

Fountain Valley Montessori

October 2016

"Above all it is to be noted that the child has a passionate love for order and work, and possesses intellectual qualities superior by far to what might have been expected." ~ Dr. Maria Montessori

Important Dates:

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for
Elementary Classes (Room 1 and 4)

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Happy Birthday...

Ms. Britney- 10th Ms. Diana-12th Ms. Sneha-24th

Back to School Night: Thank you to all the parents who attended our Back to School Night. We hope you enjoyed the evening with your child's teachers and are excited for the year ahead!

Scholastic Book Fair/ One for Books: Thank you to all the families who supported our book fair and "One for Books". We were able to raise \$595.59 towards books to be donated to Colette's Children's Home. Thank you also to all the families who bought books. Thank you to all of the parents and staff for all of your help with the book fair. A special thank you Ms. Diana, Ms. Alecia and Ms. Kelli for being a big help and support to the school. With the money raised, the PTU will be purchasing books and resources for our library!

PTU Sponsored FVM Pumpkin Patch: On Thursday, October 20th the PTU will be sponsoring an on-campus pumpkin patch for our toddler and preschool children. (Student only event)



Calendar Update: In order to meet the needs of the families with children in the Fountain Valley school district, our Spring Break will be **Monday, April 17th- Friday, April 21st.**

Costume Parade:

Calling all Princesses, Pirates and Superheroes...

When: Monday, October 31st

Where: Around the center **Time:** 9:30 a.m.

* Please have your child come to school dressed in their costume with a change of clothes in a bag. More information will be posted.

* Please remember that no pretend weapons or scary masks are allowed at any time on school premises.

Morning Drop Off/Afternoon Pick up: Classes start promptly at 9:00am and end at 12:00pm for our half day students and 3:00pm for our full day students. We encourage all students to be dropped off between 8:45-9:00am to ensure a smooth transition into school. Please note, when dropping your child off on the playgrounds in the morning, please ensure that your goodbyes are short and sweet. This is a time for the children to interact with each other and their teachers. Please observe through our classroom observation windows. 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 that we can make sure that we are within ratio. If you are going to be late, please quietly drop your child off in class, and one of the teachers will escort them to morning circle. Please make sure that your child is picked up promptly at the end of the school day.

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 & Ms. Lindsay: Thank you for all the books that were donated to Room one from our loving families. It's been a September to remember, all the children in our awesome class are taking steps to becoming scholars. Long ago, the people in England had their names for this month. One name was Winmonath, or "wine month," for this was the time of year they made wine.

For our Cultural geography unit in October we will be traveling to the land down under, Australia. We will be learning about how this colony has such a contrast of desert and island for physical feature. In zoology we will cover my favorite Australian animal. The only mammal who lays eggs, a platypus of course! So many fascinating facts, Aboriginal traditions, the Great Reef Barrier and the endless landmarks. In physical geography the children will be introduced to land and water formations. In Botany we will cover the life cycle of the apple. For our classic reader the life story of Helen Keller will be covered.

So exciting...we are going on a field trip to Irvine Park on October 20th. And guess what....we get to go on a real bus that has seat belts. Hooray.

Artist of the Month: Andy Warhol Musician of the Month: The Piano Guys!

Happy Birthday: Aven T. - 10/14 Thomas H.-10/15
Bradley R. - 10/31

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Room 2- Ms. Zyerie & Ms. Josie: September was a wonderful beginning to the school year! The children explored the different areas of the classroom, and became familiar with the classroom rules and daily schedule. Learning about the Lifecycle and parts of an apple along with tasting the different types of apples was a fun experience for the children. Our unit "All about Me" helped the children become familiar with the parts of their body and different emotions.

Thank you to the parents that joined us for Back to School Night! Room 2 appreciates the book donations for our classroom library!

October's unit will be Seasons. We will become familiar our four seasons: autumn, winter, spring, and summer. In botany, we will be learning about the lifecycle of a pumpkin. In Spanish we will focus on learning the seasons along with temperatures.

We will begin our journey through North America, focusing on the popular animals, monuments, and flags of the continent.

