

Fountain Valley Montessori

December 2019 Newsletter

Important Dates:

Holiday Show and International Potluck

Wednesday, December 11th Rooms 1 & 2 @ 11:00

Thursday, December 12th Rooms 5 & 6 @11:00

Friday, December 13th
Room 3 @11:00
Room 4- Lower @11:15
Room 4- Upper @ 11:30

Collette's Children's Drive

Tuesday, December 2nd-
Friday, December 13th

Room 4's Holiday Gift Shop

Monday, December 16th Rooms 7 & 1

Tuesday, December 17th
Rooms 2 & 3

Wednesday, December 18th Rooms 5, 6 & 4

Pajama Day!

Friday, December 20th

Winter Recess

Monday, December 23rd-
Friday, January 3rd
(School Closed)

Happy Birthday...

Ms. Paula- 17th
Ms. Lisa- 24th

Stone Soup and Friendship Feast: A big thank you for contributing to the Stone Soup. The children enjoyed the warm soup and also learned the value of sharing and caring. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the delicious Friendship Feast in each classroom and to the parent helpers who helped set up the feasts. The food was enjoyed by all.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Thank you to all the parents who attended Parent/Teacher Conferences. It was great to see all of you and we hope you enjoyed learning about your child's progress.

Holiday Program: As part of our curriculum, the children learn about holidays from around the world. In December, the children also learn songs about the winter season as well as holiday songs! This year, the children are excited to perform for all their parents! We are excited that we will be setting up our back-picnic area as a performance space for the children to perform! The children will also be enjoying their International Potluck on the day of their performance. We encourage all parents to talk with your child about your heritage and sign up for a dish from your country of origin. We invite all parents to stay and enjoy the International Potluck with their child. Below, you will find the date and time your child will be performing.

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Thursday, December 12th: 11:00-**Rooms 5 & 6**

Friday, December 13th: 11:00- **Room 3** 11:15- **Room 4- Lower** 11:30- **Room 4- Upper**

Room 4's Holiday Gift Shop: Our upper elementary students are excited to stock, organize and run their very own holiday gift shop this holiday season. Preschool and Elementary classes will have the opportunity to shop for their loved ones on their specified shopping day. To have your child participate, on their specified shopping day please send them to school with no more than \$5.00 in a labeled zip lock bag with their name on their specified day. Please see the letter that will be emailed out for more information as well as your child's holiday shopping day!

Pajama Day: On Friday, December 20th, we will be having Pajama Day. Feel free to have your child come to school in their favorite pajamas. This is a day to just have fun and relax. Please make sure they wear school appropriate shoes. Thank you!

Tuition Reminder: Please keep in mind that tuition is due between the 15th and the 20th for the following month. For example, the tuition for November is due between the 15th and 20th of October. A late fee will be assessed to all payments received after the 20th.

Sign In/Out Reminder: It is a mandatory STATE requirement that each child's daily arrival and departure be noted in the sign in and sign out keypads. Please do not allow your child to check themselves in or out. This is a legal document and must be treated as such. In addition, please inform us in writing if anyone other than the parent will be picking up your child from school.

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Room 1- Ms. Jahaira & Ms. Vicky: Wow! I can't believe we are a month away from a New Year! November was such a fun and exciting month for the children. We learned about the wonderful country we live in and explored the 50 states! We learned about our flag, our currency and animals found on our continent. We also learned about farm animals, parts of a bird, reviewed parts of a turkey and parts of a tree. The children also learned how to squeeze their own orange juice; it was delicious! We created beautiful turkeys using colorful feathers. Our friendship feast was delicious, special thanks to all the parent volunteers who helped set up and clean up.

Bring your cozy jackets and hot chocolate because this month we will be traveling to the continent of Antarctica! The children will learn about the coldest climate on the planet! We will be learning about winter animals; our focus will be the Emperor Penguin!

