

Fountain Valley Montessori

March 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:

Parent/Teacher Conferences

(**School closed** however, child care provided during your 20 minute conference)

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Happy Birthday...

Mr. Jason...7th

Ms. Josie...12th Ms. Christine...14th



Parent/Teacher Conferences: Please see the conference sign-ups for available times. **Please note that the school is closed to children for this day.** However, we will be offering child care for your child during your parent conference. If you are unable to make this day/time, please email your child's teacher to schedule a convenient time.

Check In/Out Keypads: Please remember to check your child in and out daily. Also, please remember that school starts **promptly at 9:00 am.** Thank you.

Morning Drop Off/Afternoon Pick up: Classes start promptly at 9:00am and conclude at **12:00pm** for our half day students and **3:00pm** for our full day students. There is a 15 minute grace period during morning drop-off. We encourage all students to be dropped off during the grace period, to ensure a smooth transition into their school day. Please note, if utilizing this grace period or dropping your child off on the playgrounds in the morning, please ensure that your goodbyes are short and sweet. If you are running a little late, please enter the class quietly when dropping your child off in class.

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 we can make sure we are within ratio.

Cold and Flu Season: The cold and flu Season is here! Please follow our school illness policy to ensure our children and staff stay healthy. Please keep all ill children home. If a child becomes ill at school or has a fever, the parent will be called to pick up their child. Children must be picked up by a parent or authorized contact within **30 minutes** of notification. Children must be home for 24 hours or until all symptoms are gone. Please keep your child home if:

-They have had a fever, diarrhea or have been vomiting within the last 24 hours.

-A persistent cough and/or nasal drainage that's colored.

-They have an infectious or communicable disease without a doctor's release. (Please see your parent handbook for more information.)

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: Our heartfelt thanks for all the candy and cards for Valentine's Day. The day was filled with love and joy for all for Room 1 The 100th Days of School collections that have adorned our classroom looked so creative and was enjoyed by all.

In February, we started to explore Asia and will continue to do so until mid March. We have learned about the map of Asia, animals and flags and have enjoyed celebrating the lunar year.

In accordance with our cultural curriculum, we will be on a safari to Africa from the third week of March. We will explore facts about the geographical regions of Africa. We will learn about the mammals, and flags of countries on the continent of Africa. We will also take a look at some of the unique homes found in Africa. The artist of the month is Tingatinga, an artist from Africa. We will also cover traditional instruments of Africa.

The children are progressing well and it is a pleasure to watch them work hard in the core subject areas.

In Botany, we will learn about parts of a seed and spout seeds to watch them grow. In Spanish, we will learn the days of the week and months of the year.

The highlight of the month is a field trip to the Yakult Factory on Wednesday, March 23rd. Please be on the lookout for more details.

You don't have to be Irish to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. This March 17th, put on a shamrock or a bit of green and have fun. Room 1 children will be making a leprechaun marionette.

Happy Birthday: Bailey S. 8th

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Room 2- Ms. Kelli and Ms. Josie: What a fun month February was! The children had such a wonderful time passing out their Valentine's to their friends! Thank you to our PTU for a great pizza and ice cream party! We would like to thank Dr. Chu for coming out and teaching us about dental hygiene! The children had such a great time watching how to brush their teeth!

For the month of March, our unit of study will be about Transportation. The children will be learning about all the different ways we can get around! Our continent for the month will be Australia. The children will learn about the different types of food, animals, landmarks, and the languages spoken.

In Science, we will learn about parts of a leaf, with a special focus on the clover leaf.

In Spanish, the children will be learning about how to introduce themselves.

Our Artist of the month will be Claude Monet. The children will be recreating his famous painting "Water Lilies".

Our Musician will be Percy Grainger. We will be learning about British folk music.

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Room 3- Ms. Alecia and Ms. Christine: February was a fantastic month filled with lots of love and good wishes. We celebrated Chinese New Year and the children loved painting their masks along with parading around the school! Our Valentine's Day was so fun and the children loved passing out their Valentine's to their friends.

The children enjoyed learning all about volcanoes and especially had a great time when we made our very own mold of a volcano and watched it erupt in class!

For the month of March we will be learning all about the continent of Africa. We will study the animals that are indigenous to the region and listen to some of the traditional music. We will also learn about transportation. The children will be focusing on different modes of transportation, traffic lights, and the safety signs we see daily. We will also be making our very own transportation art project!

For Spanish we will learn the names of various modes of transportation.

In Music, we will be listening to music and musical instruments from Africa. Our art for the month will focus on the method of pointillism made popular by Geroges Seurat.

March 2nd also marks the birthdate of the wonderful Dr. Suess. We will be doing a fun art project in his honor. Please feel free to have your child bring in their favorite Dr. Suess book to class to share throughout the month!

