

# Fountain Valley Montessori

## October 2019 Newsletter



### Important Dates:

Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

Picture Day for  
Rooms 1,2,3,5&6

Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

Picture Day for  
Rooms 4 & 7

Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Elementary Field Trip to  
Irvine Railroad Park

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PTU sponsored Pumpkin  
Patch for Toddlers and  
Preschoolers

Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

Costume Parade &  
Spooky Potluck  
**3:00 early dismissal**

Happy Birthday...

Ms. Vicky- 16<sup>th</sup>

Ms. Sneha- 24<sup>th</sup>

**Scholastic Book Fair/ All for Books:** Thank you to all the families who supported our book fair and "All for Books". We were able to raise \$461.32 towards books to be donated to Colette's Children's Home. Thank you also to all the families who bought books. Thank you to all the parents and staff for all of your help with the book fair. A special thank you to all the teachers and parents for being a big help and support to the school. With the Scholastic Dollars earned, the PTU will be purchasing books and resources for our library!

**PTU Sponsored FVM Pumpkin Patch:** On **Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>** the PTU will be sponsoring an on-campus pumpkin patch for our toddler and preschool children. **(Student only event)**

**Costume Parade:** Calling all Princesses, Pirates and Superheroes...

**When:** Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

**Where:** Valley Gardens Center

**Time:** 9:15am for Toddlers and 9:30am for Preschool & Elementary

\* Please have your child come to school dressed in their costume with a change of clothes in a bag. More information will be posted.

\* Please remember that no pretend weapons or scary masks are allowed at any time on school premises.

\*Please see the classroom doors for the Spooky Potluck sign-ups too!

**Morning Drop Off/Afternoon Pick up:** Classes start promptly at 9:00am and end at 12:00pm for our half day students and 3:00pm for our full day students. We encourage all students to be dropped off between 8:45-9:00am to ensure a smooth transition into school. Please note, when dropping your child off on the playgrounds in the morning, please ensure that your goodbyes are short and sweet. This is a time for the children to interact with each other and their teachers. Please observe through our classroom observation windows. 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. If you are going to be late, please quietly drop your child off in class, and one of the teachers will escort them to morning circle. Please make sure that your child is picked up promptly at the end of the school day.

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## Room 1- Ms. Jahaira & Ms. Vicky:

We had a smooth transition to the new school year. The children have started off the year with such enthusiasm! We had fun learning “all about me” last month. We worked on normalizing the classroom by talking about grace and courtesy. We also worked on the basics of our class: walking feet, pushing in their chairs, rolling rugs, putting their work away when finished, washing hands, etc. The children enjoyed traveling all around the world and learning the name of the continents. They loved tasting and learning all about the parts and life cycle of an apple.

For the month of October our unit of study will be seasons, and we will be learning about the weather. In Geography, we will learn all about North America. We will focus on Canada and Mexico learning about the people, their food and culture. In Botany, we will learn about the parts of a Pumpkin. We will carve a pumpkin and make a jack-o-lantern close to Halloween with help from all the children. They will be able to explore and feel the pulp and seeds inside the pumpkin!

In Art, the children will learn how to draw their own pumpkin using oil pastels, and puffy fabric paint. Halloween theme art will also be displayed inside the classroom. The children of Room 1 will listen to the music of Michael Jackson. Our Spanish lesson for the month is about colors. Color Tablet boxes 1 and 2 will be used to introduce the names of colors in English and Spanish. Music lessons will continue to be held on Thursdays with Ms. Woo.

Please make sure to check your child’s files daily for important reminders and updates. Please check cubbies weekly to replace missing clothing for the following week. Include 2 sets of clothing, underwear, and shoes. Don’t forget Friday is share day! The children can bring something from home to share with the class! Please note toys are not allowed. I invite your child to bring a small child size indoor plant for the classroom that they will take care of during the year.

A special thank you to all the families for the book donations, we hope you all enjoyed our book fair! Our annual Costume parade will be held on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Please send your child to school in costume with a labeled bag consisting of extra clothes. A sign-up sheet for the potluck will be posted closer to the event.

Happy Birthday: Aarilyn T.- 14<sup>th</sup> Ms. Vicky- 16<sup>th</sup> Elisa G.- 27<sup>th</sup> Justin N.- 28<sup>th</sup> Cody P.- 28<sup>th</sup>

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**Room 2- Ms. Marian & Ms. Josie:** Our new school year has been off to a great start! The children have already made new friendships and are acclimating well to their classroom environment. Everyone has enjoyed learning “All about me” and we have had a lot of fun with the classroom artwork. They also enjoyed learning about the apples and the continents of the world.

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the book fair and to those who donated books to our classroom. Reading is so important for our children and we will be sharing these special books throughout the school year!