We will listen to holiday music and your little artists will be recreating a masterpiece by Wassily Kandinsky. In Spanish, I will be teaching the children how to greet others and some holiday greetings. We will also be busy making our holiday gifts and practicing our holiday show songs.

The annual holiday gift shop organized by Elementary children will be held during the week of December 16th. Please send \$5.00 with your child on Friday, December 13th purchase gifts for family and friends. As the holidays are getting closer, the children of Room 1 will be practicing for our Holiday Show which is on Wednesday, December 11th. Please bring your child to school by 9:00am in his/her holiday attire. Their performance will be held in the back-picnic area. Our International Potluck will be held after our holiday show. Please look for sign-up sheet on the door.

Happy Birthday: Levi M.- 20th

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Room 2- Ms. Marian & Ms. Josie:

It is hard to believe that it is already December. The children have adjusted so well and are enjoying the work and lessons.

They are so excited about the upcoming holidays and are looking forward to singing holiday songs for you on Wednesday, December 11th at 11:00am for our annual holiday show!

Thank you to all the parents who helped contribute to our Friendship feast. We are so lucky to have such supportive and helpful parents. The children really enjoyed having you there.

We will be covering a few interesting topics through this festive month. To begin with, we will learn about arctic animals and explore their adaptation methods. We will talk about how their bodies are able to survive the harsh cold conditions. We will continue our journey through the United States and talk about the parts of the horse.

We will listen to the beautiful music of Elvis and the children will work on an art project using the technique of combining oil pastels with watercolor.

Happy Holidays to all and have a great time with friends and family!

Best regards,

Ms. Marian

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Room 3- Ms. Christine & Ms. Bea:

Hope you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving break. We had a great month of November with our Friendship feast and Stone Soup while we all focused on what we are grateful for. Thank you for all your help and contributions that really made it a fun experience for the children.

This month, we will be discussing the continent of Antarctica and its extreme climate along with the different species of penguins and their characteristics. We will also be learning about animals living in the cold regions of the world, identify the places on our globe and will learn about their adaptation methods. We will review the names of these animals in Spanish as well.

We have already been practicing our holiday songs in class with Ms. Woo and have been listening to the music of Sting, our composer of the month. The children have been so excited, and we can't wait to perform for you!

Be ready for our 3D art project of a snowman and for a beautiful holiday gift from your little ones!

Have a fantastic holiday and we will see you in 2020!

Happy Birthday: Vanessa N. - 29th

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Room 4 Lower- Ms. Paula & Ms. Yasmin: It will be a December to remember, with all the holiday cheer ahead! Our Friendship Feast was such a successful and cherished event. All the love and support from the families, set a tradition to appreciate with respect and love.

In December we will be covering Feast of Saint Nicholas – Europe’s Santa Claus on December 6th. Saint Lucia Day with cakes and candles on December 13th, and that Hanukkah means dedication. This allows us to explore other countries and cultural beliefs.

Looking forward to going to the play of The Nutcracker on December 5th. In tribute to that occasion our musician will be Peter Tchaikovsky.

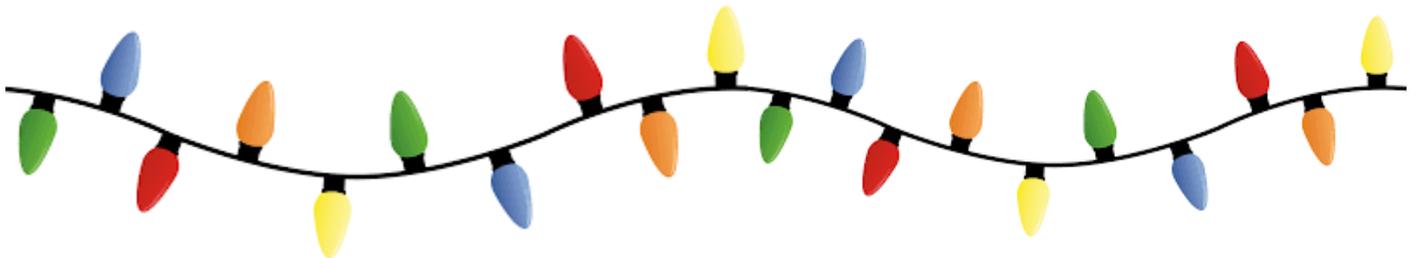
Our Writing lesson will be a beautiful booklet on Holiday Plants. We will do an introduction to Antarctica, research penguins, their habitat, and their types. Continuing Upper Elementary annual holiday tradition, they will be conducting a Holiday Gift Shop for the children of FVM. Lower Elementary will shop for their families on Wednesday, December 18th. Please send \$5 in a labeled zip lock bag on that day.

