

# Fountain Valley

## Montessori

April 2018

"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:

Spring Break

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Chipotle Family Night

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### Happy Birthday...

Ms. Ashley... 1<sup>st</sup> Ms. Lindsay... 18<sup>th</sup>

**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.

**Extra Clothing:** Please bring **two** extra sets of clothing (including socks and underwear) to leave in your child's cubby.

**Toy Policy:** In keeping with our "No Toy" Policy, we ask that all children leave toys at home. Share items can be pictures pertaining to our unit of study or something special from a trip. Talking shares; in which your child tells their friends about a special vacation, etc. are always welcome too!

**Checking your Child In and Out:** As you know, signing your child in and out each day is a function mandated by the State of California. Each person who has your permission to drop off or pick up your child on a regular basis must register their OWN door code and fingerprint. This acts as an electronic signature. Throughout the year, reasons do arise that you may have someone pick-up your child who may or may not be on your "authorized pick-up list. Please fill out a pink authorization slip from the office for these situations. Also, please ensure that they have a picture ID. Children will not be released to anyone without your prior permission.

**Snack and our Low-Sugar Policy:** As part of the children's Practical Life activities, each classroom has a monthly snack host/hostess sign-up calendar. This will allow the children to experience the full process of creating a meal: shopping, preparing, and serving. Each month please see the snack sign-up sheets located outside each classroom door. Please plan on serving 24 children and adhere to our "low sugar" policy. Please remember when signing up for classroom snack to

bring at least two food groups. Also, please make sure items are pre-washed. Individually packaged or pre-

distributed items are greatly appreciated.

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**Room 1- Ms. Jahaira & Ms. Yajaira:** Welcome back from Spring break!

March was such a busy month! The children had so much fun during their egg hunt. Thank you to all the parents who signed up and made our spring potluck possible. The food was all so yummy! St. Patrick's Day was a success thanks to the help of our little leprechauns in the front office! The children enjoyed tasting their yummy green lemonade!

In the month of March, the children were very busy learning about the planets in our solar system. They also learned about Europe's monuments, animals, and their traditional dishes. We learned about parts of a flower and listened to Elvis' music during work time. Their Georgia O'Keefe art has been beautifully displayed outside.

This month, the children will travel to the continent of Africa. They will learn about the different animals, flags, and traditional clothing. We will also be studying parts of a horse and the life cycle of a chicken.

We will recreate a famous painting by our artist Vincent VanGogh. The children will also be listening to the Beatles during work time!

In honor of Earth Day, the children will be learning how to properly recycle plastic, aluminum, compost, paper and cardboard. We will also have a fun activity planned for Earth Day.

Happy Birthday: -Emma V.-5<sup>th</sup> Logan K.-26<sup>th</sup> - Jensen S.-28<sup>th</sup>

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**Room 2- Ms. Lindsay & Ms. Josie:** This month has been a lot of fun for room 2. We traveled through Asia and learning about the culture and diversity there. We studied the parts of a frog and talked about the life cycle of a frog. The students wrote a story on "if they found a pot of gold what would I do with it". It was so fun seeing what the children had to say! For our Dinosaur unit we talked about the many types of dinosaurs and whether they were carnivores or herbivores. The students were able to make a book about the types of dinosaurs and write sentences along with them. For art projects we made clovers for our tree using marbles and huge class splatter paint mural. They also made dinosaurs from noodles. As many of you probably heard the Leprechaun visited our classroom while we were out playing and messed it all up. They had the best time trying to find where he was and catch him.

As we jump into Spring we will be traveling to Africa. In Geography, we will be studying the animals of Africa. We will be working on African Line Art. For Zoology, we will be learning the parts of a turtle and parts of a hen. We will also be studying and making parts of an egg to go along with our spring unit. For food preparation we will be slicing eggs. The musician of the month will be Piano Guys. For Earth Day, we will be talking about how we can save the earth, what we can do to help make it a better place by recycling or throwing trash away or planting trees. So we will all be planting grass, writing a story about how we can help the earth and we will also be putting lima beans in a ziplock and watching them sprout. As a special treat we will be watching a video on Africa and turtles. Room 2 has so many more fun things planned and projects to do.

