

Fountain Valley Montessori

September 2018 Newsletter



Important Dates:

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Observance of Labor
Day

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Happy Birthday...

Ms. Gloria- 6th

Ms. Yasmin- 28th

From the Director: Fountain Valley Montessori is thrilled for the 2018-2019 school year! On behalf of the staff, we are privileged that you have chosen Fountain Valley Montessori to be the place where your child spends their days learning, growing and making childhood memories that will last them a lifetime!

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.

Morning Drop-Off and Afternoon Pick up: Classes start promptly at 9:00am and concludes at 12:00pm for our half day students and 3:00pm for our full day students. There is a 15-minute grace period during morning drop-off. We encourage all students to be dropped off during the grace period, to ensure a smooth transition into their school day. Please note if utilizing this grace period or dropping your child off on the playgrounds in the morning, please ensure that your goodbyes are short and sweet. Parent/ School Communication: Good communication between school and home truly enhances your child’s learning experience. Each child has a file folder on top of the cubbies in their classroom. Please check these folders daily. This is where parents will find information regarding activities, newsletters, and any other pertinent information. In addition, please routinely check your email for classroom and school updates. Please note each classroom also has a parent board with recent letters, reminders, and daily information.

Like us on Facebook and Instagram! We post updates and pictures from recent events. Visit us at fvmontessori.com for the newsletter, calendar, etc.

Teacher Emails

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A Reminder about Our Illness Policy: Children may not attend school with a fever, vomiting, diarrhea, discolored mucus, or any other infectious illness. If a child is sent home from school, he/she must be symptom free for a complete 24 hours before returning to school. For example, if a child is sent home at 1:30pm, their 24 hour period would end at 1:30pm the following day. FVM reserves the right to request a doctor's note for any child who is sent home. In order for us to administer medication that is prescribed by a physician, you must complete the Medicine Log and give all medications to the front office. The medication must have the doctor's prescription sticker on it.

A Note about Tuition: Tuition is due on the 15th of every month prior to attendance (i.e. October tuition is due on September 15th, November tuition is due on October 15th, etc). All Tuition Express accounts will be debited on the 15th of each month. If tuition is not received by the 20th of the month, a \$50.00 late charge will automatically be applied to your account.

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. Please also note that we do not serve anything with peanuts for any group meal.

Parking Lot: Please remember to drive slowly in the parking lot. There are a lot of children crossing the parking lot and getting in and out of cars during drop-off and pick-up. For your safety, we also encourage parents to keep their purses or other valuables with them at all times. Please refrain from using your cell phones while inside or directly outside the FVM doors as this is cause for distractions. The children are our number one concern, as they are yours. Please help keep our children safe!

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!

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

Room 1- Ms. Jahaira & Ms. Yajaira: We welcome all new and returning families to Room 1! It has been a great summer and we are looking forward to the 2018-2019 school year. It is a pleasure to have your child in our class this year! We have an exciting year planned ahead full of fun, learning and growth.

During the first few weeks of school we will be focusing on normalizing the children. Our primary goal is to make every child feel safe and loved. This way, they can bond with us and with their new environment. They will be given lessons on taking care of themselves and their environment, classroom rules, and practical life lessons. The children who have been in our class for a year will be great mentors to the new children.

In the month of September, we will study about land and water formations and the continents. We will also be learning "All About Me"! The children will learn about the human body and different characteristics like hair color, eye color, and skin color. We will also learn about our five senses and our emotions. In Botany, we will study about the types of apples and the parts of an apple. In Zoology, the children will also learn about the parts of a frog.

Over the year, we will learn about various artists and their work. We will begin the year by learning about Paul Cezanne and create our own apple art. The children's masterpieces will be displayed in the hallway. We will also listen to Aretha Franklin. Her music will be played during work time. We will also talk about parts of the body for our Spanish lesson.

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Please email me if you have any questions at jahaira@fvmontessori.com.

Happy Birthday: Samuel B.- 26th

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Room 2- Ms. Lindsay & Ms. Marian: The summer has flown by and Room 2 has had some great times this summer! We had Kona ice to cool us down and a few great in-house field trips from Kids Imagine Nation to puppet shows and a petting farm! We learned about Summer Sports, Authors and Books Around the World and many others. As we are sad to say goodbye to the summer sun and fun, but we are so excited to start the 2018-2019 school year!

