

Fountain Valley Montessori

November 2018 Newsletter



Important Dates:

Thursday, November 1st

Pajama Day!

Friday, November 2nd

School Closed for Parent/
Teacher Conferences

Friday, November 16th

Friendship Feast

Monday, November 19th –

Tuesday, November 20th

Picture Day for

Rooms 1,2,3,5,6

Wednesday, November 21st –

Friday, November 23rd

School Closed for

Thanksgiving Break

Monday, November 26th

See's Candies

order forms due

Happy Birthday...

Ms. Sara- 22nd

Ms. Nicole- 24th

Ms. Jahaira- 29th

Cold and Flu Season: The Cold and Flu Season is here! Please follow our school illness policy to ensure **our** children and staff stays well. Please keep all ill children home. If a child becomes ill at school or has a fever, the parent will be called to pick up their child. Children must be picked up by a parent or authorized contact within **30 minutes** of notification. **Children must be home for 24 hours or until all symptoms are gone.**

Please keep your child home if they have:

-Had a fever, diarrhea or have been vomiting within the last 24 hours.

-Have green or yellow discharge.

-An infectious or communicable disease without a **doctor's** release.

(Please see your parent handbook for more information)

Costume Parade and Spooky Potluck: Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped make October 31st a fun day for the children. It was so wonderful to see them parade around in their cute costumes!

Harvest Feast Potluck: On Friday, November 16th each classroom will be having a Harvest Feast in honor of Thanksgiving. Please look for the sign-up sheet by the classroom snack calendars to sign-up to bring a dish!

Stone Soup: This year all classrooms will be participating in a seasonal favorite. On Monday, November 19th, the classes will be reading the book "Stone Soup". They will then make their own version. Please look for a sign-up sheet by the classroom snack calendars to participate. They will then enjoy their soup on Tuesday, November 20th with their lunch!

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Please see the conference sign-ups on classroom doors for available times. Please note that the school is closed to children for this day. However, we will be offering child care for your child during your parent conference. If you are unable to make this day/time, please email your child's teacher to schedule a convenient time.



on Facebook and Instagram! We post updates and pictures from recent
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Room 1- Ms. Jahaira & Ms. Vicky: October was such a fun month! The children really enjoyed carving our class pumpkin into a Jack-o-Lantern. A big thank you to all the parents who made our costume parade fun and safe for the children. Thank you to the parents who volunteered on picture day and for our spooky potluck. The children enjoyed learning all about pumpkins, living and non-living things and the continent of Europe.

This month for our unit of study we will be learning about the Farm and they will work on an art project related to their favorite farm animal. In Zoology, the children will learn about parts of a turkey and parts of a tree in Botany. In Geography, we will be learning about the wonderful country we live in, the USA! The children will be exploring the states; learn about the currency, flag, and animals of the USA. We will also learn the 50 states song!

In Music, the children will listen to The Beatles. In art, we will be using multimedia techniques to create owls. In Spanish, Ms. J will teach animal farm terms. Thanksgiving themed hats will also be made for our Harvest potluck. We will be reading the Stone Soup book and we will also be making our own Stone Soup in class. Please look for the sign-up sheet as it will be posted by the snack calendar.

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Room 2- Ms. Lindsay & Ms. Marian: We had another great month full of learning and adventure. We learned about the parts of a pumpkin. The children worked on many art projects from making bats for the class tree to lambs and baby chicks for the art wall, chalk pumpkins for the hallway, and many more by the art shelf. I brought in a real pumpkin and everyone had a turn to feel the slimy pulp! They also tasted the seeds! We ended the month with a Spooktacular day of Halloween celebration. It was so much fun seeing everyone dressed in their costumes. They did a great job walking so nicely to all the local stores and saying thank you when handed a special treat. Thank you to all the parents who attended and helped out, whether along the line or in the classroom. We traveled to South America, where we learned about the major countries including the food, weather, and animals.

In the month of November, we will be learning about leaves. We will take a look at the different types of leaves and the tree they grow on. We will focus on the different shapes and varieties found in nature. I will ask the children to bring in any leaves that they may find while going on a fun nature walk with their parents. We will be talking about Thanksgiving and its meaning and importance. The children will be making a “What We Are Thankful For...” wall to display for our moms and dads to see. Then we will be traveling to North America to learn about the culture and food, and the animals of the continent. We will focus on California and the U.S. In Spanish we will be learning our colors. Our musician of the month will be Michael Bublé and our artist will be Claude Monet. The students will be making butter from scratch and we will be talking about objects that sink and float. Of course, we will also have to start singing our Holiday songs for our amazing show in December. Can't wait!

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Room 3- Ms. Christine & Ms. Bea: We had a great month of October. The children have been working very hard and we have some new "Montessori moments" photos on the wall for you to enjoy. The children had a great time picking out a pumpkin from our school pumpkin patch and we also carved a pumpkin in class and made a Jack-o-lantern. We want to extend a thank you to all the parents that helped with our very fun and successful costume parade and potluck. The children all looked so adorable in their costumes!

