

Fountain Valley Montessori

March 2019 Newsletter

Important Dates:

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Parent/ Teacher
Conferences

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WAGS Visit

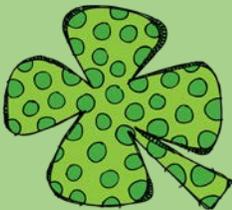
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Happy Birthday...

Ms. Karla- 4th

Ms. Josie- 12th

Ms. Christine- 14th



Re-Enrollment: Re-enrollment will be taking place for the upcoming summer and the **2019-2020 School Year** between Monday, February 25th - Monday, March 11th. We offer placement for summer and fall to existing students and siblings first, before we open up to our wait list. We will be emailing the enrollment packet out

Please make sure to return your re-enrollment forms no later than **Monday, March 11th**, in order to ensure placement for the upcoming summer sessions and fall. We will open enrollment to new students after this date and will be unable to guarantee any late registrations we receive.

Morning Drop Off/Afternoon Pick up: Classes start promptly at **9:00am and conclude 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. If you are running a little late, please enter the class quietly when dropping your child off in class.

If you require afternoon daycare for your child, this must be pre-arranged with the office. **We do offer occasional daycare at the rate of \$15.00/hr., which will automatically be billed to your account if your child is picked up after 3:15pm.** However, we do require that you call ahead and let us know, so that we can make sure that we are within ratio.



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Room 1- Ms. Jahaira & Ms. Vicky: Hello Parents, February was a month full of love! Thank you everyone who participated on Valentine's Day. The children felt the love and special friendships from each other. Thank you PTU for our Lunar New Year lunch and our pizza party for Valentine's Day! The children had so much fun learning about Asia, its countries and its animals.

Our unit of study will be Health and Nutrition. We will be discussing the different food groups and focus on healthy foods that are good for our bodies and health. The children will be able to create their own healthy plate using pictures of different foods.

Join us as we travel to the continent of Australia and learn about their culture, their fascinating animals and their unique landmarks. The children will be able to experience the music from Australia during work time and will be learning about aboriginal art and creating their own masterpiece. We will also be learning about parts of a turtle and parts of a flower.

We will be recreating a famous painting by Vincent Van Gogh. In Spanish, the children will be learning about "Parts of the body". The children and I are hopeful to find the pot of gold left by the leprechaun on St. Patrick's Day. We will be watching out for his shenanigans! Please have your child wear green on this special day.

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Room 2- Ms. Lindsay & Ms. Marian: February was a month full of great work! We had a great time learning about Asia, the animals found here and the different cultures prevalent in the continent. We had fun making our Jim Dine art and making Valentine Day projects.

The students had such a great time traveling to Asia that we have decided to extend our trip for 2 more weeks as we step into the month of March! After that, we will continue our journey through the world by traveling to Australia. We will discover the unique animals, the landmarks and will also learn about the differences between a land and water formation such as an island and a lake. Our musician of the month will be Jason Maraz. Be on the lookout for a special art project this month since we are doing something unique! The students will take pictures of objects they find interesting. We will go for a nature walk on the FVM campus and I will redirect them towards flowers, grass, trees, shrubs and maybe an insect if we are lucky! I want to see what they see through their eyes. I will display these pictures on our hallway art board for you to see. For Spanish we will learn about animals. Along with all this learning we will work on a project celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday and I expect to have a visit from the Leprechaun! We will end the month with story writing based on our green, mischievous visitor.

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Have a great month ahead.

Happy Birthday: Philip H.- 6th Katherine K.- 8th Jonah S.- 18th Olivia L.- 28th Jonah S.- 18th

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Room 3- Ms. Christine & Ms. Bea:

Thank you for making February such a special month of love, for participating in making our love tree grow and for all your love and support this past month.

We will be getting right back into the swing of things in March. Please make sure to sign up for parent teacher conferences on Friday, March 1st. Looking forward to meeting with you all. Our unit of study will be Health and Nutrition and we will be discussing the different food groups as well as healthy food choices that are good for our bodies. We will also talk about the importance of exercise.