Our artist of the month will be Vincent Van Gogh. We will recreate our own version of the still life "Two Jars and 2 Pumpkins" artwork. The finished artwork will be displayed on our outside wall in the hallway. Our composer of the month will be Pyotr Ilych Tchaikovsky.

Happy Birthday: Joshua N. - 10/16 Sebastian B. - 10/24

Friendly Reminders:

*Please bring an indoor potted plant if you haven't done so already.

*Class begins promptly at 9 A.M.

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Room 3- Ms. Alecia & Ms. Christine: The month of September was a great start to the school year! We got to know each other, acclimatized to our daily schedule and worked on normalizing the classroom through lots of lessons in Practical Life. We had a wonderful time exploring our five senses and learning interesting facts about our bodies.

Thank you to all those parents who attended our Back to School Night. I hope you gained information on what to expect for the school year. If you have questions or if you were not able to make it; please do not hesitate to speak to me or email me.

For the month of October we will be exploring the continent of North America. We will be learning the names of countries, talk about flags, and animals of the continent. In Botany, we will study about the parts of a pumpkin. We will be carving a pumpkin and making it into jack-o-lantern closer to Halloween. Along with our units of study we will also be learning all about the four seasons. For Spanish, we will talk about the days of the week and months of the year. We will also have music every Thursday with Ms. Woo.

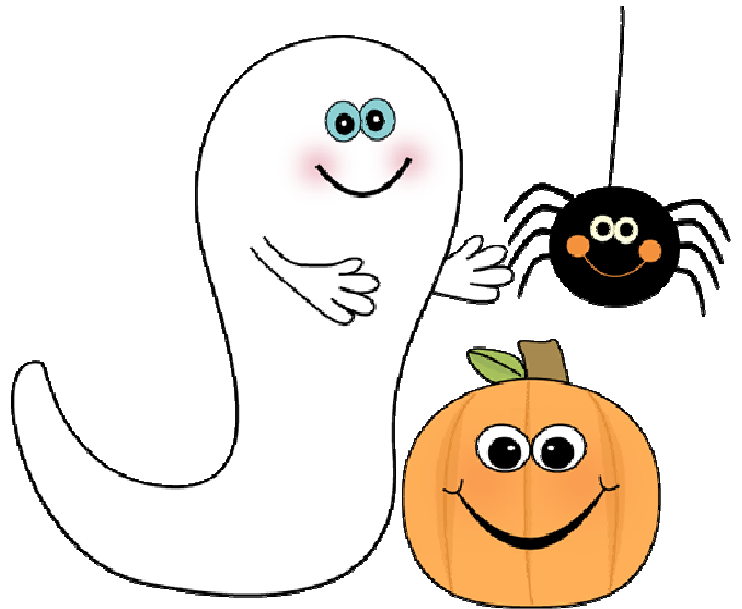
Our composer of the month is Frederic Chopin. We will listen to his music during work time along with learning about his life. For our art, we will be working on our own creation of still life photography taken by the children. Be on the lookout for their work in our hallway outside our classroom!

We have some fun activities planned for this spooky month, including a PTU sponsored Pumpkin Patch and a costume parade! Please watch for more information to be announced on these fun events!

Happy Birthday: Parker N. – 10/29

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Room 4- Ms. Angela: September went by so quickly....It was filled with pleasant surprises and with new experiences for all elementary students and to us teachers as well. It was great to see all of you at Back to School night. Thank you for taking time to discover what we do and how your child is involved in their own learning. We also want to thank you for your continued generosity by contributing books from the book fair to our classroom...it is always appreciated!

All new upper elementary students have transitioned quite smoothly to their new environment. Some have quickly adjusted to their new daily routine, while others have been slowly working their way to normalization. All our continuing students have shown tremendous effort in complying with the required tasks everyday as well as being excellent role models to their younger classmates and each other, too. Overall, everyone has been showing great enthusiasm in learning new lessons presented to them. In addition, we have been working hard to give each student the attention that they deserve. The collaboration of both our knowledge and experiences as teachers will surely benefit all our wonderful students. We are happy and blessed to have a great bunch of students again this year, and we are enjoying every minute we spend with each of them. We are so proud of all our students for diligently performing their duties and responsibilities in class every day!