For the month of November, our unit of study will be living and non-living things and we will be discussing this throughout the month with different examples from our class and from the environment. For Zoology, we will be discussing the parts of a turkey. Our continent of study will be North America. We will be discussing the countries of Mexico, Canada, and the United States. We also learn about their corresponding flags. We will also be discussing how the pilgrims landed on North America and some of the Native American Tribes that were living in North America.

Our composer of the month will be John Mayer and we will be listening to some of his music. Our artist of the month will be Claude Monet and we will be doing our version of one of his works for our outside art wall. In Spanish, we will be learning our colors!

Happy Birthday: Sawyer F.- 2nd Elaina G.- 17th Zoe F.- 26th

Thursday, November 1st: Pajama Day

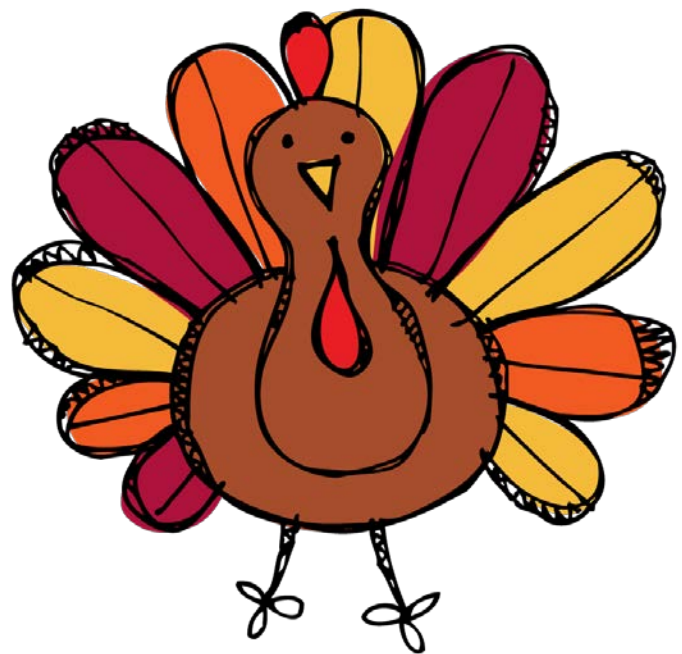
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Room 4 Lower- Ms. Paula & Ms. Yasmin: We had a great October! Thank you for all the volunteers that joined us at Irvine Regional Park. It was such an amazing and fun filled day. The costume parade and spooky potluck were a great way to end the month!

In our Cultural Curriculum we will be traveling to Europe. We will be learning about the foods, flags, animals and culture of Europe. I look forward to sharing the rich culture and history of this amazing continent. In Zoology, parts of the bird and types of birds will be studied. In Botany, we will cover parts of the leaf.

In Art, we will create beautiful collages inspired by Pablo Picasso. Our musician will be Aretha Franklin, the "Queen of Soul." Did you know she was the first woman to be inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame!

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Room 4 Upper- Ms. Neranja & Ms. Yasmin: Welcome to the wonderful month of Turkeys and pumpkin pies!! Thank you so much for all your help making our Halloween parade and potluck extra special for the children. They really enjoyed themselves!

We are venturing into the season of thankfulness, and it is a great month to step back and count our blessings. But of course, when it's November, it's all about football, family, and a turkey feast! The children will be given writing prompts, that will focus on these topics to highlight special days throughout the month.

Cultural Units for the month of November are as follows:

Biology Activities

- Parts of a stem/ Parts of a reptile
- Animal stories set 1/Plant Stories Set 1
- Types of leaves (Species)/ Types of reptiles
- Plant Kingdom Chart/ Plant Kingdom Nomenclature

Social Studies

- Study of Europe: Map/ Animals/ Plants/ Flags/ Places
- Phases of the Moon
- Study of Europe Level 2: name countries
- Fundamental Needs: Communication
- Parts of a car

History

- Timeline of Life: Paleozoic Era - The Paleozoic Era includes the Cambrian, Ordovician, Silurian, Devonian, Mississippian, Pennsylvanian, and Permian periods and is characterized by the appearance of marine invertebrates, primitive fishes, land plants, and primitive reptiles.

Art

- The children will be creating fall themed art using different media.

Please note that school will be closed for Parent/Teacher conferences on Friday, November 2nd. This will be an opportunity to discuss goals and objectives for your children to reach their maximum potential, both in the classroom and outside of the classroom.

We are thankful for the opportunity you have given us to be a part of your child's journey. Have a fabulous November!!

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Room 5- Ms. Gloria & Ms. Melinda: The month of October was more like “Rocktober” as we ended the month with our fabulous Halloween celebration. A big thank you to all the parents who made our Costume Parade and Spooky Potluck successful by helping in numerous ways.

November is a month to be thankful for our wonderful families at FVM. We will also fondly remember the veterans for their invaluable service. The children will learn to appreciate and be thankful for the wonderful things we enjoy. We will discuss what Thanksgiving is all about and enjoy a Harvest Feast at the end of the month.