We will be singing with glee for our holiday program and have been practicing diligently. Looking forward to a magical show on Friday, December 13th, at 11:15 am. Hope to see you there!

Regards,

Ms. Paula and Ms. Yasmin

Happy Birthday: Cara C.- 31st



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Room 4 Upper- Ms. Neranja & Ms. Yasmin: Welcome to the frosty month of December! It is so hard to believe that November is over and the holidays are already approaching. Thank you to all the parents who helped contribute to our Friendship feast. We are so lucky to have such supportive parents and the children really enjoyed having you there.

The children will learn about World Holidays through this holiday month. This will be a great opportunity for them to explore how holidays are celebrated in other countries and how they have incorporated some of those traditions into their own family celebrations. In this way, children realize that all cultures can offer positive experiences.

We are excited to announce that the students of our Upper Elementary Program will be holding their Seventh Annual “Room 4’s Holiday Gift Shop” for the students of Fountain Valley Montessori. The students are excited to stock, organize and run their very own shop to help their school mates’ shop for their loved ones during this holiday season! This will be a great opportunity for our Elementary students to put their math skills to use, as well as their grace and courtesy skills. While doing so, our other students will have an opportunity to shop on their own for moms, dads, siblings and anyone else on their holiday list!

Winter and December Writing Prompts: ‘Does falling snow have a sound?’, ‘If I owned a toy store’, ‘” The best gifts are gifts from the heart.” What does this phrase mean to you?’ and more!

Art: Cube Mural inspired by Street Artist ThankyouX

Music: The Nutcracker ballet and the music by Tchaikovsky – To coincide with our Field Trip to the Theater, the students listen to selections from the Nutcracker and discuss the mood evoked by each.

Our annual Holiday Show will be held on Friday, December 13th at 11:30 am. Please be on the lookout for more details! Also, stay tuned for the “International Potluck” signup sheet to be posted on our classroom door. Please be sure to enjoy these last days of the year 2019 and hope that everyone has a warm and cozy December!

Happy Birthday: Lily H.- 15th Natalie N.- 16th

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Room 5- Ms. Gloria & Ms. Jennylyn: Phew... See how time has flown as we reach the end of 2019 and the year 2020 around the corner! We are thankful for all our wonderful children and families of FVM! Our Stone Soup and Friendship Feast were successful with your help and we humbly thank everyone who helped us in numerous ways. Thank you to all for meeting/speaking with me for parent/teacher conferences.

Brrr.... Put your winter clothes on as we will be travelling to Antarctica to discover the penguins! I am certain the favorite type of penguin will be the Macaroni Penguin. The children will study about parts of a penguin and enjoy an art project. At the end of the month, we will watch a documentary related to the continent.

Beat it...beat it...beat it... We will put our Rock & Roll shoes on to listen and “Moon dance” to Michael Jackson’s music during December! The children will splatter and drip paint to create the “Splatter Art” of Jackson Pollock. We will also work on holiday themed art projects during the month of December. Ms. Bea will teach shapes in Spanish. We will learn about the Volcano and watch its eruption. This has been an all-time favorite experiment! Parts of a flower will be introduced, and the children are welcome to bring flowers for our observation tray during the month.

