are now working as if I did not exist." ~ Dr. Maria Montessori



Important Dates:

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Spring Fling Carnival (11:00am- 2:00pm)

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Teacher Appreciation Week: Thank you to the PTU for an amazing Teacher Appreciation Week! We truly felt the love and appreciation.

Open House: Thank you to all of the families who joined us for Open House. We hope you enjoyed seeing your child's classroom and all their hard work this past year!

Father's Day: All fathers are invited to join their children for a "Dads and Donuts" on Friday, June 10th between 8:00am -9:00 am. We hope to see all dads there!

Elementary Certificates: We will be handing out certificates to all children in our Elementary program on Thursday, June 16th between 9:00am – 9:45am. Please feel free to stay after drop off and attend this event.

Farewell: Wow how time flies! We are so proud of all of our graduates! We will miss those children that will be leaving us and we wish them luck as they continue their educational careers.

Summer Program: The last day of our academic school year is Friday, June 17th. For those students enrolled in our summer program or continuing for the 2016-2017 school year, we will be having transition days Monday, June 20th – Thursday, June 23rd. We will be closed for summer set-up on Friday, June 24th. The first day of our summer program will be Monday, June 27th. Also, in honor of Independence Day we will be closed on **Monday, July 4th**.

Thank You from the Top - Lisa Norby: As the Executive Director, I have the pleasure of spending two days a week at Fountain Valley Montessori and two days a week at our sister school, Montessori of Ladera Ranch. I have truly enjoyed being a part of so many children's lives. I am so very proud of the achievements the students have made, with the guidance of such a loving and dedicated staff. Thanks to strong administrative teams at both schools, my time is largely spent developing curriculum and staff development opportunities to compliment the premier programs at each school. I look forward to continuing to lead both schools in our tradition of preparing children emotionally, socially, and academically to take their places as the future of our communities. Thank you for your support and dedication! I wish everyone a wonderful summer and I am looking forward to seeing you in the fall. For those of you who will be moving on, know that your family will be sorely missed.

Spring Fling Carnival: All FVM families and friends are invited to our Spring Fling Carnival on Saturday, June 11th to celebrate another wonderful school year. We will have games, food, raffle baskets, a silent auction, and a bounce house!

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: We have many heartfelt thanks to express for the month in May. Our favorite day in May was honoring the marvelous mothers at the Mothers Day Breakfast. Also, our sincere appreciation expressed for generously and genuinely acknowledging Teacher Appreciation Week.

In September 2015, we started with "All About Me." Then we traveled the seven continents. We will wrap up this fantastic year with the solar system. This will be the finale of our cultural curriculum. Please mark your calendars for Monday, June 13th for our Certificate Ceremony, which will be held in Room 4 at 9:15am. As we pass out your child's diploma, we will be passing on the brilliant light of all the future stars! Each day in June is precious as we continue; we get smarter and smarter and bask in our hard earned accomplishments from this incredible year we've shared. It's "unbelievable and inconceivable" how in a blink of an eye the year has soared by.

In June, we will learn about transportation in Spanish. Our artist of the month will be Monet. We will listen to the music of the Beatles for the month of June.

Happy Birthday: Nicole Y. -14th Braden V. -29th

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Room 2- Ms. Kelli and Ms. Josie: Wow! I can't believe that we are in the last month of the school year! This school year has been amazing! Thank you too all our families for attending Open house. The children had such joy on their faces showing you, the work they are able to do. In the month of May, the children had fun learning all about the layers of the rain forest. The enjoyed making their animal art projects. They also really enjoyed watching the life cycle of the butterfly in real life! It was such an experience watching them fly away!

A huge thank you for all the flowers, notes, and gifts we received during Teacher Appreciation week. Ms. Josie and I felt so special throughout the week. It was also nice to see all the moms for our Mother's Day breakfast. We had such fun with all the moms!

For the month of June, our unit study will be the solar system. We will learn about the planets, and constellations. We will also learn about the sun and moon. Please look for your child's work on the wall as the month progresses.

We will also review all the continents they learned about throughout the year.