Our unit of study this month will be Health & Nutrition. The children will learn about different types of food. We will taste various food items during this month. The children will be given the opportunity to try out new fruits and veggies to encourage healthy eating habits. A sign-up paper will be available soon. Please ask your child what he/she likes to sign up to share with class. The food groups we will focus on will be vegetables, fruit, dairy, meat and grains. As always, I will be mindful of all children with food allergies and food restrictions.

In Botany, the children will learn about the parts of a tree. In Geography, we will be learning about the wonderful country we live in, the USA. The children will explore the States, we learn about the currency, flag and animals of USA. We will also learn the 50 States song and talk about some Native American tribes and their Art. In Music, children will listen to the great music of Aretha Franklin. In Art, we will learn about the great artist Pablo Picasso and work on self-portraits. Thanksgiving-themed art projects will also be made and displayed. In Spanish, Ms. Melinda will teach fruits and vegetables.

Thank you to those who sign up for snack regularly. Being a snack host is a fun and educational experience for your child, since the snack host has the opportunity to be a teacher helper, the line leader, calendar person, weather reporter and flag holder. It also reinforces the art of being a good host.

We will be reading the book “Stone Soup” on Monday, November 19th and will cook our own Stone Soup in school to enjoy on Tuesday, November 20th. The children may contribute a vegetable to our soup. We will enjoy our soup during lunchtime! More information will follow on a separate sign-up sheet. Our Friendship Feast will be held on Friday, November 16th. Please find the potluck sheet to sign up.

This Thanksgiving season, Ms. Melinda and I are thankful to all our families of Fountain Valley Montessori. We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

Happy Birthday: Avery V.- 6th Celine P.- 15th

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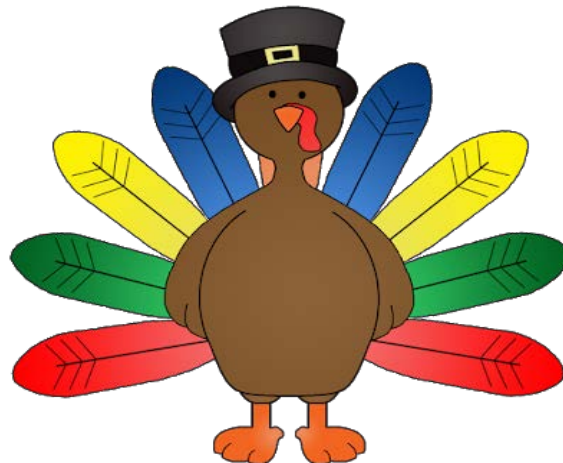
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Room 6- Ms. Enoka & Ms. Josie: October was such a fun month!!! The children really enjoyed carving our class pumpkin into a Jack-o-Lantern and the costume parade. The Costume Parade was a big hit! Everyone had a great time walking around the complex, and this experience made the Halloween celebration so much fun and memorable! We would like to thank all the parents who brought in items for our “Spooky Potluck” and helped with our classroom costume parade. In October, the children really enjoyed learning about four seasons, and parts of a pumpkin. We also learned about North America.

November will be another busy and fun filled month for Room 6. For our cultural unit, we will learn about community helpers. For botany, we will be learning about parts of a tree. We will also continue our study of North America with special emphasis on the United States. The children will explore the States, learn about animals and landmarks of the USA. We will also learn the 50 States song, talk about some Native American tribes, and discuss Thanksgiving.

Our artist of the month will be Georgia O’Keeffe. In music, the children will listen to the great music of Aretha Franklin. In Spanish, we will be learning about farm animals!

We will end November by learning about Thanksgiving followed by an art project. A Friendship Feast is planned for the children on Friday, November 16th. Keep an eye out for the potluck sign-up. We will also be reading Stone Soup and make our own stone soup on Monday, November 19th and enjoying our soup on the 20th with our lunches!

We are excited for a thankful month ahead!

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Room 7- Ms. Britney, Ms. Alicia, & Ms. Nicole: October has been such a fun and spooky month from our pumpkin patch to our Halloween parade! We learned about parts of a pumpkin: the vine, seedling, and pumpkin seeds. The kids loved singing " Do You Know the Pumpkin Man". October's popular jobs were pom pom push, knobless cylinders, color tablet box 1, and painting. If you would like to know more about those jobs I can gladly show you. Be sure to ask them the color of the month! Orange is for pumpkin! Thank you to all the Room 7 parents for helping out with our October events!

November brings fall leaves and lots to be thankful for! The children will take time to share what they are thankful for and will be allowed to bring that one item to school to share whether it be a toy, stuffed animal, or something small they can show the class. We will be stuffing our cornucopia full of thanksgiving treats for the month. If your child is snack host, have them pick out fruits or vegetables such as eggplant, small pumpkin, corn, carrots, grapes, lettuce, etc. We will talk about the fruit or vegetable during circle time!

Our book of the month will be "Llama Llama Gives Thanks". Our color of the month will be brown. Our songs of the month will be "Autumn Leaves are Falling Down" and "I'm a Little Scarecrow". We will also be learning about parts of a turkey and acorns! Look out for a surprise yummy treat the toddlers will be cooking up and bringing home! The children will also get to explore a fun technique of bubble wrap painting for our turkey art this month.

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