Our fall study will continue with lifecycle of a pumpkin and a field trip to Irvine Park where they get to pick out their very own pumpkin at the end of the month (details to follow).

We will be studying North American landmarks and the land and water forms that are present. We will continue our study of the human body with a focus on the internal organs and central nervous system. Along with the study of the human body our group will be working on reports that will be presented in small groups of 3 or 4. In addition, we will explore how our body works and the parts of the body in Spanish to correspond with our lesson. For Zoology, we will be learning about the characteristics of a mammal and specifically what makes a bat unique. For our Social/Emotional growth this month we will be exploring emotions (love, fear, anxiety, etc.): what they are, how to identify them and how best to handle them.

Our Halloween celebration will be held on October 31st and will include a costume parade, trick or treating, pumpkin decorating and pumpkin carving.

Please look for additional information as the date approaches. To keep this holiday fun for all, we ask that a few guidelines be followed:

- Be sure to have your child where clothing under their costume (so they can easily change later)
- No masks or anything that covers the child's face
- Please refrain from scary costumes as we have very young children that may be frightened (no weapons are ever allowed at school).
- Be aware that their costume may get dirty or worn as they are at school

For the month of October:

Artist: North American Artists

Composer/Musician: Verdi

Happy Birthday: Daniel N. - 10/9

Reminders:

- Lunch should be healthy and low-sugar
- Provide a change of clothes including underwear in a labeled zip lock bag
- Please label all clothes and belongings that are brought to school.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email to inform me of any news you think is valuable toward your child's well-being:

AngelaC@FVMontessori.com

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Room 4- Ms. Neranja: Happy October everyone! We cannot believe that September has ended and the first month of school is actually over! Thank you to all the parents who attended Back-to-School night! We really appreciate your support!

Since October is the time for our fall celebration, we will be reading stories and special creative writing projects to prepare us for our costume parade. The field trip for the Irvine Park Pumpkin patch will be on Friday, October 24. We will have our Costume Parade and potluck on Friday, the 31st. We will keep you updated with more information by emails and updates on our website.

Cultural units for the month of October are as follows.
Botany

- Diagram, Parts of a Flowering plants
- Diagram, Parts of a tree
- Thigmotropism: Boulder on the Road - The Roots Grow Around the Rocks
- Chart, Summary of organisms that are plants

Physical Geography

- Rotation of the Earth and its consequences
- Layers of the atmosphere
- Summary sheet: Layers of the atmosphere

Cultural Geography

- Chart, Countries and major geographic/economic regions of North America

History

- American History: The First Americans – Ancient Indians and Early Civilizations
- Five Great Lessons: Continuation – Beginning of the Universe.

Zoology/Physiology

- Introduction to The Great River Impressionistic Chart/story: This story is often used to spark the imagination prior to introducing the concepts relating to human Physiology.
- The Five kingdoms of living things.

Composer of the Month:

- Renaissance Music – Composer Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Masterpiece of the month

- Type of Art: Optical Art
- Artist: Victor Vasarely, Richard Allen.

I am proud of all the progress that the children have already made! As always, please feel free to email me or stop by if you have any questions.

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Room 5- Ms. Gloria & Ms. Jahaira: The month of September seemed to have flown by quickly. I was loved and showered with gifts for my birthday and I am thankful. Thank you to all the parents who attended our Back to School Night. I am certain that you had an overview of our class schedule and the plan for the school year. Thank you also to those who donated books to our classroom purchased from the Book Fair.

During the month of October, we will study about North America. Its countries, animals and flags are sure to fascinate the children. In Botany, we will study about the parts of a tree. We will carve a pumpkin and make a jack-o-lantern close to Halloween with help from all the children. The children will take the seeds home and watch them germinate. Their observations may be a great talk share on Friday too! The children enjoy reviewing Spanish lessons from Ms. Jahaira.