In botany, we will be learning about the parts of a tree. We will also be reviewing life cycle of a plant.

Our artist of the month will be Georgia O' Keeffe. We will be focusing on her "Poppy Flower" painting.

Our musician for the month will be on Adele. We will be listening to her music.

In Spanish we will be reviewing what we learned throughout the year. We will review colors, fruits and vegetables, and learn how to express our emotions in Spanish.

We are so excited for our spring fling Carnival on June 11th at 11am-2pm! We can't wait to see you all there! Please keep an eye on our door, for our sign up sheet for the carnival.

Happy Birthdays: Zennor-15th Natalie-23rd

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Room 3- Ms. Alecia and Ms. Christine: May was a great month learning all about our Solar System. We learned a fun song to help us remember all the planets starting with the one closest to the sun. The children had a great time learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly and watching our 5 butterflies go through the metamorphosis in our very own classroom habitat.

A big thank you to everyone who made us feel so loved and special during Teacher Appreciation Week. Hope you all enjoyed Mother's Day breakfast. The children loved surprising you all with their gifts. Also, a big thank you to all the parents who made it to our open house. The children were so excited to be your teachers and present the jobs they love to work on everyday!

This month we will be studying all about dinosaurs. The children will learn about carnivorous, herbivorous, and omnivorous dinosaurs. We will also learn about the continents they have been found on. The children will be thrilled to talk about the physical features of these extinct animals. For geography we will be having a review of our 7 continents. In Botany we will be studying parts of a tree. For music we will be listening to Jack Johnson. This month we will be learning about tissue paper art collages.

We will be having our Father's Day breakfast on Friday, June 10th from 8-9. We are also so excited to be having our Spring Fling Carnival on Saturday, June 11th from 11-2. We hope to see you all there!

This year has been amazing and I am honored to have been able to teach your children and watch them grow! We will miss all of the students that will be moving on and I look forward to another amazing school year with all of our returning students. Have a wonderful summer!

Happy Birthday: Sydney-16th Tyler-29th

Friday, June 10th: Father's Day Breakfast (8:00am-9:00am)

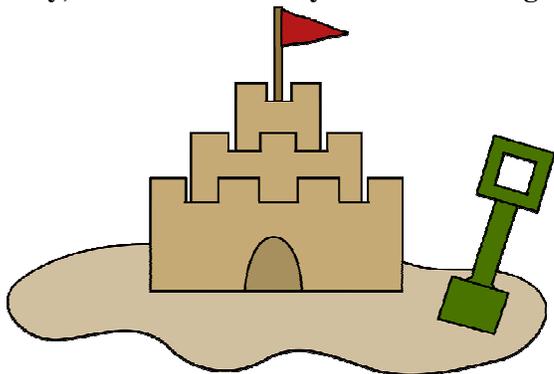
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Room 4- Ms. Riza and Ms. Angela: What a busy month May was! It was a great pleasure to see all the moms for our annual Mother's Day Breakfast. Their presence and smiles were heart-warming. Thank you to all the students and their families for making us feel very special during Teacher Appreciation Week. It was also great to see everyone at Open House! Congratulations to all upper elementary students for a job well done during Science Fair.

This month, all elementary students will study about the parts of the body as well as the systems in the human body. They will also complete any unfinished work in all subject areas. The artist for the month is Leonardo DaVinci. For Spanish and Music, all students will be reviewing everything that they have learned throughout the year.

Yes, it is the end of School Year 2015-2016! But before we say "adieu", here are some final reminders and important events:

1. Progress Reports, Portfolio, Notebooks, Etc.: Please don't forget to pick up your child's Progress Report, portfolio, notebooks, extra clothes, and other personal belongings on the last day of school. Ms. Angela and Ms. Riza will put together their things to take home, just bring a bag as there will be plenty for your hands to carry.
2. We are honoring all fathers on the 10th of this month. Please join us on this very special day from 8:00 am – 9:00 am.
3. Please look out for flyers about Spirit Week on the last week of school.

