

Fountain Valley Montessori

February 2018

"The word education must not be understood in the sense of teaching, but of assisting the psychological development of the child." ~ Dr. Maria Montessori

Important Dates:

Valentine's Day Lunch

Wednesday, February 14th

Please see your child's teacher or newsletter for details. PTU will be providing pizza.

Lunar New Year Celebration Thursday, February 15th

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Tax Time: Our tax ID # is 33 0961742. Please see the office if you need any statements for the 2017 school year.

Correct Information: Please make sure the office has your most current information. If you have changed cell phone numbers, switched emails, or recently moved, please make sure to double check the information with the office.

Lunar New Year Celebration: All classrooms will be celebrating the Lunar New Year on Thursday, February 15th. The students may wear festive attire including traditional clothing or red clothing to help celebrate. The children of Room 4 will jumpstart the celebrations with a festive parade. All preschool children will get an opportunity to watch and enjoy the parade. We will also have the option for your child to participate in a Chinese lunch. To participate, pay the office \$4.00 (like pizza days). If your child will not be participating in the Chinese lunch, please pack a lunch from home. Happy New Year!

Re-Enrollment: Re-enrollment will be taking place for the upcoming summer and the **2018-2019 School Year** between Wednesday, February 28th- Friday, March 9th. We offer placement for summer and fall to existing students and siblings first, before we open up to our wait list.

We will be placing your enrollment packet in your child's file. We will be offering an early enrollment incentive of zero enrollment fees for those families who turn in their re-enrollment no later than **Monday, March 5th**. All re-enrollment forms turned in after will be subject to the re-enrollment fee of \$100.

Please make sure to return your re-enrollment forms no later than **Friday, March 9th**, in order to ensure placement for the upcoming summer sessions and fall. We will open enrollment to new students after this date and will be unable to guarantee any late registrations we receive.



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Room 1- Ms. Jahaira & Ms. Yajaira: Happy Lunar Year!

The year started off with fun activities for the children. We traveled to Japan and India within our continent of Asia, where we learned about the flags, landmarks, and animals of Asia. The children enjoyed learning about the life cycle and parts of a frog. We had so much fun making our Rangoli Art with colored sand that was beautifully displayed on our outside wall. The children also learned about farm animals and were able to create their own art. Our "Peace Doves" in remembrance to Martin Luther King turned out great!

Next month our unit of study will be the Rainforest. We will continue to learn about Asia and focus on China and the Gobi Dessert. The class will continue to learn about Asia's culture, landmarks, animals and plants. We will be learning about parts of a fish.

In Spanish, the children will learn the names of the animals from the Lunar Year Calendar. In Art, we will recreate the cherry blossom painting by Katsushika Hokusai using ink and tissue paper. The class will also be introduced to a variety of music from the continent of Asia.

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Wednesday, February 14th. The children will be given a bag and they will have the opportunity to decorate them for the big day of love. If your child will be bringing valentines for their friends please write: To: "My Friend" From: your child's name. Please remember our low sugar policy.

The children and I are looking forward to our Lunar New Year Parade and our delicious Chinese food lunch.

Happy Birthday: Kahealani
M.-3rd Hunter N.-5th

Nathan T.-13th

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Room 2- Ms. Lindsay & Ms. Josie: The first month of the year has started out great for Room 2! We have had a lot of fun this month studying about Transportation and the continent of Antarctica. We made a book of 6 different types of penguins and learned about the other animals of Antarctica and how they live. They had a lot of fun making their rocket ships, cars, and boats to put up on the art wall. We also made Grandma Moses art for the hallway where they got to use their hands to paint with shaving cream and glue.

We have a very busy month of February ahead of us, as we will be learning so many new things. This month for our unit we will be learning about the weather. We will be studying about the water cycle and making our own to put up on the wall. We will also be learning about the different types of clouds we see in the sky and how the weather changes with the coming seasons. For our continent we will be traveling to Asia. While in Asia we will be learning about the many animals that roam the lands and we will be learning about the many foods from the largest continent of the world. The students will be making mask that they will be wearing during our Chinese New Year parade.

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day this month so the children will be given a bag and they will have the opportunity to decorate them for the big day of love. If your child will be bringing valentines for their friends please write: To: "My Friend" From: your child's name. Please remember our low sugar policy. For art of the month, we will be working on the art of Katsushika Hokusai and make a cherry blossom trees for the hall. For music, we will be listening to many types of music played in the eastern countries of Asia. There will be many new jobs on the shelves for the students to learn and use and I'm excited to see them and their excitement as they work with them.