October will be a fun, spooky, and busy month. Our unit of study will be the farm animals. We will learn about their habitat and their young ones. We will learn these in Spanish along with the seven days of the week. We will be focusing on the parts of a pumpkin and learn about its life cycle. We will get a class pumpkin and I will be carving it in class. All the children will be able to participate and have a hands-on experience extracting the pulp and seeds from the pumpkin.

This month we will be focusing on Australia. We will learn about the unique animals, and the beautiful landmarks. Our artist of the month will be Vincent Van Gogh and we will be listening to the music of Michael Jackson through the month.

We look forward to the costume parade on Thursday, the 31st! I encourage all children to dress up as we will be trick or treating through the Valley Garden Center. More information to follow soon. This is one of my favorite times of year and it will be so much fun for the children!

Please email me at [marian@fvmontessori.com](mailto:marian@fvmontessori.com) should you have any questions.

Thanks

Ms. Marian and Ms. Josie

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### Room 3- Ms. Christine & Ms. Bea:

Our new school year has been off to a great start! The children have already made new friendships and are acclimating well to their classroom environment. Everyone has enjoyed learning “All about me” and we have had a lot of fun with the classroom artwork and our self-portraits.

A big thank you to everyone who participated in the book fair and to those who donated books to our classroom. Reading is so important for our children and we will be sharing these special books throughout the school year!

October will be a fun, spooky, and busy month. Our unit of study will be the Four Seasons. We will learn about them and how they are different around the world. We will learn these in Spanish along with the seven days of the week. We will be focusing on the parts of a pumpkin and learn about its life cycle. We will get a class pumpkin and I will be carving this out in class. All the children will be able to participate and have a hands-on experience extracting the pulp and seeds from the pumpkin.

This month we will be focusing on the United States of America and get to know about our country. We will learn about our 50 states, our famous landmarks and learn about the flora and fauna of this unique country! We will be doing some fun Halloween themed art and our artist of the month will be Vincent Van Gogh. We will be listening to Michael Jackson and have a chance to listen to his ‘Thriller’ album as well as other songs.

We look forward to the costume parade on the 31st! I encourage all children to dress up as we will be trick or treating through the Valley Garden Center. More information to follow soon. This is one of my favorite times of year and so much fun for the children!

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## Room 4 Lower- Ms. Paula & Ms. Yasmin:

October is the tenth month of the year. It has thirty-one days. Long ago, the people in England had their name for this month. One name was Winmonath, or "wine month," for this was the time of the year they made wine.

September was a month to remember! Our new group of amazing children in Lower Elementary is already displaying great chemistry and cohesiveness. Our primary goal is to get the students normalized to their new environment. This is essential to our success. I am happy to say that they have adjusted well to their new routine and work. Our mode of "the best is yet to come," is true. We are expected to do our best work, not our fastest work.

In October, we are looking forward to exploring the United States of America! We will be doing a project based on the 50 states. We will learn about their geographical location, their capitals, famous landmarks and other important information. For Zoology we will be learning about the Parts of the Fish and our botany lesson will focus on Parts of the Leaf. Our musician of the month will be Aretha Franklin, the great American singer, pianist and civil rights activist. Franklin began her career as a child, singing gospel at New Bethel Church in Detroit, Michigan. Our artist of the month will be Paul Gauguin, the French post-impressionist artist. Unappreciated until after his death, Gauguin is now recognized for his experimental use of color and Synthetic style that were distinct from Impressionism.

One of my favorite field trips is in the month October. Lower and Upper Elementary go to Irvine Regional Park, to explore the pumpkin patch, haunted house, train ride and so much more. And wait for this...we go on a school bus (with seat belts). So, buckle up for October 22<sup>nd</sup>! Please be on the lookout for more information.

My heartfelt thanks for sharing your precious child in our class. It is an honor and privilege to educate the leaders of tomorrow. Please do not hesitate to contact me, if you should have any questions.

Ms. Paula & Ms. Yasmin

Happy Birthday: Quinn W.- 12<sup>th</sup>      Alexander C.- 29<sup>th</sup>

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**Room 4 Upper- Ms. Neranja & Ms. Yasmin:** Happy October everyone! We cannot believe that September has ended and the first month of school is over!

Since October is the time for Fall Celebration, we will be reading stories and working on special creative writing projects/ Book Report assignments. The field trip for the Irvine Park Pumpkin Patch will be on Tuesday, October 22nd. We will have our Spooky Potluck and Costume Parade on Thursday, the 31st. We will keep you updated with more information by emails and updates on our website.

Cultural units for the month of October are as follows.