Happy Birthday: Leon B.-1<sup>st</sup> Ms. Lindsay-18<sup>th</sup> Senna J.-28<sup>th</sup>

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**Room 3- Ms. Samantha & Ms. Christine:** April is here! Welcome to Spring, a joyous time of renewal & rebirth. We hope all our families had a wonderful spring break. A big thank you to all of you for your loving support & participation in our egg hunt & potluck. The children were so excited to fill up their little baskets with colorful eggs. We had a lot of fun learning about baby animals, pond life, tadpoles & frogs, rainbows & leprechauns!

It is nice to return to school & find gardens bursting with new life & children full of energy. During the month of April we will explore the continent of South America. We will discover the beauty of its tropical rain forests, the exotic fauna & flora, the great Amazon River & the surrounding areas of the Amazon rain forests.

As we celebrate Earth Day this month we will also learn about taking care of our magnificent Earth & it's environment & have fun while recycling. We will discuss types of rocks & how they are formed, the many layers of the Earth & volcanoes.

In Science, we will study the parts of a Volcano. Our science experiment will be an erupting volcano with baking soda & colored vinegar. In Botany, we will learn parts of a leaf and discuss edible leaves. Our artist of the month will be Claude Monet. We will paint our own re-creation of Monet's Spring Garden! We will be listening to the music of Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)

Happy Birthday: Oliver U.- 22<sup>nd</sup>

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**Room 4- Ms. Paula, Ms. Yasmin, & Ms. Patty:** Welcome back from a week long spring break! We hope you and your children had a good rest during that time!

In March, we loved talking to you about your loved one during the conference. Thank you for your participation. March was dental awareness month and we enjoyed the presentation on dental hygiene by Dr. Chu and staff..

In March, we studied Europe and visited many countries learning about the geographic region, their food, the languages spoken. Lower elementary has gone on a safari to Africa. So far, we have studied the geographic regions (central, eastern, northern, southern, and western) and vegetation zones of Africa. We will continue to explore Africa and learn about the unique animals, amazing landmarks and types of housing. In music we will listen to various types of music from Africa and explore paint techniques. In Zoology, we will cover the life cycle of the frog and types of frogs. In Botany, we learned about the shapes of leaves. April is poetry month so we are going to learn about limericks and write a poem.

Happy Birthday: Sarah S. - 9<sup>th</sup>

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**Room 4-Ms. Neranja, Ms. Yasmin, & Ms. Patty:**

This school year has been flying by and we are so excited that springtime is here at last!

Shouldn't we celebrate poetry all year round, not just in April? Yes! We encourage the year-round, life-long reading of poetry. In April, we will be celebrating the National Poetry Month. We will be highlighting the extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets. We will be also working on reading/writing Poem- a - day activities. Save the date for Poem in Your Pocket Day which will be held on Thursday, April 26. On Poem in Your Pocket Day, people throughout the United States select a poem, carry it with them, and share it with others throughout the day. This year, we would also be taking part in 2018 National Poetry Month's education project, "Dear Poet." This unit incorporates multimedia and classroom activities to encourage students to explore and interact with poetry by first writing letters to important historical poets as practice, for writing letters to the Academy of American Poets Board of Chancellors, a group that represents poetry in America at its best. More details to follow!

**Cultural Units:**

History: Ancient Civilizations - Japan-an Island Nation/  
Central and South American empires  
Timeline of People

Botany: Plant Cell – to observe, identify and describe the functions of organelles of plant cells/ Botany  
Impressionistic charts: the position of roots in relation to leaves.