Happy Birthday: Ms. Christine - 14th Rowan E. - 20th

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Room 4- Ms. Riza and Ms. Angela: Our Valentine's Day celebration was festive and fabulous. It was fun watching all the children exchange Valentine's Day cards and everyone seemed to have a marvelous time. I hope that this festivity will always be remembered by each of them. We would like to thank you all for making us feel loved and appreciated each and every day. Thank you Dr. Chu for teaching us how to keep our teeth healthy. We would also like to thank all the parents who volunteered to drive and chaperone us during our field trip to Bella Terra.

Our Lunar New Year celebration was a blast! All the students had a great time learning about this festivity and making the dragon for the parade. Also, we are so proud of how well they worked on their research project about U.S. Presidents and the California missions. We have learned so much more about these presidents and missions and we are impressed by the level of efficiency and detail in their reports.

For this month, we will continue working on the continent of Asia and will study Australia and the rest of Oceania. We will also learn about the Aborigines of Australia, the animals, the famous landmarks, its flag, and food.

In Spanish, all students will learn about family members. We will focus on Australia's aboriginal art. Our class will listen to the music of the famous Australian rock band, Midnight Oil.

We feel very lucky and blessed to have the privilege of working with such a wonderful group of students. Each child continues to show enthusiasm in completing the work cycle and demonstrates emotional and social growth. Have a great month!

Happy Birthday:
Chloe L.- 2nd Jeremy H, - 18th Carter E.
- 27th

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Room 5- Ms. Gloria and Ms. Bea: February was a month of love! Thank you for showering us with sweets and love on Valentine's Day. We concluded our study of Asia and worked on some fun projects.

During March, we will be learning about Australia. The children will learn about the animals and places of interest down under. In Zoology, we will learn about the parts of a kangaroo. I look forward to sharing some memorabilia I collected on my trip to Australia last year.

Please check your child's cubby and replenish extra clothes as needed bearing in mind the size of clothes available maybe too small for your growing child. Thank you for signing up for snack. If you have not had that opportunity, I encourage you to sign up for March. Your child gets to have many privileges on that day as the line leader, calendar person, weather reporter and flag person. If you cannot get a date for snack, please email me so I can reserve a date for your child to be snack host. Please bring two food groups sufficient for 24 children.

In Art, the children will learn about the great work of Leonardo da Vinci and recreate his "Mona Lisa" painting. We will also work on St. Patrick's Day themed artwork. We will listen to the music of Bach during work time. In Spanish, the children will learn about animals.

We will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2nd by reading one of his books and making "The Cat in the Hat". In Botany, the children will learn about the parts of a flower.

Friday is our Share Day. Children have fun sharing and speaking in front of a group. Kindly send a share item (not a toy) so they can show and tell. Friday is also FVM spirit day. Please have your child wear their FVM school shirt.

Happy Birthday: Tyler K.-28th

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Room 6- Ms. Leah and Ms. Rasika: February was a fabulous month filled with love and fun activities. We celebrated Lunar New Year. A big thank you to Brayden's grandpa for coming to speak to the children about Lunar New Year and to Kensie's mom for supplying the red envelopes. We also celebrated the holiday of love by handing out valentine's to our friends in class. It was a time for the children to learn about sharing and kindness. We studied all about the Solar System and discussed the order of the planets and the moon phases. We also learned about Asia, the parts of a fish and the Beatles. In Spanish, we learned shapes. For art we discussed the famous Japanese artist Hokusai and made our version of cherry blossom trees.

Lastly, thank you Dr. Chu for coming to speak to the class about dental hygiene. The children had a wonderful time learning about dental awareness!

In March we will be studying all about Community Helpers. We will also be talking about what we want to be when we grow up. In Geography we will be taking a trip to the Savannah region of Africa. We will be learning all about the animals and landmarks of Africa. In Spanish, we will be learning the colors. In Music, we will be traveling to the 80's to listen to Michael Jackson and in Art; we will be creating our own version of Andy Warhol work by exploring with various media. We will also be studying the parts of a frog for Zoology. We will also celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2nd. Please feel free to have your child bring in their favorite Dr. Seuss book to read throughout the month. Look out for a visit from that tricky Leprechaun!

Happy Birthday: Lucas- 11th Andres-25th

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

The month of February was filled with kindness and love from the children. It was such a pleasure to read all the wonderful hearts with messages of good deeds from the parents. The children really enjoyed sharing them at morning circle with their friends. Our Valentine's Day celebration was a lot fun and the children had a great time passing out their Valentines to each of their friends. The teachers of room 7 really felt the love on Valentine's Day. Thank you for all the goodies and gifts.

For the month of March we will be learning about Zoo animals. We will be discussing and enjoying Zoo animal art projects. The children will be working on animal matching, parts of the elephant, and learning new zoo animal songs.

In the month of March we will also be talking about St. Patrick's Day and painting Shamrocks. Please have your child wear green on St. Patrick's Day which is Thursday, March 17th.

Color of the month- Green

Song of the month- Going to the Zoo

Book of the month-"Where are my Stripes"

Reminder: Please write your child's name on all of their clothing, including jackets. If you feel your child's jacket has gone missing, please check lost and found in the front office.

Happy Birthday: Ella N.- 26th Emory N.- 26th

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