

Fountain Valley Montessori

June 2018

"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 -9:30 am. We hope to see all dads there!

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.



Elementary Certificates & Graduation: We will be having a graduation ceremony for our Elementary graduates. We will also be handing out certificates to all children in our Elementary program on Tuesday, June 19th between 9:00am – 9:45am. Please feel free to stay after drop off and attend this event. If you have not received the Evite, please see the office.

Spirit Week: Join us for a fun last week of school! Monday, June 18th- Friday, June 22nd

Monday: 80's DAY! Rock the neon and side ponytails

Tuesday: GAME DAY! Bring your favorite board game

Wednesday: ZOO DAY! Dress like a zoo animal

Thursday: SPORTS DAY! Wear your favorite team's jersey

Friday: SPIRIT DAY! Wear your green FVM shirt

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 Celebration: You are invited to join us for our end of the year "FVM Zoo" celebration! The children will be able to enjoy an extended playtime on Wednesday, June 20th. 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 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.

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Room 1- Ms. Jahaira & Ms. Yajaira: I can't believe the end of the school year is quickly approaching. In the month of May, we learned about the parts of a leaf, the life cycle of a plant and of a butterfly. The children were so excited to see our butterflies emerge from their chrysalis during the Mother's Day breakfast. Great timing! We also learned about the continent of South America and all about the rainforest.

I would like to thank all the moms who were able to join us for our Mother's Day breakfast, the children were thrilled to present you with their gift. Open house was a success, thank you to all the parents who were able to join us. Thank you all again for making teacher appreciation week so special for Ms. J and I. We appreciate all your generous gifts and love!

In June, we will be learning about dinosaurs. In geography, we will be traveling to the continent of Australia. Where we will be learning about their food, animals and music! We will also be exploring the art made by indigenous people of Australia and creating our own aboriginal art.

In zoology, we will be learning about parts of an ant and parts of a turtle. In science, the children will be learning about magnetism. In Spanish, we will be learning how to greet others and learn about manners.

Happy Father's Day to all of our amazing dads! Please join us on Friday, June 15th for our Father's Day breakfast.

Happy Birthday: Avalyn V. 5th Lambert S. 7th

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Room 2- Ms. Lindsay & Ms. Josie: May was a great month in Room 2. We had so many fun lessons and but had so much fun! Last month we talked about the actual volcano that is erupting in Hawaii! The students were able to make their own ripping strips of paper and gluing them. We talked about the actual volcano that erupting in Hawaii right now and what is happening. We then watched a fun documentary on volcanoes. In Zoology, we talked about Parts of a Butterfly and Life Cycle of a Butterfly. The students loved watching their own Butterflies emerge from the chrysalis.. We then released them into the wild. We also used paper plates and noodles to make our own Life Cycle of the Butterfly. A big thanks to everyone who was able to make it for Open House. The students were so excited to show off all their work and present their favorite jobs.

This month we will be learning about the Solar System. We will be going over all the planets and make our own Solar System. We will learn about the many constellations, layers of the Earth, and the formation of stars. There will also be many other fun lessons on the shelf and art projects to go with our unit. In Zoology we will be learning about Parts of a Horse. The artist of the month will be Claude Monet. We will be learning about Land and Water Formations this year. For Music, we will be listening to the Beetles. It has truly been an amazing year and we are proud of every child's achievements.

Happy Birthday: Kai T.-24th

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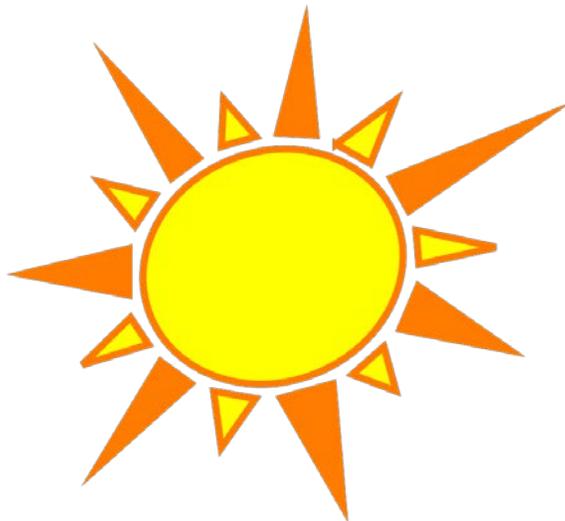
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Room 3- Ms. Samantha & Ms. Patty: It is hard to believe that the school year has come to a close! It is so wonderful to see the growth of our students from the beginning to the end. What was once challenging work has now become easy!

During the month of May we learned about plants & seeds, seed coats & seedlings, and the conditions necessary for plant life to grow. We planted our own Lima beans & grass seeds. We helped with garden area maintenance such as digging soil, uprooting weeds & watering our flower beds. We learned about Earth worms & other insects that are helpful for the soil in our gardens. We had so much fun exploring our playground for spring lady bugs, beetles, butterflies & snails.

We will finish up the school year exploring the beauty & splendor of ocean life, different types of fish, sea shells & exotic beaches around the world. In Science we will study parts of a fish & the life cycle of fish. In Geography we will travel down under to the unique continent of Australia & learn about the climate, culture & the exotic animals that are indigenous only to this continent. We will learn about Aboriginal Art & crafts & listen to Aboriginal music.