Zoology: The Vertebrates- Comparing body systems/  
Whose tracks are these? / Skulls (students make careful observations of animal skulls and learn how to distinguish carnivores from herbivores and predators from prey.

Geography: Africa country study/ Classification of Elements: The Periodic Table

Art: Experiment with water media- Students will use other media in conjunction with watercolor techniques

Creative Writing: Daily poetry reading and writing

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**Room 5- Ms. Gloria & Ms. Allize:** Welcome back! We hope everyone had a great spring recess and are well rested!

The month of March has been a fabulous month as we discussed about Shamrocks and Leprechauns for St. Patrick's Day. We also made a "Cat in the Hat" hat to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and discussed the importance of reading. Thank you to all the parents who met with me for parent/teacher conferences. It was great to see you all!

For the month of April we will study the continent of Europe. The children will learn the Geographic region, countries, animals, flags, food and languages spoken throughout the different countries in this beautiful continent. They will discover that Eiffel Tower is located in France and the Leaning Tower of Pisa is in Italy! In Art, we will learn about Edgar Degas and create his Ballerina Art. We will also work on a spring themed art project. We will also learn about Farm Life. The children will be introduced to farm animals and their off springs. In Spanish, the children will learn about farm animals. Life cycle of a hen will be presented in Zoology.

The composer of the month is Bach and we will listen to his music during work time. In observance of Earth Day on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the importance of recycling will be discussed. Plastic bottles will be recycled in our room. It will be nice if the children can continue to recycle outside of the school. We will plant seeds in biodegradable pots which can be directly planted in soil later.

Happy Birthday: Blake T.- 5<sup>th</sup>

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for Room 6. During the month of March the children enjoyed learning all about health and nutrition. Thank you for all the parents who supported the fruits and vegetables tasting project. Room 6 children had so much fun tasting new fruits and vegetables. We also learned all about Africa and the animals that live there. Our study unit for the month of April will be water cycle. In Geography we will be learning about the continent of Australia. In zoology, we will study about parts of a turtle. In Spanish, we will continue to learn the names of fruits and vegetables. We will also work on aboriginal art project and will listen to aboriginal music during this month.

In observance of Earth Day on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, the importance of recycling will be discussed. Plastic bottles will be recycled in our room. It will be nice if the children can continue to recycle outside of the school.

Reminders: \* As the weather changes, please replenish your child's extra clothing, and as always school starts promptly at 9:00am. \* Please remember that class start at 9.00 am. It is important that children do not miss out on morning circle.

Happy Birthday: Xander R.-4<sup>th</sup> Emiko H.-6<sup>th</sup>  
Olivia R. -18<sup>th</sup>

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**Room 6- Ms. Rasika & Ms. Bea:** Welcome

spring! Thank you made it to parent/teacher was a pleasure speaking to child's progress. March and a productive month

**Room 7- Ms. Kelli, Ms. Nicole, Ms. Alicia & Ms. Patty:** What a lucky month we have had. The children really enjoyed Lucky our leprechaun messing up the classroom! That sneaky guy messed all the chairs and pieces of the rainbow all over classroom!

I would like to introduce Lauren, Lynn, and Olivia into our class! Welcome Lauren, Lynn and Olivia!

I think we are all excited that spring has begun! Let's bring on the warm weather! We will explore all about spring and the beautiful flowers that are blooming, along with all the new insects that will be making an appearance!

We will be reading a classical book, that everyone will enjoy, "The Tale of Peter Rabbit" by Beatrix Potter. Please look for your child's art project on the outside wall

Our color of the month will be purple. Our song of the month will be "Little Bunny FuFu".

Reminders:

- Please check your child's extra clothing. Please change out the long sleeves/pants, for short sleeves/pants.
- Class start promptly at 9:00am. Even though we are on the playground, this extra time outside is allowing all the children to transition into class.

Happy Birthday: Clare N. - 20<sup>th</sup>

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