

# Fountain Valley Montessori

November 2015

*"Let us wait, and be always ready to share in both the joys and the difficulties which the child experiences." ~ Dr. Maria Montessori*

## **Important Dates:**

### **Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> :**

See's Candies Flyers passed out

### **Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> :**

Parent/ Teacher Conferences (**school closed**, child care provided during your 20 minute conference)

### **Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>:**

Veterans Day (**school closed**)

### **Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>:**

Harvest Feast

### **Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>:**

Stone Soup

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Minimum Day

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Thanksgiving Break (**school closed**)

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See's Candies order forms due

### **Happy Birthday...**

Ms. Riza- 26<sup>th</sup>

**Stone Soup:** This year all classrooms will be participating in a seasonal favorite. Between Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> the classes will be reading the book "Stone Soup". They will then make their own version. Please look for a sign-up sheet by the classroom snack calendars to participate.

**Harvest Feast:** On Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> each classroom will be having a Harvest Feast in honor of Thanksgiving. Please look for the sign-up sheet by the classroom snack calendars to sign-up to bring a dish!

**Cold and Flu Season:** The Cold and Flu Season is here! Please follow our school illness policy to ensure our children and staff stays well. 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.

-An infectious or communicable disease without a doctor's release.

(Please see your parent handbook for more information.)

**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.



**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:** October was a spooktacular month! Our costume parade, field trip and a potluck were all a smash hit! Thank you for making these events so successful. During the month of October, we explored the continent of North America, we delighted in learning about the countries, animals and people. We learned about parts of the leaf, living and non-living, as well as, the classification of animals. Our daily lessons in math, language and writing are progressing well. The concept of controlling one's body and listening to the rules at the same time is starting to be internalized by a number of children.

In November our cultural unit will have us exploring the great United States of America. We will be learning interesting facts about the different states, state flower, state capital, state seal, and landmarks. The children will also complete a state report. In Zoology we will be studying parts of the bird. In science, we will explore the phenomenon of sink & float and work on paperclip boats. Our artist will be Georgia O'Keefe and we will explore the genre of Country music.

Happy Birthday: Ethan P. - 13<sup>th</sup> Luka R.-23<sup>rd</sup>  
Kingsley H. - 24<sup>th</sup>

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**Room 2- Ms. Kelli and Ms. Josie:** I can't believe it's already fall! This month was such an exciting time! Thank you to all who helped with our costume parade and our spooky potluck. The children had such a wonderful time. They learned about parts of a bat and enjoyed talking about the life cycle of a pumpkin.

For the month of November, we will continue our study of North America with special emphasis on the United States. We will learn about Native American Tribes and the meaning of Thanksgiving. We will be reading the book "Stone Soup" and will be making our own stone soup on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. Please see the sign-up sheet by the snack calendar. In science, we will be learning about the parts of a turkey and the life cycle of corn.

Our artist of the month will be Harold Alfred. He practices the art form known as Kwakwaka's. We will be learning about this method and you will see the children's version on the outside wall. Our composer of the month will be Ludwig Van Beethoven. We will be learning about him and his music.

Reminders:

- Please bring in a family photo to be displayed in the classroom.

- Please remember to refill your children's extra clothing. You might want to change them out as our colder season is coming.

Happy Birthday: Hailey T.- 4<sup>th</sup>

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**Room 3- Ms. Alecia and Ms. Christine:** October was such a fun month! The children really enjoyed learning about parts of a pumpkin and carving our class pumpkin together. Our costume parade and pumpkin patch were both a smash hit! A huge thanks to all the parents who brought in items for our Spooky potluck and helped with our costume parade.

November is here and our unit of study will be Weather. We will be studying all about the four Seasons and the appropriate wardrobe for each season.

For Botany we will be learning about Parts of a Leaf along with a fun watercolor art project with leaves.

In Geography, we will continue to learn about the continent of North America. We will learn about the wonderful country we live in, the USA. The children will explore the States, learn about animals and landmarks of the USA. We will also learn the 50 States song and talk about some Native American tribes. In Music, children will learn all about the composer Johann Sebastian Bach and we will listen to his compositions through the month. Our artist of the month will be Claude Monet.

We will be reading the book “Stone Soup” and will cook our own Stone Soup in school on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. Children may contribute a vegetable to our soup which will be consumed on the day it is cooked. More information will follow on a separate sign-up sheet. The school will close early at 3:00 pm on Wednesday November 25<sup>th</sup> to begin the Thanksgiving recess. Our Thanksgiving Feast will be held on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Please find the potluck sheet on the door.

