

Fountain Valley Montessori

October 2017

"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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(Students only event)

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Happy Birthday...

Ms. Britney- 10th 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 \$245.02 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 to all the teachers and parents for being a big help and support to the school. With the Scholastic Dollars earned, the PTU will be purchasing books and resources for our library!

PTU Sponsored FVM Pumpkin Patch: On Wednesday, September 25th the PTU will be sponsoring an on-campus pumpkin patch for our toddler and preschool children. (Student only event)

Costume Parade:

Calling all Princesses, Pirates and Superheroes...

When: Tuesday, 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.

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. Britney & Ms. Jahaira: We had such a busy and fun month of learning. The children are doing great getting to know each other, learning the grace and courtesy, and exploring what sparks their learning interests. Thank you so much to our parents that participated in the book fair. We love our new books. Back to School Night was a success thanks to you all. I enjoyed getting to share our class with you.

This month we will be learning about the life cycle of a pumpkin and the parts of this amazing fruit. We will also focus on the continent of North America, specifically on the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Our artist of the month will be Jackson Pollock. We will focus on his splash art. Our musician of the month will be Beethoven. Ms. Jahaira has some fun Spanish lessons for the month as well that we will incorporate into our units of study.

Please make sure to check your child's files daily for important reminders and updates. Please check cubbies weekly to replace missing clothing for the following week. Include a few outfits, underwear, and shoes. Don't forget Friday is share day! The children can bring something from home to share with the class! I invite your child to bring a small indoor plant for the classroom that they will take care of for the year. There will be a rack provided in the classroom for display.

Happy Birthday:

Quinn W. - 12th Charlize N. - 18th Alex C. - 29th

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Room 2- Ms. Lindsay & Ms. Josie: Wow, how the first month went by fast! It has been such a joy getting to know each and everyone. The children really enjoyed learning our units of study, “All about Me” and Apples.

We discussed bones, muscles, and parts of the body every day. We did some apple tasting and apple slicing. The students made some fun art projects; including their family tree and measuring how tall they are. The children also made a cute hand print tree. In Spanish, we practiced our numbers 1-10 and discovered the western and eastern hemispheres of the world. Thank you to all the parents that were able to make it to back to school night, it was great getting to meet you all and talking one on one. Also, a big thank you for all the books donated to room 2 from the book fair. The children have really been enjoying them.

For the month of October, we will be focusing on pumpkins! The children will be learning about the Life Cycle of a Pumpkin and the Parts of a Pumpkin. The children will even have the opportunity to cut one open and they will be able to feel the seeds and pulp. The children will be working on many fun new activities and lessons. In Geography, we will be traveling to North America and discover the many countries and the people who live there. In Spanish we will be learning numbers 11-20. We will also be doing some fun Halloween art projects for our classroom.

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Room 3- Ms. Samantha & Ms. Christine: Our new school year has gotten off to a great start! September was busy, exciting & successful!

Everyone has acclimated so well into their classroom routine & developed new friendships. We explored the different area of our Montessori environment & learned new guidelines. Everyone enjoyed getting to know & learning about each others families, pets & favorite things. A big thank you to all our parents for your participation in our fun "All about Me" collages. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents who purchased & donated great books from our September Book Fair. Your generosity is much appreciated!

October is packed with fun & exciting learning adventures .We will continue studying about our 5 Senses & how to use our sense of taste & touch to discover more about the world around us.

With the approach of Halloween we will be creating fun Halloween Art & Crafts in keeping with the season. For science we will study Spiders, their food & habitat. In Geography, the continent of North America will be introduced, October is also Fire Prevention month & we will discuss fire safety.

In honor of the birthday of Pablo Picasso which falls on the 25th of October we will discuss his life & work as our Artist of the month. Our Music Composer will be J.S. Bach.

Happy Birthday: Matthew T.- 10th Parker N.- 29th

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Room 4- Ms. Paula & Ms. Yasmin: Let's remember September with the fondest of memories! Thank you for attending Back to School night and working hand in hand with us in Room 4.

In the month of October, we will be exploring North America for our Cultural Geography. In Physical Geography, we will be changing a map into a globe and learn about latitude and longitude. In Botany we will cover Parts of the Root. In Zoology, we will do an animal study on identifying and naming domestic animals. In science the class will learn the differences between solids, liquids, and gases. For art, we will be creating an art form of haunted houses. In October, our musician will be the thrilling Michael Jackson.

We will be continuing with our Classic Fairy Tales as part of our classic reader series.

October is the month of happy haunting with our costume parade and potluck. We are excited to also be going on a field trip on Monday, October 9th, to Irvine Regional Park to enjoy their amazing Halloween Festival!

Happy Birthday: Sebastian B. -24th



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Room 4- Ms. Neranja & Ms. Yasmin: 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 of our Fall Celebration, we will be creating special writing projects/ Book Report assignments. The field trip for the Irvine Park Pumpkin patch will be on Monday, October 9th. We will have our Spooky Potluck and Costume Parade and on Tuesday, 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

- Study of Plants: Needs of Plants
- The root impressionistic charts: Water Seekers
- Keying Out Leaves: Students collect information about the characteristics of leaves from a number of tree and shrub species, enter information and construct a simple dichotomous key.

