

Fountain Valley Montessori

May 2016

"Character formation cannot be taught. It comes from experience and not from explanation." ~ Dr. Maria Montessori

Important Dates:

Teacher Appreciation Week

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Mother's Day: All mothers are invited to join their child for a special "Moms and Muffins" breakfast on Friday, May 6th. We hope to see all moms between 8:00am -9:00am. Dads be patient! You will have your turn next month!

Pajama Day: Friday, May 20th is Pajama Day. Please have your child come to school in their favorite pajamas. This is a day to just have fun and relax. (Please make sure that they still wear appropriate shoes and undergarments.)



Open House: The end of the year is approaching and the children want to show you all that they have mastered! Join us on Thursday, May 19th between 5:30pm-7:00pm and let your child show you around their classroom. This is a time for your child to become the teacher and share with you the activities in the classroom they like best. **Please note that school will close promptly at 4:00pm so that we can prepare for this fun event. 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 & Mr. Jason: Phew... We lived to tell the tale about our safari to Africa. We learned about the nomads who live in the dessert as well as the diversified cultures in that fascinating continent.

Our cultural curriculum will have us traveling to South America in May, and is your Mama a Llama? We'll find out when we study the animals of South America. We will learn about the geographic regions of South America, flags of the countries, and their natural resources. We'll cover landmarks, the Andes Mountains, the Amazon Basin and the Inca Ruins. We'll be chilling listening to instrumental music of Peru. In Spanish, we will learn about Cinco de Mayo. We are so excited about the art this month; we'll be exploring looking through the eyes of the lens. We will be taking pictures of nature. In Zoology, we will flutter on the wings of a butterfly.

All mothers of FVM are invited to our annual Mother's Day breakfast on Friday, May 6th between 8:00am-9:00am. We hope you will be able to attend our Open House night on May 19th from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. It's a fun night for your children to show off all their projects and work. Hope to see you there!

Happy Birthday: Carol W-15th Jacob J. - 20th
Kylee N. -23rd

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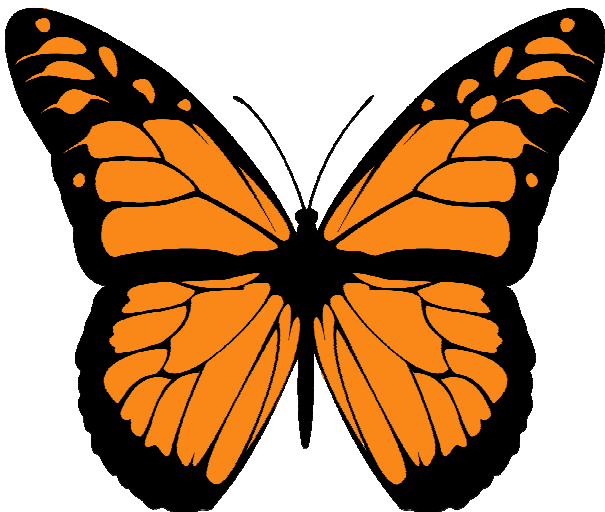
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Room 2- Ms. Kelli and Ms. Josie: What a fun-filled month of insects! The children really enjoyed learning all the different types of insects. They had a fun time making their Erica Carle art work. They also had a great time planting their grass seeds. The children will be able to take them home at back-to-school night!

For the month of May, our unit of study will be about the Rain forest. The children will be learning the different layers and types of animal that inhabit it.

Our continent of the month is South America. We will be learning about famous land marks, flags and animals.

In science, the children will be learning about parts of a butterfly and their life cycle. The class will watch them grow into butterflies. Once they are fully grown, we will be releasing them back into nature.

Our Artist of the month will be Miguel De La Espriella, from South America. We will be recreating his famous work of art called, "Noble."

Our musician of the month will be Shakira. She is a famous for her Pop and Latin Pop music.

In Spanish we will be learning about family members.

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Reminders:

- Please remember that class starts promptly at 9:00am.
- Please check your extra clothing and make sure your child has at least 2 pairs of shorts, 2 pairs of shirts, 2 pairs of underwear, and socks. I don't have. Keep in mind that the warm weather is here!

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Room 3- Ms. Alecia and Ms. Christine: April was a great month learning about insects. We learned the names of various bugs and discussed their habitats. We also learned about the parts of a ladybug. We had fun celebrating Earth day by planting our own seeds and watching them grow! We had fun learning about Australia and the animals that inhabit the region.