It has been a wonderful school year for all of us. We are looking forward to a fruitful year ahead with all of our wonderful students. Our class will be having a potluck on the last day of school. Please look for the sign-up sheet that will be posted on our door.

Finally, our sincerest thanks to all of you, WONDERFUL STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND FAMILIES, for making this school year memorable, enjoyable and fantastic!

Happy Birthday:

Jaylee – 5th Motoaki – 12th Nathan – 30th

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Room 5- Ms. Gloria and Ms. Bea: Can you actually believe that the school year has already come to an end? I am awed and humbled by the children's progress and growth and will be sad to say goodbye to the ones leaving Room 5.

First of all, we would like to say a big "Thank You" to all the parents of FVM for appreciating us during Teacher Appreciation Week. We were showered with love and gifts and were made to feel very special. We are pretty sure that all mothers of FVM felt special and loved during Mother's Day. Thank you also to everyone who made it for our Open House.

In June, the children of room 5 will travel to Europe. We will be learning about the countries, flags, culture, food and famous places. In Art, we will work on ballerinas by the famous artist Edgar Degas. In Zoology, we will learn about the life cycle and the parts of a frog. In Spanish, we will study about colors.

All fathers of FVM, please mark your calendars for a Father's Day Breakfast on June 10th between 8:00 am and 9:00 am. Please note that the last day of school is Friday, June 17th. Have a happy summer!

Happy Birthday: Jameson- 7th Kayla - 10th Mia- 30th

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Room 6- Ms. Leah and Ms. Rasika: The month of May has flown by and we had so much fun with our "Marvelous May" activities. Thank you to all the parents for making Teacher Appreciation Week such a special one this year; Ms. Rasika and I felt so loved!

The children had so much fun making their gifts and having breakfast with their moms for Mother's Day! A big thank you to all parents who attended Open House, as it was a special time for your child to show all they learned this year! For the month of May we learned all about the Rainforest; the animals and layers that make up this magical place! We created Ballerinas and learned about Degas. In Botany, we learned about the parts of a Tree. In Music, we listened to Beethoven. We learned the names of different insects in Spanish.

During the month of June we will be ending our study of the world and each continent. Please look out for the letter with the directions for our continent reports. In the classroom there will be a sign up sheet on top of the cubbies. In Spanish, we will be reviewing colors and shapes. We will be creating our own shape art. In music, we will be exploring Rhythm and beats with instruments.

Last but not the least, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the families for a wonderful year. You all made the year so special for Ms. Rasika and I and I am honored to have taught your precious little ones!

Happy Birthday: Ellie C- June 9th Ashley D- June 14th

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Room 7- Ms. Jamie, Ms. Lindsay, and Ms. Thalia: May was a fun-filled month exploring flowers and the many different insects that live around us! The children enjoyed marble painting bumble bees, making ladybugs and insect handprints. The children also made beautiful butterflies. We also enjoyed learning the life cycle of a butterfly and watching them grow right before our eyes.

We want to thank all the wonderful mothers who joined us for the Mother's Day Breakfast. The children were so excited for this day and worked very hard on their gifts. We hope you all had a great time. You definitely deserved it!

Thank you for making Teacher Appreciation Week a time we will always remember. You all were so generous and we really felt the love. Open House was such a fun night and we hope you enjoyed seeing the children's artwork as well as the work they do each day.

During the month of June, our classroom will be exploring all the creatures that live in the ocean! The children will learn about sea animals. There will be many fun art projects as well as a few surprises for the children to enjoy. On June 17th, our classroom will be celebrating the end of the year with an under the sea party! To make our party even more special, we will be making t-shirts that the children will wear that day. The cost of the t-shirts will be \$5.00 per child and the money is due by Friday, June 3rd. We will also be making a fun cooking project on this day.

We look forward to seeing all the fathers joining us for the Father's Day Breakfast from 8a.m.-9a.m. on Friday, June 10th.

Reminders:

Now that the sun is shining bright, please make sure your child comes to school with sunscreen already applied.

Color of the month: Blue

Song of the month: Slippery fish

Book of the month: Five little fish

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