

Fountain Valley Montessori

September 2019 Newsletter



Important Dates:

Monday, September 2rd

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Observance of Labor
Day

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Academic School Year

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September 27th
Scholastic Book Fair

Happy Birthday...

Ms. Gloria- 6th
Ms. Yasmin- 28th

From the Director: Fountain Valley Montessori is thrilled for the 2019-2020 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 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 www.fvmontessori.com for the newsletter, calendar, etc.

Teacher Emails

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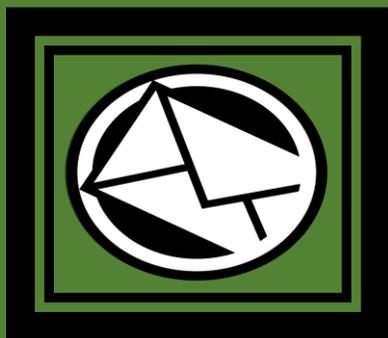
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A Reminder about Our Illness Policy: Children may not attend school with a fever, vomiting, diarrhea, discolored mucus, or any other infectious illness. If a child is sent home from school, he/she must be symptom free for a complete 24 hours before returning to school. For example, if a child is sent home at 1:30pm, their 24hour 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. Vicky: Welcome new and returning families! I hope everyone had a great summer! We are excited and looking forward to a successful year ahead. A new beginning is always a time for adjusting and getting into the routine of school. September will be a busy month getting acquainted with our classroom environment, the daily schedule, and getting to know each other. We will focus on setting a solid foundation for respecting one another with lessons on grace and courtesy as well as learning our classroom rules. The focus during the first weeks of school 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 have been in our class last year will be great mentors guiding the new children.

In the month of September, we will 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. The children will learn the parts of the body in Spanish as well. 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 3 things they love and will bring back to share with their fellow classmates through the month.

The children will get lessons on peeling and cutting an apple, and will learn about types of apples, life cycle of an apple, etc. The great artist, Paul Cezanne’s apple paintings and apple collage art will decorate our classroom walls. The children will also learn about the parts of a turtle. We will be traveling to every continent around the world and learning its name, how to identify them on our class globe, as well as learn the continent song. We will also be listening to “The Beatles” through the month.

Every Friday is share day in Room 1. Please send an article of educational value (book, picture, photo, trophy) to share with your child’s friends during circle time. Toys, however, are NOT accepted. If your child forgets to bring in a share, he/she may opt for a talk share. Please bring in a set of extra clothes for your child’s cubby.

Please make sure that your child is in class by 9:00 am. It is important for your child to be on time for circle time lessons. In order to have an easier transition you may make use of the grace period and drop your child off in the playground at 8:45 am.

Thank you for entrusting your child’s learning and growth with us. We look forward to a great year with you child!

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Room 2- Ms. Marian & Ms. Josie: Welcome to all new and returning families!

It has been a great summer and we are looking forward to the school year. We can't wait to jump into new adventures with your child! The children had a great time over the summer and especially enjoyed the activities and field trips. Some favorites included water days, snow cones, and the marionette show.

We will begin the month of September by learning "All About Me"! The children will be learning about the Human Body and different characteristics like the color of hair, eyes, and skin. We have many fun projects planned and I am excited to see them learn.

We will study the types of apples. The children will learn about the life cycle of an apple and will even be painting with apples. We will taste the many varieties of apples and we will be charting our favorite ones. We will peel and cut an apple to observe its parts.

The children will also learn about the parts of a turtle. We will begin this year's study of Geography by learning about the hemispheres of the Earth and the continents. We will be learning about colors in Spanish. Our musician of the month will be Beethoven. The children will listen to some of his compositions through the month. Our artist of the month will be Cezanne.

Along with our unit study, we will focus on the very important process of normalization. The children will be given lessons in grace and courtesy, on taking care of themselves and the environment. Walking in a line, using indoor voices, walking with the heel to toe movement, pushing in a chair after work, carrying a tray, cleaning up after themselves are some of the lessons that help children normalize in the classroom.

Reminders:

- Class starts promptly at 9:00am. I suggest you drop your child off on the playground at 8:45am, so they will be able to play before we start our day.
- Please be sure to bring their bedding every Monday and take it home every Friday to be washed. Please make sure to include a crib sheet, small blanket, and child size pillow.
- Check your child's file folder and cubbies every day for any important papers.
- Don't forget to sign your child up for snack on the calendar outside the classroom door. Our share day is on Fridays as well.

