

Fountain Valley Montessori

December 2018 Newsletter

Important Dates:

Holiday Show and International Potluck

Wednesday, December 12th
Rooms 1 & 2 @ 11:15

Thursday, December 13th
Rooms 5 & 6 @ 11:15

Friday, December 14th
Room 3 @ 1:15
Room 4 @ 11:30

Collette's Children's Drive
Monday, December 3rd-
Friday, December 14th

Room 4's Holiday Gift Shop
Monday, December 17th
Rooms 7 & 1

Tuesday, December 18th
Rooms 2 & 3

Wednesday, December 19th
Rooms 5 & 6

Thursday, December 20th
Room 4

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Winter Recess

Happy Birthday...
Ms. Melinda- 7th
Ms. Paula- 17th
Ms. Lisa- 24th

Stone Soup and Friendship Feast: A big thank you for contributing to the Stone Soup. The children enjoyed the warm soup and also learned the value of sharing and caring. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the delicious Friendship Feast in each classroom and to the parent helpers who helped set up the feasts. The food was enjoyed by all.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Thank you to all the parents who attended Parent/Teacher Conferences. It was great to see all of you and we hope you enjoyed learning about your child's progress.

Holiday Program: As part of our curriculum, the children learn about holidays from around the world. In December, the children also learn songs about the winter season as well as holiday songs! This year, the children are excited to perform for all their parents! We are excited that we will be setting up our back picnic area as a performance space for the children to perform! The children will also be enjoying their International Potluck on the day of their performance. We encourage all parents to talk with your child about your origins and sign up for a dish from that country. We invite all parents to stay and enjoy the International Potluck with their child. Below, you will find the date and time your child will be performing.

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Friday, December 14th: 11:15- Room 3 11:30- Room 4

Room 4's Holiday Gift Shop: Our upper elementary students are excited to stock, organize and run their very own holiday gift shop this holiday season. Preschool and Elementary classes will have the opportunity to shop for their loved ones on their specified shopping day. To have your child participate, on their specified shopping day please send them to school with no more than \$5.00 in a labeled zip lock bag with their name on their specified day. Please see the letter that will be emailed out for more information as well as your child's holiday shopping day!

Pajama Day: On Friday, December 21st, we will be having Pajama Day. Feel free to have your child come to school in their favorite pajamas. This is a day to just have fun and relax. Please make sure they wear school appropriate shoes. Thank you!

Tuition Reminder: Please keep in mind that tuition is due between the 15th and the 20th for the following month. For example, the tuition for November is due between the 15th and 20th in October. A late fee will be assessed to all payments received after the 20th.

Sign In/Out Reminder: It is a mandatory STATE requirement that each child's daily arrival and departure be noted in the sign in and sign out keypads. Please do not allow your child to check themselves in or out. This is a legal document and must be treated as such. In addition, please inform us in writing if anyone other than the parent will be picking up your child from school.

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Room 1- Ms. Jahaira & Ms. Vicky: Wow! I can't believe we are a month away from a New Year! November was such a fun and exciting month for the children. We learned about the wonderful country we live in and explored the states! We learned about the USA currency, flag, and animals. We also learned about farm animals, parts of a turkey and parts of a tree. We created beautiful owls using multimedia techniques. Our friendship feast was delicious, special thanks to all the parent volunteers who helped set up and clean up.

This month we will be learning about Artic and Antarctic animals. In Zoology, the children will learn about the parts of an Emperor Penguin. In Geography, we will be traveling to Antarctica! The children will learn about the coldest climate on the planet!

In Music, the children will listen to Michael Buble. In art, we will be re-creating a winter wonderland painting by Grandma Moses. In Spanish, I will be teaching the children holiday words. We will also be busy making our holiday gifts and practicing our holiday show songs. Wishing you Happy Holidays!

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Room 2- Ms. Lindsay & Ms. Marian: We have finished another wonderful month. November was full of fun, laughter, and giving many thanks. We learned about the parts of a Turkey in Zoology and Parts of a Leaf in Botany. We traveled to North America and learned about Canada, the USA, and Mexico. The children worked on many art projects, including one that was displayed on our hallway board. We ended our month with a huge friendship feast where we gathered around the table to give thanks for all that we have. We also made Stone Soup together and read the folktale. Thank you to all the parents who helped with the friendship feast and with setting up the room.