For the month of May we will be learning all about the Solar System. We will be learning about the various planets and stars that make up our Solar System, along with the order of the planets from the sun. We will also be making a fun rocket ship art project! We will also study the phases of the moon as well as the constellations.

In Spanish we will be learning the names of the planets, along with moon, star, and sun. Our musician for the month will be Michael Jackson; we will be listening to his music during our work time. For our artist of the month we will be learning about Vincent Van Gogh and focusing on his painting "Starry Night".

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Krista B- 26th

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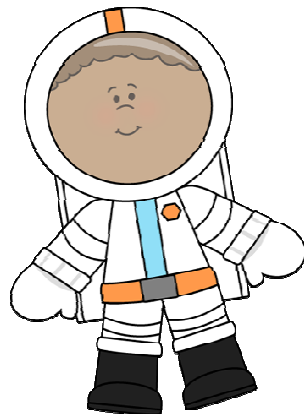
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Room 4- Ms. Riza and Ms. Angela: April was a busy and fun month. We enjoyed studying about Africa. We also had fun working on the art project. Last month, the children learned the Scientific Method and the steps involved in conducting a science experiment. Everyone seems super excited for our upcoming Science Fair.

For this exciting month of May, all students will prepare for our annual Science Fair which will be held on Thursday, May 19th, 2016. All students need to prepare for this big event and are encouraged to work on an experiment of their choice. A sample is displayed in our room. A separate letter was sent to you as far as instructions and procedures are concerned in regards to this project. Please see us if you have any questions.

For the Cultural Arts lessons, all students will study the continent of South America which includes countries, flags, animals, and landmarks. We will be studying about the layers of the rainforest as well as the animals. In addition, we will be learning the Life Cycle of a Butterfly. The artist for this month is Beatriz Milhazes, a Brazilian artist who focuses on collages through different mediums. All elementary students will also learn about parts of the body in Spanish, and will be learning Latin music and dance.

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Room 5- Ms. Gloria and Ms. Bea: April showers...bring May flowers! We had an exciting April, learning about parts of a butterfly. We also went on safari in Africa!

During the month of May, we will be touring the continent of South America, cruising through the Rain Forest, learning about the animals, countries and the food eaten. We began to observe the life cycle of a butterfly and will continue to observe them until all the butterflies are out of the cocoon. They will be released back to nature. We will be learning about the parts of a ladybug.

The children will hear the music of Tchaikovsky during May and Frida Kahlo's self-portrait will be their inspiration for art. In Spanish, we will learn about family members.

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If you have not already done so, kindly check your child's extra clothes for the correct size, and ensure that they are season appropriate. Also, with the temperature being warm, we will be applying sunscreen on children who stay for afternoon daycare. Kindly provide us with sunscreen and fill out the necessary paperwork in the office

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Krish V. - 21st

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Room 6- Ms. Leah and Ms. Rasika: April was an awesome month filled with exploration and wonder as we studied life cycles of plants and butterflies. We were able to experience the life cycle of butterflies first hand as we welcomed our caterpillars. Our classroom will release the fullgrown butterflies into nature. We had fun traveling to Australia and learning about the animals that live there. We also enjoyed looking at some artifacts from down under and we made some amazing Aboriginal art!

For the month of May we will be learning all about the Rainforest; the animals and layers that comprise this magical place! We will be creating ballerinas and learning about the art of Degas. In Botany, we will be learning about the parts of a Tree. In Music, we will be listening to Beethoven. We will be learning the names of different insects in Spanish.

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*Please replenish/switch extra clothing in your child's cubby, be mindful of weather changes. You may also replace sunscreen as needed.

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Valentina L. - 3rd Kensie L. - 20th
Landon N. - 25th Emmy T. - 27th

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

We had a yummy good time tasting fruits and vegetables during the month of April. The children enjoyed experiencing new tastes during morning circle! We also had a great time making fruit and vegetable art. Thank you to all the parents who signed up to bring in the scrumptious produce!

April showers bring May flowers! During the month of May, the unit of study will be flowers and insects. We will be exploring the many different flowers and insects that exist in our world. We will be talking about the life cycle of a butterfly and will be having real life caterpillars in our class. When it is your child's share day, please bring in a share that pertains to this unit. Most importantly, this month we will focus our attention on our wonderful mothers! This will include a special Mother's Day project and delicious breakfast on Friday, May 6th.

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Spanish: we will be learning about insects
Color of the Month: Yellow
Book of the Month: The Very Hungry Caterpillar
Song of the Month: "Ladybug, Ladybug"

Happy Birthday: Ainsley G. - 1st
Charlise T. - 11th Khang H.- 31st

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