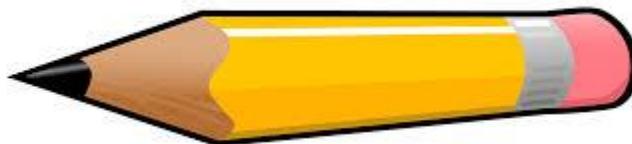
We are very excited to start our new adventure and thank you for entrusting your little ones in our care. Please don't hesitate to call the school anytime at or email me at marian@fvmontessori.com

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Room 3- Ms. Christine & Ms. Bea:

A big welcome to all new and returning families to our Room 3 classroom! Ms. Bea and I will be working together again and are very happy to begin another school year as a team. We are very excited and have already begun to know a few of your children this summer and we are happy to have some returning children and a few new children too! It is going to be a fantastic year full of fun and learning and growth!

I would like to begin the month by focusing on the process of normalizing the children and enabling a smooth transition into this school year. 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) and practical life lessons of pushing our chair in after work time and carrying a tray. We will be setting a solid foundation of respect with lessons on grace and courtesy.

We will be learning “All about me,” the parts of the body, the five senses and our feelings.

This month we will be focusing on learning about all the continents and where they’re located on the globe. Throughout the year, children will be learning a different artist each month and we will be re-creating their work. We will be working on a self-portrait. We will also be learning about apples, taste varieties, observe the parts of an apple and work on numerous apple related jobs inside the classroom. Feel free to bring in an apple that the children may cut and observe the insides for Botany. We will also have a composer \ musician or band for each month and this month we will be listening to the Russian composer Piotr Tchaikovsky.

Just a few reminders to ensure a successful school year. School starts promptly at 9 AM. I encourage all children to be dropped off by 8:45 AM on the playground for a smooth transition. If you are running late please say your goodbyes outside of the classroom so it does not disrupt our morning circle. Please check your child’s file as well as their cubby daily. Please make sure your child has an extra pair of clothing in their cubby which will include underwear, socks, pants or shorts, and a shirt. We invite families to sign up to bring morning snack once a month. The children really enjoy being able to serve their friends and be the special helper of the day. They get to be the flag holder and the weather reporter for the day as well! Snack should consist of two food groups (ideally a fruit or vegetable and a starch or protein). Please keep in mind that group snacks should be nut free. Every Friday the school offers cheese pizza along with two sides for \$4.00. Please see the office if you wish to have your child participate.



Let’s have a great year!

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

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

It's so exciting to begin our new adventure into learning, as we have many subjects to cover. In Physical Geography, we will be covering the Continent Map and Oceans of the World. In addition to NSEW, the equator and latitude and longitude. In Cultural Geography, we will introduce the most important countries in each continent, their languages and landmarks. In Botany, we will cover Parts of the apple and work on a writing project on the apple. In Zoology, the subject matter will be Living and Non-Living thing and the main characteristics of each. Our artist of the month will be Paul Cezanne, and we will listen to the music of Neil Diamond.

Just a few reminders to ensure a successful school year:

School starts promptly at 9:00 a.m. If you are running late, please say your goodbyes outside of the classroom as it does disrupt our morning routine.

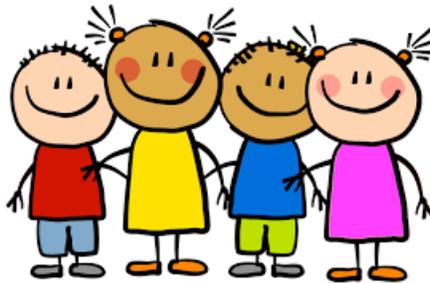
As part of our Grace and Courtesy lesson, we invite families to sign up for morning snack once a month. The children enjoy being able to serve their friends and be the special helper of the day! Snack should consist of two food groups, ideally a fruit or vegetables and a starch/cracker. Please keep in mind group snacks need to be NUT FREE and we do not serve any juice or milk. The children enjoy water.

Please make sure your child has an extra pair of clothing in their desk (this includes underwear, socks, pants or shorts and a shirt).

Please make sure to check your child's file folder daily for any such report, work and other personal notes. Please check our parent board located outside the classroom for pertinent information and upcoming events as well as the TV screen in the front office as well!

Every Friday, the school offers cheese pizza along with two sides. It is \$4.00 per Friday. Please see the office if you wish to have your child participate.

Please email me if you have any concerns or question: paula@fvmontessori.com



Happy Birthday!

Jaxyn J.- 17th

Edward T.- 27th

Demi T.- 27th

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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 and forms 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
- South America Research/Writing Projects

Biology Activities:

- Review Types of Vertebrates/ Food Chain
- Botany Impressionistic Chart: The Tree Absorbs Minerals Through Its Roots
- Food Chain/ Animal Research

History:

- Needs of People Timelines
- Ancient Civilizations - Egypt

Art:

- Weaving Paper – Joining Two Paintings - Weaving paper is a skill that is important for elementary students to learn. They will take that simple skill to the next level with this concept of weaving together two similar paintings.