In October, we will create masterpieces with a “Halloween” theme. They will be displayed inside and outside of the classroom.

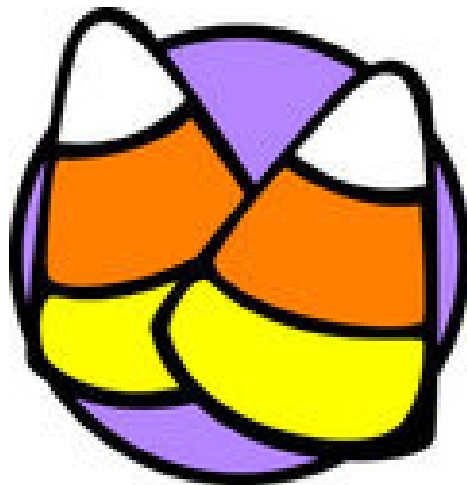
The children of Room 5 will learn about and listen to some compositions by The Beatles. Our Spanish lesson for the month is about colors. Color Tablet boxes 1 and 2 will be used to introduce the names of colors in English and Spanish.

The Costume Parade will be on Monday, October 31st. Please send your child to school in their costume with a labeled bag consisting of extra clothes.

Happy birthday to: Valerie N. – 10/2 Ruhi V. – 10/7
Katherine M. – 10/26

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Room 6- Ms. Rasika & Ms. Bea: We had a very smooth transition to the new school year. September was filled with learning and exploring. In Geography, we learned about the continents and oceans around the world. We worked on normalizing the classroom by talking about grace and courtesy. We also have worked on the basics of our class: pushing in their chairs, rolling their rugs, putting their work away when finished.

We hope you all enjoyed our book fair and thank you for all the donation of fun new books. Also, thank you to all the parents who were able to make it to Back to School night. Please feel free to meet with me or email me with any questions.

For the month of October, our curriculum unit will be Weather and we will be learning all about the seasons. In Geography, we will be learning all about North America. We will learn about the countries, the people, their food, and culture and about the flora and fauna of the continent. In Botany, we will learn about the parts of a Pumpkin. We will also carve a pumpkin and make it into jack-o-lantern as we get closer to Halloween.

In this month, we will learn about Vincent Van Gogh and recreate his “Starry Night”. We will be listening to the music of Bach this month. In Spanish, we will be learning about days of the week and months of the year. Music lessons will continue to be held on Tuesday with Ms. Woo.

Happy Birthday: Oliver H. - 10/24 Emerson H.-10/28
Sophie L. - 10/15

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Room 7- Ms. Kelli, Ms. Britney & Ms. Diana: What a fabulous first month we have had! The children are normalizing well and working diligently. They have enjoyed making both art projects! They love to use a real apple and do "Apple stamping" with our color of the month, "Red." I have to say at the end of this month, most of the children were reading along with me in our book of the month, "I like myself" by Karen Beaumont.

I would like to say thank you for all those who came to back to school night. It was wonderful to meet all the parents and get to know you all better!

We will say goodbye to Sophie, Katie, and Katelyn as they move into our preschool rooms! And I would like to welcome Colton and Jack into our classroom!

What a spooky month we have ahead of us! Our new unit of the month will be all about pumpkins. The children will make pumpkins with small square shapes of orange and gluing them onto a black piece of paper.

Our book of the month will be "Big Pumpkin" by Erica Silverman. The child will be coming home singing "big pumpkin" before you know it! The children also work on a fun art project with black feathers and will make crows that we will hang in our tree!

Can you guess what our color of the month will be? Orange of course! I will be changing out all the trays and objects in the practical life.

For our new parents, our school will have a costume parade. If your child will like to wear their costume please put street cloths under. Our class will be having a walk of our own. We will walk out from the door to side yard. On this day, we will be having our yearly spooky potluck. Please keep an eye out for our sign-up sheet towards the end of the month.

Happy Birthday: Katelyn H. - 10/10 Katie H. - 10/10
Matthew T. - 10/10 Ms. Britney- 10 Tristan N. - 10/11
Quinn W.- 10/12

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