We will end November by learning about Thanksgiving followed by an art project and a Harvest Feast.

Thank you for your continued support. My number one priority is to ensure your child has a great experience in their Montessori environment. I am happy to be a part of their ongoing education as the school year continues.

Happy Birthday: Sophia M. -3<sup>rd</sup> Sloane M. -14<sup>th</sup>  
William N. - 18<sup>th</sup> Cole B. - 24<sup>th</sup>

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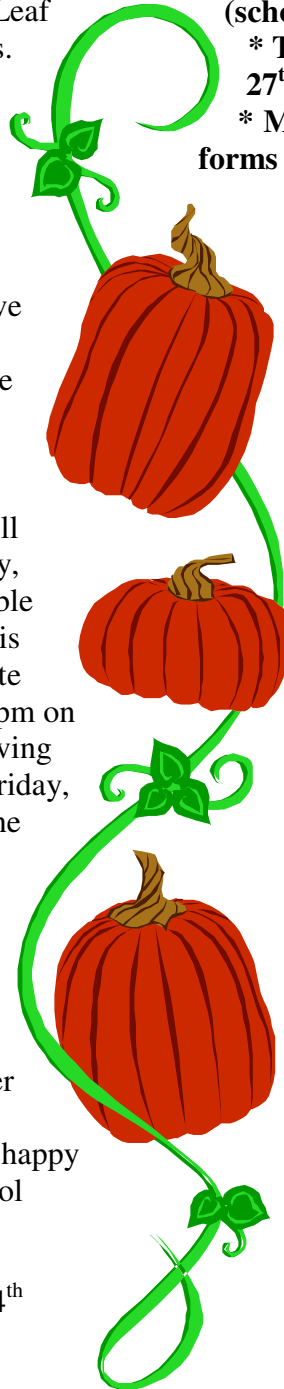
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**Room 4- Ms. Riza and Ms. Angela:** The month of October was a busy and exciting month. Our fieldtrip to Irvine Park was a success and everyone had a wonderful time. The children enjoyed choosing their pumpkins and the picnic at the park was a good way to end our day. Thank you to all the parent volunteers. The Costume Parade was a big hit! Everyone had a great time walking around the complex, and this experience made the Halloween celebration so much fun and memorable! Thank you to all the parents who helped in facilitating this event. Thank you for taking the time to prepare the sumptuous dishes for our potluck. The children loved them. What a great way to end the month!

For the month of November, all Upper Elementary students will be exploring the Native American Culture. This will include; Native American people, traditional American music, early American art, and original habitat of Native Americans. We will expand on this lesson by having a group project with a Timeline of the Native Americans. We will also learn about the lifecycle of a pumpkin In Spanish, we will be learning the names of fruits and vegetables to expand our lesson on healthy eating habits.

In celebration of Thanksgiving, the children will work on an essay on what they are thankful for and why. It is a great way to reflect on the idea and express their feelings on paper. Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at [riza@fvmontessori.com](mailto:riza@fvmontessori.com) or [angelac@fvmontessori.com](mailto:angelac@fvmontessori.com).

Happy Birthday:

Gavin W. – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Olivia W. – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Ellie T. – 3<sup>rd</sup>

Kailea O. – 9<sup>th</sup>

Lillian O. – Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>

Alex N. – 24<sup>th</sup>

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**Room 5- Ms. Gloria and Ms. Bea:** The month of October was more like Rock...tober as we ended the month with our fabulous Halloween celebration. We wish to thank all the parents who made it successful by helping in numerous ways.

November is a month to be thankful for our wonderful families at FVM. During the month of November, the children of room 5 will learn to appreciate and be thankful for the wonderful things we enjoy in life. We will discuss what Thanksgiving is all about and enjoy a Harvest Feast at the end of the month. The sign-up sheet is posted on the door for Parent/Teacher conferences on Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 2015.

In Zoology, the children will learn about parts of a turkey. In Geography, we will be learning about the wonderful country we live in, the USA. The children will explore the States; learn about the currency, flag and animals of USA. We will also learn the 50 States song and talk about some Native American tribes during November. In Music, the children will listen to the great music of Aretha Franklin and in art we will learn about Pablo Picasso's Cubism and recreate his great art by working on "Self Portraits". We will also work on Thanksgiving-themed art projects and our unit of study will be Transportation. Ms. Bea will teach transportation terms in Spanish.

Thank you to those who sign up for snack regularly. Being a snack host is a fun and educational experience for your child, since the snack host has the opportunity to be a helper, the line leader, calendar person, weather reporter, and flag holder.

