

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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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 16th 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 Tuesday, June 13th 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 23rd. For those students enrolled in our summer program or continuing for the 2017-2018 school year, we will be having transition days Monday, June 26th – Thursday, June 29th. 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 3rd and Tuesday, 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.

End of the Year Luau Celebration: We will be celebrating the end of another great school year with a fun Luau celebration for the children to enjoy during their playtime on Friday, June 23rd. We are looking for volunteers to help with games. Please let the office know if you want to volunteer! We will also be having a picnic potluck. Please look for a potluck sign up sheet by the classroom doors.

Social Media: Like us on Facebook! We post updates and pictures from recent events.

Visit us at fvmontessori.com for the newsletter, calendar, etc. Follow us on Instagram @ [fvmontessori](https://www.instagram.com/fvmontessori).

Room 1- Ms. Paula & Ms. Lindsay: 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. We express our sincere appreciation for generously and genuinely acknowledging Teacher Appreciation Week.

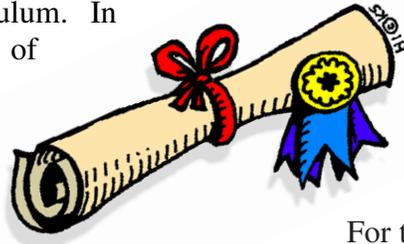
In September 2016, we started with "All about Me", then traveled to the seven continents. We will wrap up this fantastic year with the solar system. This will be the finale of our cultural curriculum. In Zoology, we will learn about Parts of the Horse. We will continue to read Classic Stories in the month of June. Our composer will be Louis Armstrong. This month in Art, we will be working on a Solar System project! In June, we will learn about foods in Spanish.

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, June 13th for our Elementary Promotion Ceremony, which will be held between 9:00am – 9:45am. 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.

Happy Birthday: Sydney N. –16th Natalie N. –23rd

All the wonderful fathers in Room 1 are invited to have breakfast with their child here at Fountain Valley Montessori on Friday, June 16th between 8:00am - 9:00am.

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Room 2- Ms. Zyerie & Ms. Josie: It was great seeing all the families last month at Open House. The children were excited to give their parents lessons on the material in the classroom. Thank you to all the Mommy's that were able to join us for Mother's Day Breakfast. One day is not enough to praise the wonderful women in our lives. I hope you all had a great time with your loved ones. Ms. Josie and I cannot thank you enough for all the appreciation we received during Teacher Appreciation Week! It seems not so long ago we had just begun our journey together. June is here and we are pleased to see all the accomplishments the children have made throughout the school year.

For the month of June, our unit will be Ocean Life! We will be learning about the different bodies of water around the world. We will also become familiar with the different characteristics and animals that live in them. In zoology, we will be focusing on the sea turtle. We will learn about its parts and lifecycle. In Spanish we will be reviewing the names of popular fruits and vegetables.

Our adventurous exploration of the continents around the world has come to an end. This month we will be reviewing the continents we discussed throughout the school year. Our outside art will be pop art inspired by Andy Warhol. To get in the summer groove we will be listening to The Beach Boys during work time.

We hope to see all the dad's for our "Dads and Donuts" Father's Day Breakfast Friday, June 16th!

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Room 3- Ms. Alecia & Ms. Christine: May was a great month learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly and watching our 5 butterflies go through the stages in our very own classroom habitat. The children loved watching them fly as we let them go outside.

A big thank you for everyone who made Ms. Christine and I 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 gift and song! Also, 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!

For the month of June we will be learning all about the Solar System. We will be learning about the various planets and stars that make our Solar System, along with the order of the planets from the sun. We will also be making a fun rocket ship art project! For geography we will be having a review of our 7 continents.

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 art of the month we will be doing tissue paper art!

We are excited to welcome all the dads to our "Dads and Donuts" Father's Day breakfast on June, 16th from 8-9.

This year has been an amazing one and I am honored to have been able to teach your children and watch them grow! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the families for a wonderful school year! Have a great summer!

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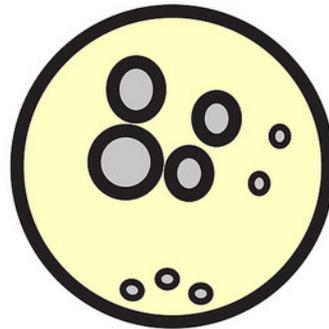
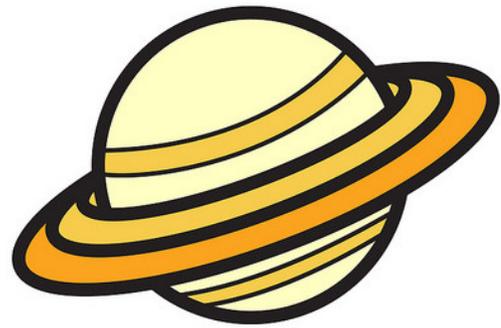
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Room 4-Ms. Neranja & Ms. Nikki: June is already here and it's hard to believe that it's the end of the school year! We have really enjoyed sharing such an important part of their lives with them.