In the month of December, we will be learning about the parts of a Penguin in zoology and parts of a root for botany. We will hop aboard our plane and visit Antarctica to learn about the animals that live there and why it is not possible for humans to live there. For our writing project we will be making a holiday wish list! The students will also be working on many holiday projects and we will keep practicing for our holiday show. The artist of the month will be Marc Chagall and our musician of the month is Adele. For science we will be experimenting with objects that sink and float. We have a lot to pack in, but one will surely have a great time doing it.

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Please remember class starts promptly at 9 am so have your children here at 8:45 to give them that much needed transition time. The weather is starting to get colder in the mornings and evenings so please make sure that they have the appropriate extra clothing and if they bring a jacket please have their name written on the tag inside. Make sure to also check the December snack calendar to see if you signed up for snack. Please let me know if you prefer a certain day.

Happy Birthday: Ella D. -4th Mabel M.-10th Landen F.-11th Alice G.-26th

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Room 3- Ms. Christine & Ms. Bea: Hope you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving break. We had a great month of November with our Harvest Feast and our Stone Soup, while we all focused on what we were grateful for. We learned about the parts of a turkey, the continent of North America and discussed living and non-living things in our environment along!

For the month of December, we will be discussing the continent of Antarctica and its climate and animals. We will be learning the parts of the penguin in Zoology. During worktime, we will be listening David Gray. Our artist of the month will be Hailey Herrera. We will be recreating one of her winter scenes!

We will be practicing our holiday songs with Ms. Woo in preparation for our fun and adorable Holiday show. We will also be hard at work making holiday gifts not to mention enjoying our new holiday inspired jobs in the classroom. Wishing everyone Happy Holidays!

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Happy Birthday: Vanessa N. - 29th

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Room 4 Lower- Ms. Paula & Ms. Yasmin: With heartfelt thanks, we wish to say how much we appreciated all the parents who volunteered to make our Friendship Feast and Stone Soup so successful. It was so joyful to observe the grateful smiles and open hearts filled with appreciation and love.

December is the twelfth month of the year. It has thirty-one days. In the northern half of the world, winter begins on December 21st or 22st. There, it is the shortest day of the year. At the same time, summer begins in the southern half of the world. There, it is the longest day of the year. People living in England long ago called this month Winter-monath or "winter month".

December is always a month to remember, and our weather is generally not frightful. But it is in Antarctica the most southern continent and the site of the south. We will learn places of interest in Antarctica, the animals of Antarctica, and the Antarctic Treaty. We will also explore the Arctic the most northern part of the Earth.

With glee we will be learning about all the various holiday traditions. This will include the Feast of Saint Nicholas on December 25th, St. Lucia Day, Hanukkah, Kwanza and Christmas. In Art, we will be doing a winter wonderland with bubble wrap. Our musician will be the amazing artist, Adele. We will be writing about what makes the holidays special to them.

In Botany we will be learning about the parts of the leaf and holiday plants. Wishing you all Happy Holidays!

The annual holiday gift shop organized by our Upper Elementary children will be held during the week of December 17th. Please send \$5.00 with your child on Thursday, December 20th purchase gifts for family and friends

Happy Birthday: Natalie N.- 16th Dylan L.- 27th Andrew L.- 27th Joshua G.- 27th

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Room 4 Upper- Ms. Neranja & Ms. Yasmin: Welcome to the frosty month of December! It is so hard to believe that November is over and the holidays are already approaching. Thank you to all the parents who helped contributed to our Harvest feast. We are so lucky to have such supportive parents and the children really enjoyed having you there.

In December, we will learn about World Holidays. This would be a great opportunity for them to explore together how holidays are celebrated in other countries and how they have incorporated some of those traditions into their own family celebrations. In this way, children realize that all cultures can offer positive experiences.

We are excited to announce that the students of our Upper Elementary Program will be holding their Sixth Annual "Room 4's Holiday Gift Shop" for the students of Fountain Valley Montessori. The students are excited to stock, organize and run their very own shop to help their school mates shop for their loved ones during this holiday season! This will be a great opportunity for our Elementary students to put their math skills to use, as well as their grace and courtesy skills. While doing so, our other students will have an opportunity to shop on their own for moms, dads, siblings and anyone else on their holiday list!

