

Fountain Valley Montessori

May 2018

"Character formation cannot be taught. It comes from experience and not from explanation." ~ Dr. Maria Montessori

Important Dates:

Teacher Appreciation Week

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Mother's Day: All mothers are invited to join their child for a special "Moms and Muffins" breakfast on Friday, May 12th. We hope to see all moms between 8:00am -9:00am. Dads be patient! You will have your turn next month!

Pajama Day: Friday, May 18th is Pajama Day. Please have your child come to school in their favorite pajamas. This is a day to just have fun and relax. (Please make sure that they still wear appropriate shoes and undergarments.)

Open House: The end of the year is approaching and the children want to show you all that they have mastered! Join us on Thursday, May 17th between 8:00am-9:30am and let your child show you around their classroom. This is a time for your child to become the teacher and share with you the activities in the classroom they like best.

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Room 1- Ms. Jahaira & Ms. Yajaira: I am amazed by the fact that we only have two more months left of school! This year simply flew by. The children have grown so much and continue to surprise me daily with what they have learned. They enjoyed listening to Beatles music and had fun recreating our Vincent Van Gogh art. We had so much fun planting our grass seeds and are very excited to watch them sprout.

This month our continent of study will be South America and our unit of study will be the Rainforest. The children will be making their own rainforest animals to decorate our classroom tree. We will also study the life cycle of a plant and parts of a leaf.

In art, the children will use water colors and oil pastels to experience yet another art technique. In music, the children will be indulging in a variety of music from South America. In Spanish, the children will be using 3-part cards to learn the parts of a leaf.

The children and I are so excited to present our class moms with their mother's day gift and card. I hope to see all the moms on Friday, May 11.

Happy Birthday: Scarlett B. 24th and Jason L. 30th

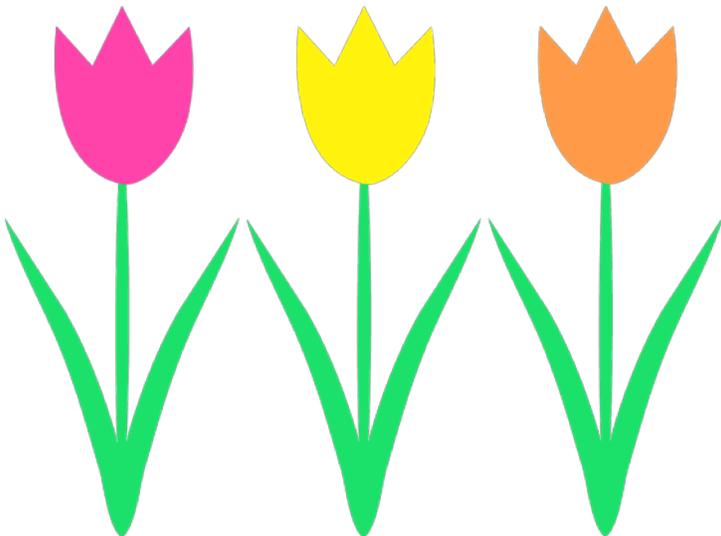
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Room 2- Ms. Lindsay & Ms. Josie: We ended the month of April showers and look forward to beginning May with fresh new flowers! The students had a great time learning all about turtles this last month. We talked about the life cycle of a sea turtle and the parts of a turtle. We also talked about the parts of a hen and parts of an egg. Along with that they each had the chance to slice a hard boiled egg so that they could see the inside. In Geography we traveled to Africa where we learned about the animals, specifically the giraffe, hippo, elephant, and the lion. We also had a lesson on the 3 part cards of flags of Africa. For art projects the students worked on button turtles, aboriginal dot paint, and African safari scenes. I want to convey my thanks to everyone for making my birthday so special. I had a wonderful time celebrating with the students. Thank you!

May promises to be a busy month! The spring season is on and it is a perfect time to learn about the parts and life cycle of a butterfly. As a special treat, we will have real life caterpillars in our room and be able to watch them turn into butterflies. We will then release them into the nature once they are ready. In Botany we are going to be learning about parts of a flower. We will be hopping onto the Room 2 airline and traveling to Australia to learn about the animals and the culture. The unit for our month will be volcanoes. We will go over the parts of a volcano. For art projects we will be doing something new! We will be reading stories and then be doing art to go along with what we learned and imagined. We will also be using celery to paint with and making bracelets for the life cycle of a butterfly. Our tree will also be blooming with flowers so watch out!