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Room 3- Ms. Samantha & Ms. Christine: We had a great start entering 2018. The children settled into their work routine very quickly & enjoyed learning about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We discussed the importance of having a dream and ways in which we can share & care about one another in order to maintain a peaceful classroom environment. We had fun doing many winter art & craft projects, spooning ice cubes, scooping cotton balls & watching melting ice.

We are happy to welcome Natalie, Kate, and Davis to our classroom! February is filled with visions of hearts, cupids & chocolates! We will have fun making Valentine Art & talk about friendship love & compassion. Our lessons on Grace & courtesy will include good manners & role playing acts of kindness as well as older children leading by example. We will practice moving quietly with care through the environment, covering our mouths when coughing, knowing when & how to interrupt & waiting for our turn. These skills will contribute towards a harmonious & comfortable atmosphere in the classroom. In science we will discuss winter animals & hibernation.

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In our Geography study unit we will introduce the continent of Asia. Our focus will be on China as we celebrate the Chinese New Year. We will discuss Chinese traditions, culture and types of food we like from different countries in Asia. On Thursday, February 15th, we will be celebrating the Lunar New Year! We will be watching the elementary children walk around the school for our parade and we will be cheering on the sidelines. The school will be ordering Chinese food on this day as well. To participate, please pay \$4.00 to the office.

Our artist of the month will be Katsushika Hokusai & his Cherry Blossom Art. We will listen to Asian music from different countries in Asia. We look forward to an exciting month of learning & fun. In honor of Presidents' Day we will learn about our past presidents, their great achievements & their contributions to our rich history.

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Room 4- Ms. Paula & Ms. Yasmin: In January, we started to explore Asia as part of our cultural curriculum. The children were introduced to the map, countries, culture and flags. We will continue our cultural study of Asia in February. The grand celebration of the Lunar New Year will be on Thursday, February 15th.

In February, we will be learning about Asia. In Zoology, we will learn fun facts about the panda, orangutan, the elk and the tiger. It is the "Year of the Dog" and we will be learning about the Chinese horoscope. We have more marvelous mysteries to discover about Asia and the distinction between the Middle East and Southeast Asia. Did you know that the Great Wall of China can be seen by the astronauts from space?

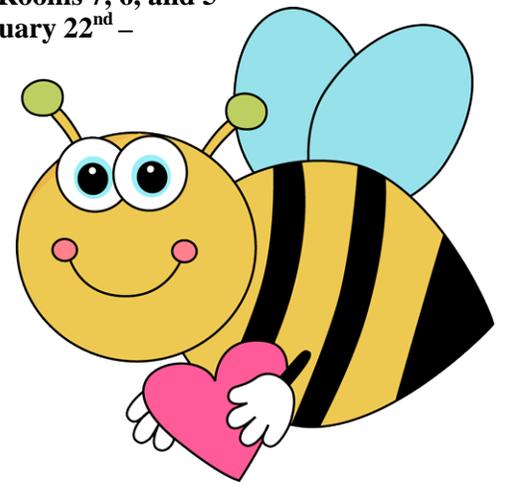
We will be celebrating St. Valentine's Day on Wednesday February 14th. Please send 24 valentines with your child on this day written "To my friend from (your child's name)" which will be easy distribution by your child during circle time.

Our artist of the month will be Jim Dine. In music we will enjoy some classic love songs to celebrate Valentine's Day. In science we will be experimenting with liquids and Gases.

We will also learn about the US presidents past and present, such as Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, and Donald Trump.

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Room 4- Ms. Neranja & Ms. Yasmin: Welcome to the month of Valentines and sweets treats! It is hard to believe that our first semester progress reports have been distributed already and we are on to the final half of the school year. The children have been working so hard and we would like to remind you that our classroom work time will start promptly at 8.45 am. Please remember that if you are running late, please let your child enter quietly by themselves. This helps maintain the order of the classroom and helps to not distract the children that are working. We are strictly adhering to this work time schedule to ensure a longer work period for the children.

One of the most popular units for the month of February would be the President's Day which falls on Monday, February 19. The children will be doing a Timeline of Presidents and engage in a Debate of the Presidents.