Winter and December Writing Prompts: 'Does falling snow have a sound?', 'If I owned a toy store', "'The best gifts are gifts from the heart.'" What does this phrase mean to you?' and more!

Art: Catching a Snowflake Monart art project

More information regarding the holiday program will be sent out in an email once all the finer details have been decided on. Please be on the lookout for more details! Also, stay tuned for the "International Holiday Party Celebration Potluck" signup sheet to be posted on our classroom door. Please be sure to enjoy these last days of the year 2018 and hope that everyone has a warm and cozy December!

The annual holiday gift shop organized by our Elementary children will be held during the week of December 17th. Please send \$5.00 with your child on Thursday, December 20th purchase gifts for family and friends. The children will be working the gift shop Monday, December 17th- Wednesday, December 19th for the rest of the school!

Happy Birthday: Lily H.- 15th Toby L.- 26th

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Room 5- Ms. Gloria & Ms. Melinda: Phew... See how time has flown as we reach the end of year 2018! In November, we were thankful for many things that we are blessed with, including the children and families of FVM. Our Stone Soup and Harvest Feast Potluck were successful with your help and we humbly thank everyone who helped us in numerous ways. Thank you all for meeting with me for parent/teacher conferences.

In December, the children will learn about Antarctica and its geographic location on the world map. In Zoology, children will study about types of penguins and Arctic animals. In Spanish, Ms. Melinda will teach the transportation terms. In Botany, the children will learn about the parts of a leaf. The composer for the month is Michael Jackson. We will enjoy the music of Michael Jackson. In Art, children will learn about the art of Andy Warhol and will recreate his Mickey Mouse on a coffee filter. We will also work on holiday themed art projects during the month of December.

The annual holiday gift shop organized by Elementary children will be held during the week of December 17th. Please send \$5.00 with your child on Wednesday, December 19th purchase gifts for family and friends.

As the holidays are getting closer, the children of Room 5 will be practicing for our Holiday Show which is on Thursday, December 13th. Please bring your child to school by 9:00am in his/her holiday attire. Their performance will be held in the back-picnic area. Our International Potluck will be held after our holiday show. Please look for sign-up sheet on the door.

We thank you for entrusting your child's education and growth with us, Ms. Bea and I wish you all happy and safe holidays!

Happy Birthday: Allison C.- 1st

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Room 6- Ms. Enoka & Ms. Josie: We want to thank all the parents who volunteered and participated in numerous ways to make it a successful month of November. Children enjoyed sharing and feasting together. They cut vegetables for the “stone soup” and tasted their cooking with happy smiles! Throughout the month of November, we learned about Native Americans, Pilgrims, North America and continued to practice our letters and numbers.

The holidays are approaching fast, and we are ready for the month of December! Children are learning songs for the holiday show. We are going to learn about Antarctica, it’s climate and the animals who live there. For botany, we will be learning about the parts of a leaf and hibernation of trees in the winter time. This month we will be exploring the artwork of Jackson Pollock and the music of Michael Jackson.

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As a reminder, please make sure you write your child’s name on their jackets and sweatshirts

Happy Birthday: Nathan P.- 24th

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Room 7- Ms. Britney, Ms. Alicia, & Ms. Nicole: November has come and gone in the blink of an eye. This month we talked about all we are thankful for. Some are thankful for their mommies and daddies; their pet fish, their friends in class, and yummy snacks! We enjoyed learning about different fruits and vegetables shared on Thanksgiving in our cornucopia. The kids did a great job on our bubble wrap turkeys and can sing our scarecrow song at the top of their lungs! Brown was our color of the month. Make sure to point it out to your little ones when you see it. The children have become very focused on their work now. Math and color matching are the main focus of most children at the moment. Thank you so much for participating in the class cornucopia share! Thank you to all the parents who helped with our setup our friendship feast and all the food that was provided. It was so yummy.

December brings lots of holiday cheer! Our color of the month will be white. Our book of the month is “Who Will Help Santa This Year?”. Our song “Hello Reindeer”. We will be working on class ornaments for our class bulletin board and make fuzzy penguins for our outside wall. This month I will be working on lessons from our sensorial and pre-language shelves. This will include matching, seriation (smallest to largest), shapes, and dimensions. Although we will not be participating in the holiday shows, our class will be learning many holiday songs for the month.

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