This month we will be introducing the continent of Europe and talk about the many different countries, cultures and landmarks that make Europe unique. We will learn about the parts of a turtle and focus on many fascinating turtle facts. Please feel free to bring in any books about turtles that you may have, and we will share those books in class. In Spanish we will be working on making simple conversations and how to properly greet our friends and say goodbye to them.

Our artist of the month will be the French artist Henri Matisse and we hope to do the artist proud with our recreations. Our composer of the month will be the Beatles and we will be listening to their heart-warming music throughout the month. You can be sure that a little leprechaun will be visiting our class and will be up to some shenanigans this March! Although we never seem to catch him, they always leave a little something behind! St. Patrick's Day would not be the same without a little tomfoolery and we hope to have a little bit of our own in Room 3. Have a great month.

Happy Birthday: Adhriti C.- 1st Leanne N.- 12th Ms. Christine- 14th Charlotte B.- 15th

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Room 4 Lower- Ms. Paula & Ms. Yasmin: Hello Parents. In the northern half of the world, people often say that "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." This simply means that the weather in early March is often cold and strong, and by the end of the month is mild and warmer. In the southern part of the world, March marks the beginning of fall. Spring is final here! With spring comes a new opportunity for the children to learn and grow. I am grateful to be part of that growth.

In March, we will continue our cultural studies with Asia, covering the Middle East and the biggest desert in the world. We will review parts of a tree or shrub and the children will work on making individual booklets. We will also talk about the life cycle of a butterfly and look at the different types of butterflies found around the world. We also have a fun art project planned! We will work on a writing project based on some of Dr. Seuss's books/characters from his masterful collection. We will end the month with another fun writing project, based on.....you guessed it, the tricky leprechaun! We will enjoy listening to a cello played by the famous Yoyo Ma. Our artist is Joan Miro, a Spanish painter, whose surrealist works with a realm of memory and imaginative fantasy, is some of the most original of the 20th century. Looking forward to Parent Teacher Conferences on Friday, March 1st.

Happy Birthday: Harrison V. -16th

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Room 4 Upper- Ms. Neranja & Ms. Yasmin:

Welcome to the month of spring and lucky leprechauns! It is so hard to believe that February is over and March is already here! The children had a great time at the Valentine's pizza party and thank you to all the parents who brought in valentines for the children to share. March is going to be a very busy month for our class.

We will start the month by venturing out into various literacy activities to celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday which falls on March 2nd. Not only do Dr. Seuss's imaginative stories make reading and learning fun, they also spark lively discussions about subjects as varied as conservation, racism, greed, perseverance, and self-discovery. Some of the books that we will be focusing on would be "The Lorax" and "Hooray for Diffendoofer Day!"

- **Art:** Masterpieces inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe
- **Cultural/Physical Geography:** Continue with the study of Asia with emphasis on Middle East and South Asia.
- **Biology Activities:** Pick one animal to research; find its classification from kingdom to Species. Types of Invertebrates, Life Cycle of a Butterfly, Parts of an Egg.
- **Creative Writing:**
 - The legend of St Patrick includes the story that St Patrick drove the snakes out of Ireland. The students will research this legend and write their own interpretation.
 - Dear Leprechaun.....
 - Dr. Seuss writing projects.

On Friday, March 1st, we will be closed for Parent-Teacher Conferences. This is an opportunity for us to discuss how your child is progressing in class and goals for the remainder of the school year. A signup sheet is located on the classroom door. Please be sure to sign up. Our class is going to have a very fun month and we hope you and your family have a magnificent March!

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Room 5- Ms. Gloria & Ms. Karla:

The short month of February was a great experience for our class! The Lunar New Year celebrations were a lot of fun and we shared a lot of love on Valentine's Day! Thank you for showering us with sweet treats and love.