The annual holiday gift shop organized by Elementary children will be held on Wednesday, December 18. Please send \$5.00 with your child on this day so the little ones can purchase gifts for the family. Please put the money in a labelled zip lock bag and put in the basket provided.

I am sure you have saved the day, Thursday, December 12th to watch your child perform on our annual holiday show at 11:00 am! Please bring your child to school as usual in the morning in his/her holiday attire to Room 5. Their performance will be held in the back-picnic area. Please find a seat and enjoy the show! The International Potluck will be immediately after the show in Room 5. Please Sign-up for a food item and present it to our children! The sheets are available next to the snack sign-up. The last day of school is Friday, December 20th, which is pajama day with movie and popcorn.

We thank you for entrusting your child’s education and growth with us and Ms. Jennylyn and I wish you all happy and safe holidays!

Happy Birthday: Harper L.- 7th Nathan P.- 24th Benjamin T.- 26th

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Room 6- Ms. Enoka & Ms. Kaitlin: Hello Parents,

Welcome to the last month of the 2019! I would like to begin by acknowledging all you wonderful parents for participating in our friendship feast and making it special! Thank you!

In the month of December, the children will learn about the continent of Antarctica, its weather, native animals, native plants, and many other wonderful things we can find in this special place on earth. We will also learn about birds in some detail including parts of a bird, and focus on a special bird native to Antarctica, the penguin. To keep with the winter theme, this month's craft project will be a penguin as well. As these winter months bring us winter weather I will also talk to the children about how plants and animals native to icy cold climates adapt to these conditions and introduce the concept of hibernation in animals and plants.

As we talk all about the icy climate in Antarctica, the monthly art project will continue with the winter theme and the children will make their individual snow man art pieces.

With the exciting holiday season approaching soon the children are getting ready for our big holiday show by practicing our holiday songs. In addition, we will be making some holiday related decorations as well as some gifts to take home for their parents (it's a secret!).

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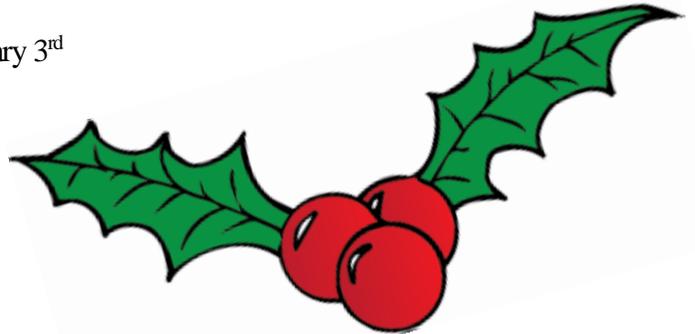
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Room 7- Ms. Alicia, Ms. Stephanie, & Ms. Jocelyn:

November has come and gone in the blink of an eye! The children did a great job making their turkeys and owls. They also enjoyed singing the scarecrow and the autumn leaves songs. Brown was our color of the month. Make sure to point it out to your little ones when you see it. Thank you to all the parents who helped set up our friendship feast and for all the food that was provided. It was so yummy!

December brings lots of holiday cheer. Our book of the month is "Bear Stays Up For Christmas." Our color of the month will be green. The children will easel paint with green paint. Our song is "I'm A Little Santa." The children will make handprint holiday trees for the outside wall and will create a wreath with tissue paper for the inside wall. Keep an eye out for them. The shape of the month will be a star. We will be singing a lot of fun holiday songs through the month as well!

Every holiday season, the FVM Elementary class organizes a holiday gift shop filled with knickknacks and small items so the younger ones have an opportunity to buy something special for their families. This year, our gift shop will be held the week of December 16th. Please send \$5.00 in a labeled Ziploc bag on Monday, December 16, so your child can have this experience.

A friendly reminder for all..... **please make sure to write your child's name on their jackets and other belongings.** A lot of children end up bringing similar jackets and it is difficult for us to keep track if they are not labeled.

We wish you Happy Holidays! See you all in 2020!

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