**Biology Studies:**

- Types of Leaves: Shapes/Types of Amphibians
- Characteristics of Vertebrates/Food Pyramid
- Advance Animal research/Animal Kingdom:  
Chinese Box

**Physical and Cultural Geography/Social Studies:**

- United States Map: States and Capital research
- Northern American Countries/Research using Electronic Media

**History:**

- Timeline of Life research
- Ancient Civilizations: China

**Masterpiece of the month:**

- Hatching, crosshatching, stippling, etc. are traditional drawing techniques that have been used by artists for centuries. All of these are nothing but patterns and groups of lines (or dots) placed in well thought-out ways in order to transmit a sense of volume, three dimensionality, depth and texture. Some artists style is more controlled and precise, which lead to cleaner and more organized lines, while others have a more free and expressive style. The students will create art using these traditional methods.



I am so proud of all the progress the children have already made! As always, please feel free to email me or stop by if you have any questions.

Have a Spooky October!!

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**Room 5- Ms. Gloria & Ms. Jennylyn:** The month of September seemed to have flown by quickly. Thank you to those who donated books to our classroom from the Book Fair. The children are enjoying them!

Let our world travels begin! During the month of October, we will be touring North America and studying its countries, animals and flags. The puzzle map of North America will be presented to the children and they will work on the work sheets. We will study about parts of a bird and plant as well.

Boo... It's time to put on your costumes for the Spooktacular fun in Room 5! We will have our own Trick or Treat parade through the Valley Garden Center on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Instructions will follow separately! Happy Halloween! We will carve a pumpkin and make a jack-o-lantern close to Halloween with help from all the children. The seeds will be counted and presented to them using the Golden Bead Material.

In Art, the children will learn about the life and art of Vincent Van Gogh. They will recreate Van Gogh's "Starry Night" using a comb to create swirls. "Halloween themed" art will be worked on and displayed inside and outside of the classroom during October. Pumpkin Counting, Pumpkin Tweezing, Pumpkin Sorting will be some interesting fun jobs available on the shelves during October.

The children of Room 5 will learn about and listen to some compositions by The Beatles through the month. We will have a Spanish lesson every Wednesday with Ms. Bea. Our Spanish lesson for the month is about colors. Color Tablet boxes 1 and 2 will be used to introduce the names of colors in English and Spanish.

Thank you so much for entrusting your child's growth and education in us. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [gloria@fvmontessori.com](mailto:gloria@fvmontessori.com).

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## Room 6- Ms. Enoka & Ms. Kaitlin:

Hello Parents,

The month of September went by fast, with the children working on new materials and getting back to the classroom routine. They enjoyed learning about apples, parts of a tree, and the land and water globe.

This month, we are going around the world learning about the seven continents. We will focus our unit study and learn more about North America and its countries. While the fall season is around the corner, the children will be introduced to seasons and we will explore the science behind the changing colors of leaves. It is going to be a fun experience to mix colors to paint “fall leaves” in all shapes! We will also learn about pumpkins, learn about their parts and its life cycle. At the end of the month we will carve a “Jack - o – lantern.” The children are also going to learn about the human skeleton in this month. Our goal will be to make a big skeleton as a group project! Since we will be traveling around North America, we will visit Jackson Pollock’s birthplace to learn about his paintings and try to replicate one of his famous art works. We will be listening to the music of Michael Jackson this month.

I am excited about the Costume Parade coming up on Thursday, October 31st! Please be on the lookout for further details and for the potluck signup sheet.

Thanks for all the help given to us. Have a great month!

Ms. Enoka

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**Room 7- Ms. Alicia, Ms. Stephanie, & Ms. Jocelyn:**

Hello Parents,

I am so happy to report that September was a great first month! The children are settling into the routine and are enjoying their classroom activities. I'm sure it must have been difficult for some of you to watch your children cry at drop off. Thank you for being patient through this difficult time. It is normal for them to experience some separation anxiety, but I am so glad the children are bonding with us and I am beginning to see more smiles every day!

It's that time of the year again!!! Out come the little pumpkins, ghosts, witches and cute little costumes!

For the month of October our unit will be based on pumpkins. We will be learning about the parts of a pumpkin. The book of the month is "Duck and Goose Find A Pumpkin" by Tad Hills. Our song of the month will be "I'm A Little Pumpkin".

The color of the month will be orange. I will be introducing the color orange wherever I can..... changing practical life objects, lining the work trays with orange felt, putting out orange paint and having the children work with orange themed art. Our shape will be a square. Please keep an eye out for the October art projects that will be displayed inside and outside the classroom.

We will have a small trick or treat parade on Thursday, October 31st day followed by a class potluck. Please be on the lookout for further information to follow soon.

Please email me if you have any questions at [alicial@fvmontessori.com](mailto:alicial@fvmontessori.com)

Have a Spooktacular month ahead!

Happy Birthday:      Lukas A.- 13<sup>th</sup>                      Maximus A.- 13<sup>th</sup>

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