Happy Birthday: Mila N.-25

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Room 3- Ms. Samantha & Ms. Christine: April was a fairly busy month. The children have been working toward mastery of concepts learned. The school year is not over yet & the students still have time to learn & firmly plant seeds of knowledge & understanding into their fertile minds!

We are embracing the season of spring watching nature at work, watering our flower beds & enjoying the sunshine. The children really enjoyed planting lima beans and grass seeds as a part of our Earth Day celebration as well as learning about different ways to take care of our Earth.

In May, our study unit will be on Insects. We will study the life cycle & parts of a butterfly. We will watch our own caterpillars turning into beautiful butterflies!

In Geography, we will travel to Africa & explore the beauty & wonder of its rich wild life, famous landmarks, culture & traditions of it's people. We will be listening to African music from different parts of the Continent.

Our artist of the month will be Georgia O'Keefe. While we paint our own flowers we will also learn the parts of a flower & the process of pollination.

We will have a special Mother's Day celebration for all our wonderful moms. Watch out for more details as the day draws near. We wish all our moms a very special & happy mother's Day! Thank you for all you do.

Happy Birthday: Ainsley G. - 1st Avery W. - 11th
Olivia N.-25th

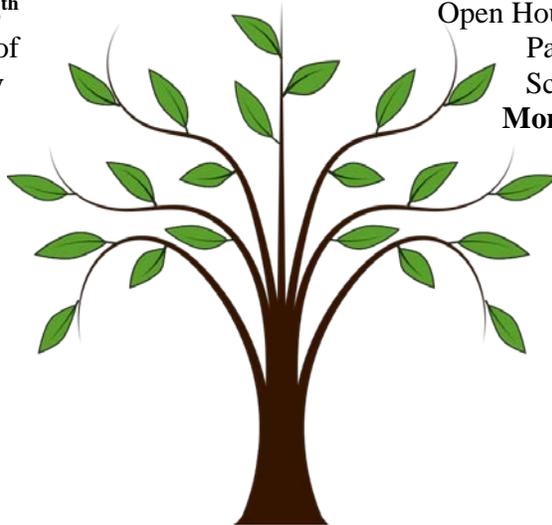
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Room 4- Ms. Paula, Ms. Yasmin, & Ms. Patty: May is the fifth month of the year. It has thirty one days. There are several stories how this month was named. In early Roman times, May was named for Maia, the Roman goddess of spring and growth. People living in England long ago called this month Thrimilce. This means “to milk three times”. At this time of year, there was much new grass. Cows had more to eat and gave more milk, so they could be milked three times a day, instead of twice a day.

Our cultural curriculum has us travelling to South America in May, and is your *Mama a Llama?* We'll find out when we study the animals of South America. We will learn about the geographic regions of South America, flags, and their natural wealth. We'll cover the terrain of the Andes Mountains, the Amazon Basin and the Inca Ruins.

In music we will be listening to learning songs about South America, by Suzanne Ross, titled *Rain is Coming*. Our classic reader will be *Classic Fairy Tales* by Charles & Hans Christian Andersen. In Botany we will be learning about parts of the flower.

The marvelous month of May has many magical moments in store. All our beautiful mothers are invited to enjoy breakfast with your child on May 11th to celebrate Mother's Day!

On May 18th it's our Open House at FVM. The children in lower elementary will have a chance to show their parents all their hard work.

Happy Birthday: Mary Margaret S. - 13th

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

Happy May! It is hard to believe that May is here already and we have only one more month of school. April was a busy month and the children had a wonderful time learning about Earth Day. It was also wonderful to see the young poets in action. I was impressed by their “letters to a poet”.

Our class is going to have our **Cultural Fair** on May 17th and it will coincide with Open House. In preparation for this event, they already have researching for age appropriate projects and assignments. You are invited to check out the thought provoking presentations which will be displayed the day of Open House in our back picnic area.

Cultural Units for the month of May:

Geography: *Importance of Latin America in today’s world.

Art: *Word Art Illustrations: Use images and lettering style to communicate the meaning of a specific word chosen for the composition.

Shadow Art: Shadow art is a unique form of sculptural art where the 2D shadows cast by a 3D sculpture are essential for the artistic effect.