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In September, the students will learn about their bodies and what we need for us to grow big and strong! We will be talking about different colored hair, different colored eye, and skin. They will have many fun projects to go along with our unit. For example, an all about me bag they will take home and fill with things they love and will bring back to share with their fellow classmates. We will be measuring our height as well as drawing self-portraits.

Along with our unit we will be hopping onto the Room 2 Airplane and start off our worldly travels to look at the Western and Eastern Hemispheres. For our cultural lessons, we will be talking about the many animals around the world and parts of a tree. In Spanish, we will learn numbers 1-10. The artist of the month will be Andy Warhol and our musician of the month will be Adele. The classroom will have many new and exciting jobs on the shelves to go along with our unit and many fun projects and activities. I am excited for the year ahead and can't wait to work with all your little ones strive.

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Please email me if you have any questions at lindsay@fvmontessori.com.

Happy Birthday: Jack M.- 23rd

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Room 3- Ms. Christine & Ms. Bea: Welcome back to all our returning families and welcome to all our new families! We have enjoyed a great summer and are excited for a fantastic school year ahead! Ms. Bea and I are very excited to work together and we are ready for an awesome Room 3 community!

September will be a busy month where we will be learning all about our classroom environment and classroom rules and behaviors which will help to normalize the children and ensure a smooth transition. We will set a solid foundation of respect with lessons on grace and courtesy and really get to know each other.

Our unit of study is "All About Me". We will learn about ourselves, about parts of the body, as well as emotions and about taking care of ourselves. In Geography, we will be learning about the seven continents and bodies of water. We will be discussing the parts of an apple in Botany. In Zoology we will study the parts of a frog. Our composer of the month will be Aretha Franklin and we will listen to her music to celebrate her life and work. Our artist of the month will be Paul Cezanne and your children's masterpieces will be displayed in the hallway. Ms. Bea will be leading our Spanish class and we will be learning about parts of the body.

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Please email me if you have any questions at christine@fvmontessori.com.

Happy Birthday: Enrique V- 2nd

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Room 4 Lower- Ms. Paula & Ms. Yasmin: Welcome back! We enjoyed our summer program and vacations, and are looking forward to starting our new academic journey for this coming school year.

In September we will start our cultural curriculum with "All about me." Covering the parts of the body, organs and the systems such as: digestive, nervous, muscular, circulatory and respiratory. In physical geography we will travel the seven continents as our quest for knowledge continues. In science we will talk about the concepts of sink and float, as well as gravity. In Zoology we will learn about the parts of the Horse. In Botany, we will be learning about the parts of the flower.

The musician of the month will be Neil Diamond. Diamond's contributions were honored in 2011, when he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. He received the Kennedy Center Honor that same year. Diamond has previously been admitted to the Songwriters Hall of Fame in the 1980's.

The artist of the month will be Claude Monet. He is an impressionist that uses light and reflections. Our classic story of the month is "The Elephant's Child." This story is from a book by Rudyard Kipling called the Just So Stories. Like other stories in the book, it offers a wonderfully clever and funny explanation of why animal are...just so.

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Please email me if you have any questions at paula@fvmontessori.com.

Happy Birthday: Sebastian I.- 5th Sophie S.- 5th Paige N.- 8th
Emiko S. 10th Ava C.- 30th KJ M.- 27th Ms. Yasmin- 28th

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Room 4 Upper- Ms. Neranja & Ms. Yasmin: Welcome everyone to Upper Elementary! I am very excited about starting a new school year with all our new and returning families and I hope everyone had a fantastic summer!

We have a full curriculum planned for the school year along with many activities and field trips that will complement our studies. The children will be using extensive Montessori materials, allowing them not only to experience the depth and breadth of the curriculum, but also become more comfortable with their learning styles. This will help them transition to more abstract thinking, relying more on books and other resource materials to strengthen their knowledge and understanding. This year we will be going over the Montessori Cosmic Education and the Five Great Lessons. It is an overall Montessori approach to education that involves helping children develop an awareness that everything in the universe is connected and interdependent. This helps form a harmonious whole and that they themselves are part of and contribute to that whole. Math, Language Arts, Reading Comprehension, Journal/creative Writing, Earth/Physical Science, Cultural, Economic/Physical Geography, History, Zoology and Botany to name a few, are incorporated into our extensive curriculum.