We will be reading the book "Stone Soup" and will cook our own Stone Soup in school on Wednesday November 25<sup>th</sup>. Children may contribute a vegetable to our soup which will be consumed on the day it is cooked. More information will follow on a separate sign-up sheet. The school will close early at 3:00 pm on Wednesday November 25<sup>th</sup> to begin the Thanksgiving recess. Our Thanksgiving Feast will be held on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Please find the potluck sheet on the door.

This Thanksgiving Season, Ms. Bea and I are thankful to our families of Fountain Valley Montessori for sharing your love and children with us. We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

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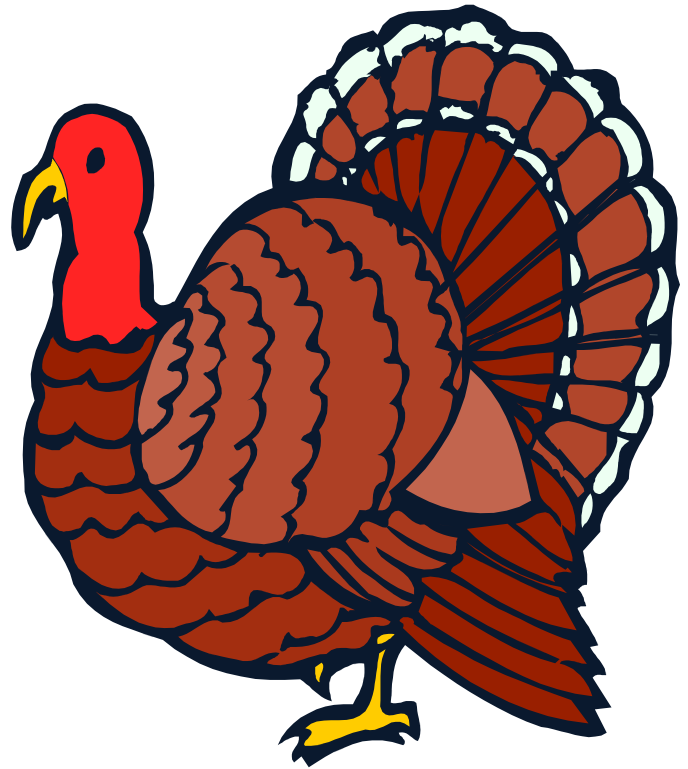
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**Room 6- Ms. Leah and Ms. Rasika:** October was a wonderful month full of learning, exploring and growing! We learned all about Weather; the seasons and enjoyed tracking the weather each day! For Geography we traveled to North America where we learned about the animals and people who inhabit the continent. For Spanish we learned numbers. The children created spooky “Starry Night” art. In music, we listened to the works of Danny Elfman. Thank you to all the parents who helped during our Costume Parade and Spooky Potluck. What a fun day!

November will be busy and fun-filled! For our cultural unit of study we will learning about Health and Nutrition. We will build a healthy plate and talk about how various foods help our body. For Geography we will continue studying about North America. We will learn about various Native American tribes and discuss Thanksgiving! We will also have a Harvest Feast in lieu of pizza. Please look out for a sign up sheet. In Spanish, we will be learning names of fruits and vegetables. For art we will be studying Paul Klee and for music we will be listening to Chopin. We will also be reading Stone Soup and make our own stone soup on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

- \* Please remember school begins promptly at 9:00am. I encourage all children to be dropped off by 8:45am.
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**Room 7- Ms. Jamie, Ms. Lindsay, and Ms. Leslie:** During the month of October, the children really enjoyed carving our class pumpkin into a Jack-o-Lantern, the costume parade, and decorating their very own pumpkin. They also enjoyed all the fun pumpkin work on the shelves and other Halloween projects. The school pumpkin patch was the highlight of our month! Thank you to all the parents who signed up for the potluck. The children really enjoyed their special lunch.

Oink Oink, Moo Moo!! For the month of November, we will be exploring and discussing the many different animals that live on the farm. We will be making sheep, pigs, owls and turkeys. Gobble, gobble! We will also be talking about what we are grateful for and how we can help others. We will be having a Harvest Feast for the children to take part in and enjoy on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Keep an eye out for a potluck sign-up. Our Spanish lesson for the month will consist of learning the names of farm animals.

~ Please bring a jacket to school with your child’s name on it. Now that fall has arrived, we want to keep our little ones warm.

- Color of the month: Green
- Book of the month: Noisy Farm
- Song of the month: Old Mc Donald

Happy Birthday: Xavier- 28<sup>th</sup>

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