

# Fountain Valley Montessori

## November 2019 Newsletter



### Important Dates:

Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

School Closed for  
Parent/Teacher Conferences

Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

School Closed for Veteran's  
Day

Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

Friendship Feast

Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>

Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

School Closed for  
Thanksgiving Break

Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

See's Candies  
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Happy Birthday...

Ms. Sara- 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Ms. Jahaira- 29<sup>th</sup>



**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 31<sup>st</sup> a fun day for the children. It was so wonderful to see them parade around in their cute costumes!

**Friendship Feast Potluck:** On Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> each classroom will be having a Friendship 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 childcare 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.

Like us on Facebook and Instagram! We post updates and pictures from recent events. Visit us at [fvmontessori.com](http://fvmontessori.com) for the newsletter, calendar, etc.

**Room 1- Ms. Jahaira & Ms. Vicky:** Hello Parents,

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 in our spooky potluck. The children enjoyed learning all about pumpkins, and the continent of North America.

This month we will be learning about the Farm and they will work on a writing project related to their favorite farm animal. In Zoology, the children will learn about parts of a bird. We will learn about parts of a tree in Botany. This month 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 Science, the children will be exploring magnetism. In Music, the children will listen to Patriotic music! In art, the children will be creating their very own turkey. In Spanish, we will learn about farm animals. Thanksgiving themed hats will also be made for our Harvest potluck. Continuing our FVM tradition, we will read the book "Stone Soup" throughout the month and we will also be making our own Stone Soup in class. It is a heartwarming story of how a community comes together to feed everyone and finds happiness. Please look for the sign-up sheet and more information as it will be posted by the snack calendar.

Have a great month!

Ms. Jahaira and Ms. Vicky

Happy Birthday:      Nolan S.-13<sup>th</sup>                  Ethan E.-18<sup>th</sup>                  Ms. Jahaira-29<sup>th</sup>

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**Room 2- Ms. Marian & Ms. Josie:** Hello Parents,

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 for our spooky potluck. The children enjoyed learning all about pumpkins, turtles, farm animals, and the continent of Australia.

This month we will be learning about the oceans. I am excited for our journey around the world, exploring the oceans and the unique sea creatures! In Zoology, the children will learn about parts of a turkey and the life cycle of the plant 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 native American flute and for art, we will be working on bubble wrap paint technique. I look forward to the children having fun with this new method of using paint! In Spanish, Ms. Josie will teach the children numbers. Thanksgiving themed hats will also be made as we learn about thanksgiving traditions. Continuing our FVM tradition, we will be reading the book “Stone Soup” through the month of November. It is a heartwarming story of love, compassion and sharing. 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. Please note, we will also have a sign-up sheet for our Friendship Feast coming up on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Have a wonderful month ahead!

Ms. Marian and Ms. Josie

Happy Birthday: Sophia M.-8<sup>th</sup> Hasika T.-11<sup>th</sup> Emmalyn P.- 22<sup>nd</sup>

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**Room 3- Ms. Christine & Ms. Bea:** Hello Parents,

It is hard to believe that it is already November. The children have adjusted so well and are enjoying the work and lessons. Thank you to all the families that were able to attend our costume parade and spooky potluck. We had a great time seeing all of you and the children in their adorable and fun costumes!

In November, our unit of study will be Living and Non-living things. We will be studying about the continent of North America, the countries, their flags and learn about the life and culture of the people. We will be discussing the Parts of a Turkey as well. We will also learn about Thanksgiving and what it means to share and to be thankful. We have a great opportunity to share in a school tradition called “Stone Soup”. It is a heartwarming story of how a community comes together to create a meal for everyone. We will read the book and make our own Stone Soup in the classroom! We will have each child bring in an item to contribute to our soup and build our classroom community spirit. Look for a reminder in your child’s cubby.

Our Artist of the Month is Wassily Kandinsky and we will be recreating his colorful concentric circle art.

Our Musician of the Month will be Tears for Fears and as usual we will be listening to their music throughout the month in the classroom.

We will be closed for Parent-Teacher Conferences, Friday, November 1st. This is an opportunity for us to discuss how your child is progressing in class and goals for the remainder of the school year.

Just a reminder to please check your child’s extra clothes so they are weather appropriate.

Have a great month ahead!