We would like to thank all the moms who joined us for the Mother's Day Breakfast. The children truly enjoyed giving you the beautiful gifts they made and spending time with you. It was also very nice to see you all at our Open House. The children were very excited to share all their hard work with the families and even more excited that they were "smarter" than their parents

As we are approaching the end of a productive and a creative year, it is wonderful to see how much the children have grown and see the "big picture", where they are exposed to the interrelation of sciences, art, history, language and mathematics. From this point, students will be working on increasing levels of detail and complexity within these broad areas. While working cooperatively and solidifying basic knowledge of reading, writing and mathematics: students research and explore these subjects both inside and outside the classroom walls.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to facilitate learning in your children, in their growth and development and also for the learning that they have enriched us with. It has truly been a pleasure spending our days with your children.

Cultural Units

Creative Writing - My Montessori Journey

Zoology - vertebrae and invertebrae

Art - Eric Carle inspired Art.

History – Review the units "Ancient Americas" and "Explorations and Encounters"

Science - Introduction to the study of matter: Atoms, Molecules and Chemical Matter

We hope everyone has a fantastic summer!

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Room 5- Ms. Gloria & Ms. Jahaira: 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 felt loved and special! We were so happy to see the mothers on Mother's Day. We are pretty sure that all the mothers enjoyed the celebration. Thank you to everyone who made it for our Open House.

During the school year, the children studied about the hemispheres and traveled to all the continents. They learned many fascinating facts about them all and have shown a great interest in Geography. During June, we will review our study of continents and also learn about the World Oceans. Our unit of study being Farm Animals, the children will learn about them and also the terms in Spanish. In Science, we will discuss about things that are living and non-living. In Art, the children work on Marble Art and observe each marble rolling on different colors. We will also listen to a compilation of music from Around the World.

All the fathers of FVM are invited to a Father's Day breakfast on Friday, June 16th between 8:00 and 9:00 am.

Last but not the least; we would like to thank all the families for a wonderful year. You all made the year so special in numerous ways. Ms. Jahaira and I are honored to have taught and observed the growth of your precious little ones! The last day of school this year will be Friday, June 23rd. Have a great summer!

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Room 6- Ms. Rasika & Ms. Bea: May has flown by and the end of the school year is quickly approaching. In the month of May, we learned all about the rainforest, the life cycle of a butterfly, and the continent of South America. We also had fun celebrating all our wonderful moms. I would like to thank all the moms who joined us for our Mother's day breakfast. I would also like to thank all the parents who attended Open House and we hope it helped you get an idea of your child's work environment.

In June, we will be learning about ocean life. In Geography, we will be reviewing all the continents we studied during the year. All year in Geography, your children have been studying a continent a month. Now that we have been around the world, we are eager to share our knowledge and explore the world further. Your child will pick one continent and one country to make a report to present to the class. The continent report will be displayed on the wall in the month of June. In this month, we will also be listening to the music around the world.

In Zoology, we will be learning about horse. In Spanish, we will be reviewing what we have learned throughout the year. We will also be learning how to have a basic conversation in Spanish. Happy Father's Day to all of our amazing Dads! Please join us in celebration of your fatherhood on Friday, June 16th between 8:00am- 9:00am.

Reminders: * Please make sure your child has the proper extra clothing in their cubby. * Please remember class starts at 9.00a.m. It is important that children don't miss out on morning circle.

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Room 7- Ms. Kelli, Ms. Allize, Ms. Britney, & Ms. Nicole: What a wonderful month of May we had! This month was by far the children's favorite month. They really enjoyed our Unit Book, "The Very hungry Caterpillar," by Eric Carle. They enjoyed all of the art projects they made. They LOVED making their Mother's Day project for all our moms! A huge thank you to all for attending! It was so much fun celebrating you! Another big thank you for everyone to make it to open house! It was so much fun! They got to show what they have been learning all year long. They joys on all their faces made my night! To end our month, we got to watch our baby caterpillars grow into beautiful butterflies! The children loved releasing them back into nature!

For the month of June, We will be kicking off the month sizzling into summer! We will be enjoying learning all about summer fun! We will discuss the change in our weather, BBQ-ing, summer actives, and new insects including ants!

Our book of the month will be, "The Ants Go Marching" by Priscilla Burris.

Our color of the month will be the entire rainbow!

Our song of the month will be "The ants go marching one by one"

Lastly, I would like to say Thank you for an amazing school year! It was such a privilege being your children's teacher. They have made this the best year! Wishing everyone a very happy summer!

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Aiden T.-24th

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