Our areas of study for the month of September are:

Cultural/Social Studies: * Parts of the Earth/Equator/Cardinal Directions *Fundamental Needs of Humans/Advanced Land/ Water Forms Set 1

Biology Activities: * Living/Non-Living/ review Parts of a Plant/Root/Fish *Review Types of Vertebrates/ Food Chain *Botany Impressionistic Chart: The Tree Absorbs Minerals Through Its Roots

Meet the Masters: Pierre Auguste Renoir (1885-1952)

The students will discover the techniques of the impressionists while learning about Auguste Renoir's beautiful "rainbow palette." They will create a 'Renoir' inspired landscape with impressionistic color reflections.

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Please email me if you have any questions at neranja@fvmontessori.com.

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Room 5- Ms. Gloria & Ms. Melinda: Welcome back and here is to a great start to the new academic year! I hope everyone had a great summer! We are excited and looking forward to a successful year ahead. We wish to welcome all the new parents and children to FVM and to our Room 5 community!

During September, the focus will be on normalizing the children. The children will be given lessons on taking care of themselves and the environment, classroom rules (walking in the line, using quiet voices and walking feet while indoors), playground rules and practical life lessons such as pushing chair in after work/lunch, carrying a tray properly. The children who had been in our class for a year will be great mentors guiding the new children.

In Geography, we will study the hemispheres, the continents, and the oceans. We will also learn about “All About Me”. In Botany, we will study about the types of apples and the parts of an apple. The children are welcome to bring an apple in their lunch box as we will focus on apple peeling and apple slicing! Please inform the teacher so your child can peel and cut it during worktime and consume it during snack or lunch. The children will also work on an apple collage. In Zoology, the children will learn about the parts of a fish.

Over the year, we will learn about an array of artists and their work. In September, we will learn about Cezanne and learn how to use the brush strokes to create Apple Paintings. Please note that your child’s artwork will be displayed in the hallway.

The children will learn about and listen to some compositions by Beethoven. His music will be played during work time. Every Wednesday, Ms. Melinda will be teaching Spanish. The children will be taught “All About Me” and they will be invited to participate in a fun game.

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Please email me if you have any questions at gloria@fvmontessori.com.

Happy Birthday: Ms. Gloria- 6th Aiden N.-7th Charlotte S.- 27th

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Room 6- Ms. Rasika & Ms. Josie: Welcome all new and returning families to Room 6! It is a pleasure to have your child in our class this year. We have an exciting year planned full of fun and learning and growth.

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For the month of September, we will be learning “All About Me”. We will be learning about the parts of the body, the five senses, and about our emotions. They will be given lessons on taking care of themselves and the environment.

In Geography, we will be learning about the seven continents and oceans. We will also be learning about the parts of an apple in Botany.

Over the year, the children will learn about an array of artists and their work. In September, we will be learning about Andy Warhol. Please note that your child’s artwork will be displayed in the hallway bulletin board. Our composer of the month will be Ludwig van Beethoven. In Spanish, we will be learning about the parts of the body.

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We are looking forward to a great year ahead.

Happy Birthday: Nicole V.- 5th Layla S.- 10th Avery K.- 21st Porter S.- 27th

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Room 7- Ms. Britney, Ms. Alicia, & Ms. Nicole: Welcome all new and returning families to Room 7! We hope you all had a wonderful summer. We can't wait to start our year with all the children, old and new!

In the beginning, we like to focus on normalizing the children. This helps facilitate transitions, structure in the classroom, and independence. We will work on pulling out and pushing in our chairs, washing hands, walking around the circle, holding a tray of work, and lining up.

Each month, we will have a designated book as our "Book of the Month." For the month of September, we will be reading, "Ten Apples Up on Top!" by Dr. Seuss. Our unit will be based on apples. We will be learning about the parts of an apple, apple tasting, and apple art. Please look for the art work that will be displayed inside the class. Our song of the month will be "Falling Apples".

I will also be introducing a color of the month. For the month of September, the children will learn about the color red. I will be lining the classroom with red felt and also change our practical life objects to reflect the color red. These jobs allow the children to experiment with various mediums and reinforce color recognition. Please keep an eye out for their fun September art projects!

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