Ms. Christine and Ms. Bea

Happy Birthday: Sawyer F.- 2<sup>nd</sup>      Nathaniel D.- 16<sup>th</sup>      Caroline F. 20<sup>th</sup>      Zoe F.- 26<sup>th</sup>

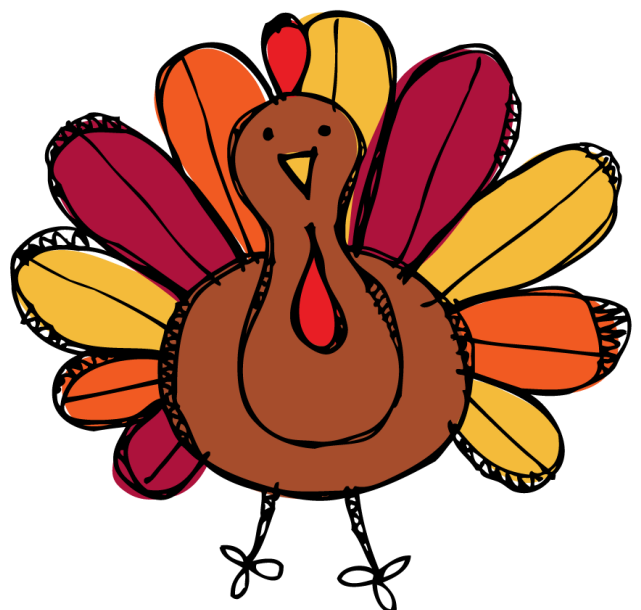
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**Room 4 Lower- Ms. Paula & Ms. Yasmin:**

Hello Parents,

Welcome to November, the eleventh month! In the past, fierce, howling winds sweep over England at this time of year. So, one name the people living there long ago had for this month was “wind month.”

Thank you for all the support from the parents with that amazing, fun filled field trip to Irvine Park. I am sure the children will have fond memories of such a great outing!



We are looking forward to exploring the continent of North America. We always enjoy learning the fun facts including the map of the countries, their flags and learning about the culture and life of the people. The unique animals are always a point of interest to the children. Veteran’s Day will be acknowledged with the history and fun fact of eleven, eleven, eleven. For our art project, we will be painting poppies in honor of Veteran’s Day. We will learn about the Parts of the Bird and focus on the Parts of the Stem for our science lessons. We will be learning about the 13 original colonies and doing a writing project on our favorite holiday traditions. Our musician of the month is “The Beatles” in celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Our heartfelt thanks to you for having the honor to teach your child. Have a great month ahead!

Ms. Paula  
Ms. Yasmin

Happy Birthday: Thomas C.-14<sup>th</sup>      Chloe C.-19<sup>th</sup>      Natalie H.- 30<sup>th</sup>

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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 costume parade and spooky 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. It's also all about football and the children will be given writing prompts that will 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
- Types of leaves (Species), Leaf Arrangement and Composition/ Types of reptiles
- Vital Functions of a Vertebrae

### **Social Studies**

- Study of North America: Map/ Animals/ Plants/ Flags/ Places
- Study of North America Level 2: name countries
- Fundamental Needs: Communication
- Parts of a car

### **History**

- Timeline of Life: Research
- Pilgrims and the Voyage of the Mayflower
- Pilgrims and the Plymouth Colony



### **Art**

- Patterns are found everywhere. Fall is a time to slow down and observe nature's patterns. Looking closely, patterns are everywhere, providing much inspiration for an art practice. These patterns recur in different contexts and can sometimes be modelled mathematically. Natural patterns include symmetries, trees, spirals, meanders, waves, foams, tessellations, cracks and stripes. Early Greek philosophers studied pattern, with Plato, Pythagoras and Empedocles attempting to explain order in nature. The children will observe these wonderful miracles and transform them to Art.

Please note that school will be closed for Parent/Teacher conferences on Friday, November 1st. 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!

Happy Birthday: Christopher T.-11<sup>th</sup>

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**Room 5- Ms. Gloria & Ms. Jennylyn:** The month of October was more like Rock...tober as we ended the month with our fabulous costume parade and spooky potluck! A big thank you to all the parents who made it successful by helping in numerous ways.

November is a month to be thankful! We will also fondly remember the veterans for their invaluable service. During the month of November, the children will learn to appreciate and be thankful for the wonderful things we enjoy in life. We will discuss what Thanksgiving is all about and enjoy a Friendship Feast at the end of the month. Did you know that Neil Armstrong's first meal in space after walking on the moon was foil packets with roasted turkey?