As our academic year comes to an end we would like to say how grateful we are for each one of our families & for all your loving support throughout the school year. We are very proud of your children. They have worked so hard & had so much fun learning!

Happy Birthday - Ethan S.- 22nd

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Room 4- Ms. Paula & Ms. Yasmin: 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. Also, our sincere appreciation expressed for generously and genuinely acknowledging Teacher Appreciation Week.

June is the sixth month of the year. Some people say that June was named for Juno, the Roman goddess of marriage. In the northern half of the world, summer begins on June 20th or 21st. In the southern part of the world, this is when winter starts. In our lower elementary program, this is where we complete our year’s journey.

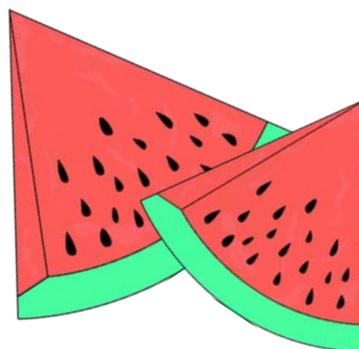
For our cultural curriculum we will be traveling to the land down under...Australia. This continent has so many amazing facts. We will also learn about the flags, animals and people. As we explore Australia we will work on an exciting Aboriginal art piece.

In Zoology we will learn about the Parts of the Horse. We will continue to read Classic Stories in the month of June. Our composer will be Louis Armstrong.

Please mark your calendars for June 19th, as we will be having our Completion Ceremony. We will pass out your child's certificate of completion.

Happy Birthday: Kayla J.- 10th

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Room 4- Ms. Neranja & Ms. Yasmin: June is already here and it's hard to believe 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

History – Time Line of Early Humans

Art - Mary Cassatt portraits: The artists will watch a movie about the life and art of Mary Cassatt. Then we will use our own photos to cut in half. One side of our artwork is our photo and the other is the side we draw. The students will be able to recognize the art of Mary Cassatt, draw half of a face using correct proportions, create a value to scale with pencil, use shading techniques to create value, as well as create a uniquely patterned frame.

Happy Birthday: Jaylee T.- 5th Zennor T.- 15th

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Room 5- Ms. Gloria & Ms. Melinda: Can you believe that the school year has already come to an end? We would like to start all over!! Going down memory lane, I am so impressed and proud of all the progress each child made. Watching them grow and learn has been a great experience for me.

Firstly, we would like to thank all the parents for appreciating us during Teacher Appreciation Week. We were showered with love and gifts and felt very special and appreciated. We are certain that all mothers of FVM felt special and loved during Mother's Day breakfast. Thank you to all the parents who made it to Open House.

During the month of June, the children will travel to Africa, discovering its geographic region, countries, flags, food and art. We will be listening to African music during work-time. The children will be making African masks and wearing them for a parade through the preschool classes.

In Art, we will learn about Frida Kahlo and create her portrait. In Science, the children will be introduced to living and non-living things. In Spanish, the children will learn about numbers.

We will have a special ceremony to award the children with a medal and certificate for their participation in P.E. The date will be confirmed later.

Please mark your calendar for Father's Day Breakfast on Friday, June 15th between 8:00 and 9:30 am. All fathers are cordially invited to join this special occasion. The school year will be over on Friday, June 22nd. Progress Reports will be passed out on that day.

Best wishes and warmest regards to those children who are moving to other schools. We will miss you! Thank you so much for entrusting your child's growth and learning upon us. Have a great summer!

Happy Birthday: Oliver B.-18th Bryan V.-23rd

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Room 6- Ms. Christine & Ms. Bea: May has flown by the end of the school year is quickly approaching. In the month of May, we learned all about the rain forest, the life cycle of a butterfly, and the continent of South America. We also had so much fun celebrating all our wonderful moms in Room 6. I would like to thank all the moms who joined us for mothers' day breakfast. I also would like to thank all the parent who attended the open house and I hope it helped you to get an idea of your child's classroom environment.

In June, we will be learning about Transportation. In Geography, we will be reviewing all the continents we studied during the year. All through the 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 or state and make a report to present to the class. The continent report will be displaying on the wall in the month of June. Further details will follow soon! In this month, we will also be listening to the music from around the world.

In Zoology, we will be learning about insects. In Spanish, we will be reviewing what we have learned throughout the year. We also will be learning how to have a basic conversation in Spanish.

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. Britney, Ms. Alicia, & Ms. Nicole: What a wonderful month of May we have 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! They got to show what they have been learning all year long. They joys on all their faces made my day! To end out month, we got to watch our baby caterpillars grow into beautiful butterflies! They loved releasing them back into nature!

For the month of June, we will be learning all about summer fun! We will discuss the change in our weather, BBQ-ing, summer actives, and talk about 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! Be on the lookout for colorful felt pieced on the shelves!

Our Song of the month will be "The Ants go marching one by one"

It has been my privilege to have had such an amazing group of children and wonderful parents such as yourselves! They are such amazing, hardworking, and adorable students that have made this year so much fun. I will miss you all!

To the students moving on to our preschool classrooms, I know they are going to have so much fun learning and exploring. I am so proud of how far they have all come.

Happy Birthday: Jayden P.- 22nd Elijah A.-27th
Naomi L.- 27th

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