Units for the month of February will be:

Creative Writing Topics: * Write an Acrostic Valentine poem *Create a Presidential Information Board * Do research on two Presidents and compare using a Venn Diagram * "My Teacher for President" writing project.

History: * Mesozoic Era: an interval of geological time from about 252 to 66 million years ago. It is called the age of the Reptiles. *Ancient Rome_Cultural/Physical Geography: *Asia *State Reports *Mixtures, Elements and Compounds

Botany: *Classified Nomenclature: Flower * "As a Seed Grow": Students will observe a variety of Monocot and Dicot seeds, illustrating the differences between the two. Next, they will plant Peas and Corn seeds, observe their growth overtime. Collected date will be used to create a graph.

Art:* Inspired by their study of ancient Greece, the students will be creating and drawing Greek Vases/paper Mache vases.

Happy Birthday: Seth C. - 3rd Madeleine Y. - 11th

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Room 5- Ms. Gloria & Ms. Allize: During the month of January, we started a journey to Asia.

We will continue to explore Asia during February and learn fascinating facts about the continent. On Thursday, February 15th, FVM will have a parade by Elementary children to celebrate the Chinese New Year. We will be making dragon masks to wear while watching the parade. Please feel free to send your child in traditional attire on that day, although not mandatory. I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to do a presentation on any Asian country of your choice. If a group of parents want to get together and present one country that will be fine as well. The children loved my presentation of Sri Lanka and also the documentary of the country and the Elephants' Orphanage. We will continue to listen to music from other Asian countries. You may share any of your favorite CD's with music from Asia that we can listen to.

I would like to invite any creative parent to come to Room 5 and show your artistic talent! Suggestions are to make origami and paper chains with our children as a group project. Please let me know what day suits you in order to co-ordinate this project.

In Zoology, the life cycle of a frog and parts of a frog will be introduced. In Spanish, we will learn about vegetables. The children of Room 5 will learn about things that are living and non-living and their Spanish names.

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Reminder: Please check your child's cubby and replenish extra clothes.

Happy Birthday: Evlin A. – 5th Daniel C. – 19th

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Room 6- Ms. Rasika & Ms. Bea: 2018 is off to a wonderful start and we are so happy to see how the children have started off the year with such enthusiasm. In month of January, we learned about volcanoes, parts of a fish and the continent of Asia. We also learned about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and made an art project, focusing on love.

For the month of February, our unit of study will be solar system. Our continent for the month will be Europe. The children will be learning all about the animals, landmarks, and plants found in Europe. We will also continue to learn about the continent of Asia as we celebrate Lunar New Year in February. For Zoology, we will be learning about the life cycles. Our artist of the month will be Jim Dine and we will be learning about his unique style of painting. For music, we will be listening to the music of The Beatles. In Spanish, we will be learning colors. In honor of Presidents day, we will be talking about some of our past and present presidents in USA.

February is the month of love and kindness. I will be sending home precut hearts with your children. Please write down something your child has done to be helpful or kind on each heart cutout. Please return the hearts to the mailbox by the snack calendar. Please make sure to spread out the hearts throughout the month. We will be reading our special notes each day during morning circle time and I am sure that they will love it. The children will celebrate Valentine's Day in class on Wednesday, February 14th. Please feel free to send 24 valentines for your child to pass around. Please write "To my friend, from: (your child's name)".

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Sophia C. -12th Garrett H. -15th

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Room 7- Ms. Kelli, Ms. Nicole, Ms. Alicia, & Ms. Patricia: We had a great first month of 2018! The children picked up right where we left off! We had so much fun with learning about stars and the moon, with our book of the month, "Good Night Moon," by Margaret Wise Brown.

We are sad to see some children leave Room 7, but so excited for them to be moving into Preschool! Goodbye to Alexander, Luke, and Lyla, Brooke, Scarlett, Dean, and Kahealani. We are excited to have some new children joining our class! Welcome to

For the month of February, we will be learning all about "love" and what love means to us! The book of the month will be, "The Valentines Bears" by Eve Bunting. We will be filling the class up with hearts and love! Our color of the month will be Pink! I will be changing the jobs to go with our theme for the month.

On February 14th, we will be celebrating Valentine's Day. The PTU will be providing a Pizza Party! Also, we encourage the children to bring Valentines cards to their friends. Please write: TO: MY FRIEND and FROM: "YOUR CHILDS NAME". The children will be able to decorate their bags and the teachers will help them put them in their bags!

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