Physical/Cultural Geography

- Introduction to land forms: Landforms definitions and illustration booklets
- California: Population density, architecture, services and transport.
- Introduction to the nature of Elements and their characteristics: Elements and compounds.

Zoology

- Parts of the animals – Classified Nomenclature cards
- The invertebrates, also known as, Non Chordates
- Phylum Porifera: Students will use prepared slides to diagram and describe the feeding methods of the simplest multi-cellular animals called the sponges.

History

- California: Introduction to history of California
- Timeline of the development of life: Impressionistic Charts: detailed study of the pre-cambrian and Paleozoic eras.
- Study of the Great Civilizations: Introduction to the river and summer civilizations.

Music Appreciation:

- Create a music notebook
- Read 3 or more biographies of famous musicians
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Masterpiece of the month

- Create Masterpieces inspired by *Gustav Klimt*

I am so happy to see 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 or concerns.

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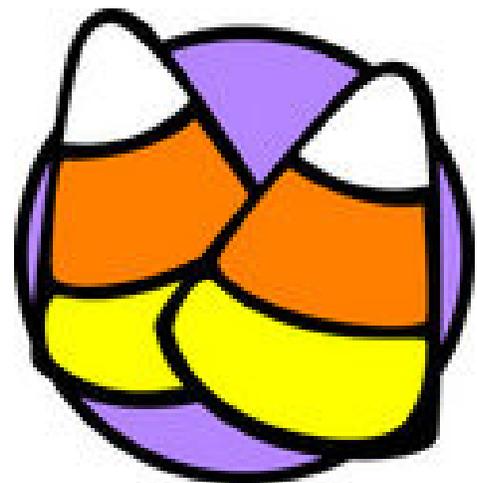
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Room 5- Ms. Gloria & Ms. Alicia: The month of September seemed to have flown by quickly. I was loved and showered with gifts for my birthday and I am thankful. Thank you to all the parents who attended our Back to School Night. I am certain that you 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. The children are enjoying them!

Our Zoology lesson for the month will focus on parts of a bird. In Botany, we will learn about the parts of a leaf. We will carve a pumpkin and make a jack-o-lantern close to Halloween with the help from all the children. The seeds will be planted by each child and taken home to watch its germination. The observations may be a great talk share on Friday!

In Art, the children will learn about the life and art of Vincent Van Gogh. They will observe and study a vase of sunflowers and recreate Van Gogh's sunflower masterpiece. Halloween theme art will also be displayed inside 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.

Our annual Costume parade will be held on Tuesday, October 31st 2017. Please send your child to school in costume with a labeled bag consisting of extra clothes. A sign-up sheet for the potluck will be posted closer to the event.

Happy Birthday to: Ruhi V. – 7th Evelyn N.-24th

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Room 6- Ms. Rasika & Ms. Bea: We had a very smooth transition to the new school year. The children have started off the year with such enthusiasm! We had fun learning “all about me” last month. We worked on normalizing the classroom by talking about grace and courtesy. We also worked on the basics of our class: walking feet, pushing in their chairs, rolling rugs, putting their work away when finished, washing hands, etc. In Geography we learned about the seven continents and ocean around the world.

Thank you for all the donations of fun new books and we hope you all enjoyed our book fair. A big thank you to all the parents who were able to make it to back to school night. We hope it helped you learn about your child's Montessori classroom and we believe it helped you to be more familiar with our classroom routine. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

For the month of October our unit of study will be weather and we will be learning 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 be doing a fun sponge paint art project. We will also be listening to the music of Bach through the 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.

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Room 7- Ms. Kelli, Ms. Allize & Ms. Nicole: What a fabulous first month we have had! The children are normalizing so smoothly. They have enjoyed making both art projects! I have to say that by the end of the month, most of the children were reading our book of the month, "I like myself" along with me!

I would like to say thank you to all the parents that came to our Back to School Night. It was wonderful to meet the parents we have not met yet!

I would like to welcome Avery and Noah into our classroom. We are so excited for you to be joining us!

What a spooky month we are going to have in October! Our new unit of the month will be all about pumpkins. The children will make pumpkins with small square shapes of orange and gluing it onto a black piece of paper.

Our book of the month will be, "Big Pumpkin" by Erica Silverman. The best part of this book is we get a CD with it that we can sing along too! The child will be coming home singing "big pumpkin" before you know it! They children will also be making gluing black feathers onto crows that go with the book! They will be hanging from our tree. Our song of the month will be Five Little Pumpkins. We will incorporate our singing with an adorable felt story.

Can you guess what our color of the month will be? Orange of course! I will be change all the trays and objects in the practical life to re-emphasize the color of the month.

For our new parents, the school will have a costume parade on Tuesday, October 31st. If your child would like to wear their costume please put street clothes underneath, or bring a change of clothes in a labeled bag. Our classroom will start the days festivities with a mini parade through the parking lot. The children will then sit on chairs and watch as the older children begin their large scale parade. On this day, we will also be having our yearly spooky potluck. Please keep an eye out for our sign-up sheet towards the end of the month.

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