"I like to move it move it!!" What is the movie and the country? Yes, you are correct, we will be discovering Africa during this month. We will learn the names of major countries while traveling through sandy desserts atop camels! The children will observe pictures of the great pyramids of Giza in Egypt, discover African Art and recreate Ibo masks by an African American Artist, Faith Ringgold. Your children already recognize Africa on the world map as the outline resembles the ear of an elephant!

We will observe various types of flowers, learn the parts of a flower and work with a felt flower puzzle. In order to make the learning experience concrete, I encourage the children to bring one flower from their backyard through the month of March. A vase will be provided for the flowers and the children will get the opportunity to use a magnifying glass to observe them.

As you all know, the greatest children's books author, Dr. Seuss's birthday is celebrated worldwide in March. I encourage the children to bring his books to school since we will be reading them throughout the month. We will also be making a "Cat in the Hat" hat for the children wear. This is also a great opportunity for us to practice our rhyming words skills!

Although St. Patrick's Day falls on a Sunday, we will still have some fun on Friday, March 15th to honor the celebration. We will make lemonade and hopefully the leprechaun will not mess our room or turn the lemonade green while we are at recess! We will also talk about animals around the world and their habitats. Ms. Karla is excited to teach them about the animals in Spanish.

I would like to remind all parents of Room 5 that our class is a "walnut, almond, peanut and cashew" free class, in order to maintain the safety of the children who have nut allergies. Please ensure that the snack you provide is not manufactured in a facility that processes nuts. Please inform family members or care givers as well. Thank you so much for your understanding!

Friday is our share day! The children have fun sharing books, talking about experiences, demonstrating skills in martial arts, singing, ballet or dancing to their favorite song. Friday is also FVM spirit day, when we wear our FVM school shirt to show our school spirit.

Finally, the Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for Friday, March 1st. Please reserve a time to speak with me in person or on phone. I am looking forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress.

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Room 6- Ms. Enoka & Ms. Josie: Hello Parents! Last month, the children were introduced to the vibrant continent of Asia and the Lunar New Year. We also learned about the parts of a flower, parts of a pig and parts of a fish. In light of President Day, we learned about the presidents of the United States. Valentine's day celebrations included learning about our heart, eating healthy, and enjoying sweet Valentine's treats. We will continue with a few of these topics going into the month of March.

With spring around the corner, we will talk about planting and learn about the germination of seeds. In addition, we will be learning about the layers of the earth and volcanic eruptions. Children are always fascinated with this topic so I will be doing a demonstration of a volcanic eruption and watch the lava and magma!

Since St. Patrick's Day is coming up in March, we'll work on a shamrock craft and read Green Eggs and Ham by Dr. Suess.

As we continue to explore the continent of Asia, we will listen to classical music by two famous musicians, Mozart and Ravi Shankar, alternatively.

Will be painting, "Cherry Blossoms" for our art project. This is based on the famous painting by the Japanese artist Katshushika Hokusai. As always, I will be presenting primary numbers and initial sounds as the younger children continue to work on practical work and sensorial activities. The older group is showing more focus on reading, writing, addition, etc. and I see them teaching their younger friends. Thank you for the lovely valentines and for all the support given to us!!!

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Room 7- Ms. Britney, Ms. Alicia, & Ms. Nicole: The children had so much fun in February! They enjoyed passing out Valentine to all their friends and making beautiful heart shaped art work! They loved the book, “Pierre the Penguin” and working with the color pink!

For the month of March, we will be learning about the color green. They will be making green art work and I will fill the shelves with green objects, trays, bowls and much more for them to get a concrete, hands on experience. There will be green everywhere! I am excited to introduce a lot of new work this month and I am sure they will enjoy working with sifting, sorting and counting all green of course! We will talk about rainbows and leprechaun and our book of the month will be “Jack and the Leprechaun” by Ivan Robertson.

I will introduce the song “Little Green Tree” for our song of the month and will present a felt board story on the “Five Green Shamrocks.”

Our shape of the month will be a square. We will be talking about all the different objects we see all around us and try to find the square shaped ones.

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Happy Birthday! Lincoln O.- 20th

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