Please check your child's folders daily, and the calendar/message board just outside our door for special messages or announcements. Our school day starts promptly at 8:30 a.m. and attendance /Pledge of Allegiance at 9:00 am. Your child's **regular and prompt attendance at school is crucial to his/her success**. A detailed class schedule will be posted outside the door. Please have your child attend class on time and be picked up on time.

Thank you for your cooperation and support. Please email me at neranja@fvmontessori.com, if you have any questions.

Happy Birthday! Everett K.- 17th Ms. Yasmin- 28th

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Room 5- Ms. Gloria & Ms. Jennylyn: Welcome back and here is to a great start! I hope that 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 Room 5!

During September, the focus during the first weeks of school will be on normalizing the children. The children will be given lessons on taking care of themselves and 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 have already been in our class will be great mentors, guiding the new children.

During the year, we are going to travel the world during the year, learning fascinating facts, cruising from continent to continent, swimming through oceans! This month we will learn the names of continents and identify them on the world map. The children will work on art projects, work sheets and puzzles while discovering the geographic location of each continent and learning the continent song.

Apples...apples and more apples will be seen in Room 5 during September! The children will get lessons on peeling and cutting an apple, types of apples, life cycle of an apple, etc. The great artist, Paul Cezanne's apple paintings and apple collage art will adorn the art bulletin board. The basic lesson on "All about me" will be presented. We will discuss the parts of the body and talk about emotions and feelings. The children will learn the parts of the body in Spanish as well.

Every Friday is share day in Room 5. Please send an article of educational value (book, picture, photo, trophy) to share with your child's friends during circle time. Toys, however, are NOT accepted. If your child forgets to bring in a share, he/she may share a fun story/fun experience with the class. Please send a set of extra clothes in a labeled Ziplock bag and place it in your child's cubby.

Please make sure that your child is in class by 9:00 am. It is important for the child to be on time for circle time lessons. In order to have an easier transition you may make use of the grace period and drop your child off in the playground at 8:45 am. Thank you for entrusting your child's learning and growth with us. We look forward to a great year with you child!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email on gloria@fvmontessori.com

Happy Birthday: Colin N.- 3rd Ms. Gloria- 6th Ellie D.- 12th

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Room 6- Ms. Enoka & Ms. Kaitlin: I'm excited to welcome you all to the new school year! I hope everyone had a great summer and enjoyed the break with your friends and families. We have a lot of exciting plans for the coming year and I look forward to sharing them with you in time.

For the month of September, we're looking forward to welcoming all the new and returning students to the classroom! We are delighted to have a few new faces in the room and look forward to everyone settling down into the classroom environment soon.

With fall season approaching we will learn a lot about the different seasons of the year, harvesting, and have a special focus on parts of a tree and parts of an apple. There will also be introductions to the planet earth with an emphasis on continents. In addition, children will be introduced to different techniques of painting.

Our artist of the month will be Cezanne. Also we will be listening to the music of Beethoven throughout the month.

The younger children in the group will focus heavily of practical life and sensorial exercises while the older group will continue to develop their individual skills and mentor their younger peers. This is a great opportunity for making new friends and a fun time for all!

As always, we will be celebrating everyone's birthdays according to the Montessori way. I will be in contact with parents about plans for the celebration of life as the birthdates approach. Just as a reminder, do make sure to let us know of any food allergies and/or other food related restrictions your child may have. Please also make sure the children have a change of clothes that can be placed in your child's cubby

Thank you!

Best regards,
Miss. Enoka



Happy Birthday: Layla S.- 10th Avery K.- 21st Jacob J.- 22nd Porter S.- 27th Charlotte S.- 27th

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

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 lining up, walking around the circle, pulling out and pushing in our chairs, washing hands, and holding a tray of work.

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; we will be tasting apples and we will do apple art projects. Our song of the month will be the "Apple Song."

I will also be introducing a color and shape of each month. This month, the children will learn about the color red. I will be lining the classroom work with red felt and changing our practical life objects to reflect the color red. These jobs allow the children to experiment with various mediums and reinforce color recognition. Our shape will be a circle. Please keep an eye out for their September art projects that will be displayed inside and outside the classroom.

Please make sure that your child is in class by 9:00 am. It is important for the child to be on time for circle time lessons. In order to have an easier transition you may make use of the grace period and drop your child off in the playground at 8:45 am. I am excited to begin the school year and I look forward to an amazing year ahead.

Please see me if you have any questions or email me at alicial@fvmontessori.com

Happy Birthday: Hunter Y.- 13th

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