It's that time of the year to sign-up for Parent/Teacher conferences on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. The sign-up sheet is posted by the snack folder. The school will be closed that day and childcare will be provided during the conference.

Our unit of study for the monthly is Transportation. We will learn about ways to travel and modes of transportation. The children will learn about the parts of a leaf. We will continue our world travels and learn more about the wonderful country we live in, the USA. The children will explore the States, 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. The children will listen to the great music of Aretha Franklin and we will learn about the great artist, Pablo Picasso and work on self-portraits. Thanksgiving-themed art projects will also be made and displayed during this month. In Spanish, Ms. Bea will work on terms used for Transportation.

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 can be the teacher's helper, the line leader, calendar person, weather reporter and flag holder.

We will be reading the book "Stone Soup" through the month of November and we will cook our own Stone Soup in school on Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. The children may contribute a vegetable to our soup, and we will enjoy it at lunch time along with the rest of the lunch. More information will follow on a separate sign-up sheet. Our Friendship Feast will be held on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please find the potluck signup sheet on the classroom door.

This Thanksgiving Season, Ms. Jennylyn and I are thankful to our families of Fountain Valley Montessori for sharing your love and children with us. We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!

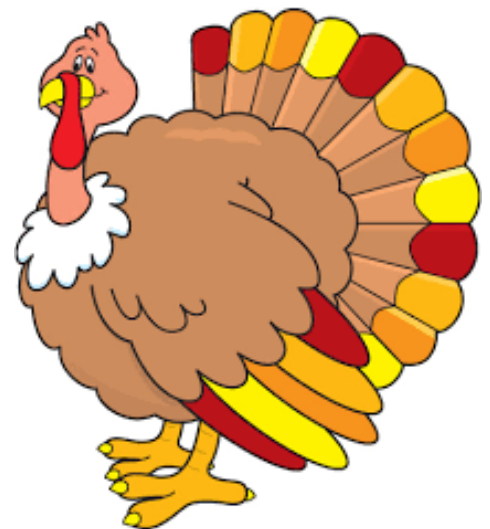
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**Room 6- Ms. Enoka & Ms. Kaitlin:**

Dear Parents,

Can you believe it's already November? The month of October flew by with all the fun activities! The children enjoyed craving a pumpkin, crafting spiders, owls, and bats, and learning all about the skeleton. Our costume parade was a big hit with the children going trick-o-treating.

November is going to be another busy month. We will learn about the continent of Europe, and the journey of the Pilgrims from Europe to North America. We will continue to explore the North American continent and learn about Native Americans and how they helped Pilgrims settle in this new land. We'll also learn about harvesting time and the changes in weather. Children will enjoy making Pilgrim and Indian hats for their Friendship Feast. We will focus on the meaning Thanksgiving and reflect on what we are thankful for. Since Thanksgiving is incomplete without turkeys, we will learn about them and create art projects as well!

For Botany, we'll focus on the parts of a leaf and since autumn is in full swing, we'll craft colorful autumn leaves. In keeping with the theme of North America, we will be listening to Native American and country music as well as replicate Native American artwork.

I also want to take a moment to thank you for all your kind words and sympathy during this difficult time in my life. I truly appreciate it.

Ms. Enoka

Happy Birthday:      Avery V.-6<sup>th</sup>                      Dylan Q.-13<sup>th</sup>



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

October has been such a fun and spooky month from our pumpkin patch to our costume parade! We learned about parts of a pumpkin: the vine, seedling, and pumpkin seeds. The children enjoyed singing "I'm A Little Pumpkin" and had fun making their ghosts. A big thank you to all the Room 7 parents for helping with our October events.

November brings fall leaves and lots to be thankful for. Our book of the month will be "Llama, Llama Gives Thanks" by Anna Dewdney. Our color of the month will be brown. The children will be painting, making owls and turkeys. Keep an eye out for them, they will be displayed inside and outside the classroom. Our songs for the month will be "Autumns Leaves Are Falling Down," "I'm A Little Scarecrow" and "I'm Glad I'm not a Turkey". We will also be learning about the parts of a turkey and our shape of the month will be a triangle.

We look forward to a fun filled month ahead!

Happy Birthday: Joy M.- 3<sup>rd</sup>

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