Creative Writing: * The Best Part of Me
* International Space Day

Zoology: *Owl Pellets: to identify the animal skulls and other bones found in the pellet as well as to observe and describe a food web

Botany: *Plant Transportation Systems: to understand process of osmosis and transpiration in plants

* Leaf Pigments: In this activity students collect information about the characteristics of leaves from a number of tree and shrub species.

Happy Birthday: Emmy T. - 27th

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Room 5- Ms. Gloria & Ms. Allize: April

showers...bring May flowers! During the month of May, we will be touring the continent of South America, cruising through the Rain Forest, learning about the animals, countries and their food. In April, we began to observe the life cycle of a butterfly and will continue to observe them until all the butterflies are out of their cocoons. They will then be released to the nature.

During May, we will be learning about the parts of a butterfly and making an art project on its life cycle. They will also learn about various insects and a three part card lesson will be given. The music of Tchaikovsky will be listened to during work time. In Art, the children will draw toucans using the “Monart method” and color them to decorate the outside bulletin board. In Spanish, we will learn about insects.

All the wonderful mothers of FVM are invited to “Moms and Muffins” on Friday May 11th 2018 between 8:00 am and 9:30am to celebrate Mother’s Day. The children will do a special performance for you at 8:45. Also, please save the date and time to attend our Open House on Thursday May 17th between 8:00 am and 9:30 am. Please bring your child to school during that time and plan on spending some time in class so your child may show his/her work. Your child will be giving you a lesson on his/her favorite job and be your teacher on that day!

If you have not already done so, kindly check your child’s extra clothes for the correct size and season, so that they could be used when needed. Kindly provide us with sunscreen if you have not done so, and also fill in the paperwork necessary at the office. Please check with Ms. Allize or myself to see if we have sunscreen for your child.

Happy Birthday: Matthew N.- 15th Maverick M.– 29th
Parker V. – 29th An-Khang H. –31st

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Room 6- Ms. Rasika & Ms. Bea: April was a busy and fun month! We explored the water cycle and learned about Australia. The children were introduced to the map, culture, animals and flag of the great continent. The children really enjoyed learning about the aboriginal art and music. We also learned about recycling and how to take care of the earth. The children had fun celebrating Earth day by planting our own seeds and watching them grow.

For the month of May, our unit of study will be the rainforest. Our continent for the month will be South America. We will be learning all about the animals, landmarks and plants found in South America. For zoology, we will be studying parts of a butterfly and the life cycle of a butterfly. We will also get to observe the actual life cycle of a butterfly in our class.

Our artist of the month will be Carol May and we will be working on our interpretation of one of her creations. We will be listening to the music of Tchaikovsky during the month of May. In Spanish, we will be learning the names of different insects.

Please check your child's extra clothes for the correct size, and ensure that they are season appropriate. Also, with the temperature being warm, we will be applying sunscreen on children who stay for afternoon daycare. Kindly provide us with sunscreen and fill out the necessary paperwork in the office.

Thanks and have a great month ahead!

Happy Birthday: Charlise T.-11th Alexis M. - 19th
Harper B.- 31st

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Room 7- Ms. Kelli, Ms. Alicia, & Ms. Nicole: What a and fabulous month we have had! The children enjoyed learning all about rabbits. They had so much fun learning the song, "Little Bunny Fu-Fu." They enjoyed making their handprint chicks. We got a chance to celebrate Earth Day and they had so much fun planting seeds. I can't wait to watch their faces as the seeds start growing!

I would like to welcome Lauren, Lynn, and Olivia to our classroom!

For the month of May, we will enjoy learning about butterflies. We will watch the larvae turn into beautiful and colorful butterflies!

Our book of the month will be by my favorite author, Eric Carle. We will read "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". While we read the book, the children will be able to relate it to our growing caterpillars in class! Once they are fully grown, we will be releasing the butterflies into the world! Keep an eye out for pictures!

Our color of the month will be yellow. It will be fun to see the practical life area filled with yellow objects and materials.

We will be having our Mom's and Muffins to celebrate Mother's Day, on May 11th from 8:00am-9:30am.

Please make sure to attend our Open House on May 17th from 8:00am-9:30am. This will be the time for your child to show you all the work they have learned throughout the year. They are going to be so excited to show you all their jobs!

Happy Birthday: Madison H. - 7th Linc P. - 13th
Katelynn V. - 16th

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