

Fountain Valley Montessori

February 2020 Newsletter

Important Dates:

Friday, February 7th

WAGS Visit & donations due

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Wednesday, February 12th

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PTU Pizza Party

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Re-Enrollment Packets Out



Dental Awareness Month: In honor of dental awareness month, Dr. Beanca Chu will be coming into the classrooms to give a brief demonstration on the importance of brushing and keeping our teeth clean!

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. Please see Parent Handbook for suggestions.

Re-Enrollment: Re-enrollment will be taking place for the upcoming summer and the **2020-2021 School Year** between Friday, February 28th - Monday, March 16th. We offer placement for summer and fall to existing students and siblings first, before we open to our wait list.

We will be emailing an enrollment packet. We will be offering an early enrollment incentive of zero enrollment fees for those families who turn in their re-enrollment no later than **Monday, March 9th**. All reenrollment forms turned in after will be subject to the reenrollment fee of \$100.

Please make sure to return your re-enrollment forms no later than **Monday, March 16th**, 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.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Conferences are coming up on Friday, March 6th. 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.

Tax Time: Our tax ID # is 33-0961742. Please see the office if you need any statements for the 2019 school year.

Correct Information: Please make sure the office has your most current information. If you have changed cell phone numbers, switched emails, or recently moved, please make sure to double check the information with the office.

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Room 1- Ms. Jahaira & Ms. Vicky:

Happy Lunar Year! The year started off with fun activities for the children. They all loved the Magic Show, thank you FVM PTU! This month we traveled to the Great Wall of China within the continent of Asia. The children enjoyed learning about the parts of a fish. They also loved drawing and coloring their own Koi fish. Our art is beautifully displayed on our outside wall. The children had so much fun using their shakers during our Lunar Year Parade! Thank you, room 4 for all your hard work and dedication during this celebration!

Next month we will be learning all about dinosaurs and making a fun art project using pasta. We will continue to learn about Asia and focus on Japan and Sri Lanka. The class will continue to learn about Asia's culture, landmarks, animals and plants. We will be learning about parts of a horse.

In Spanish, the children will learn the names of insects. We will also make a fun Valentine day project that will be displayed on our outside wall. The children will be introduced to a variety of music from Asia. Parents, if you have some traditional music from the south east of Asia, please bring it in so we can share with the children and listen to it through the month.

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Have a fun month ahead!

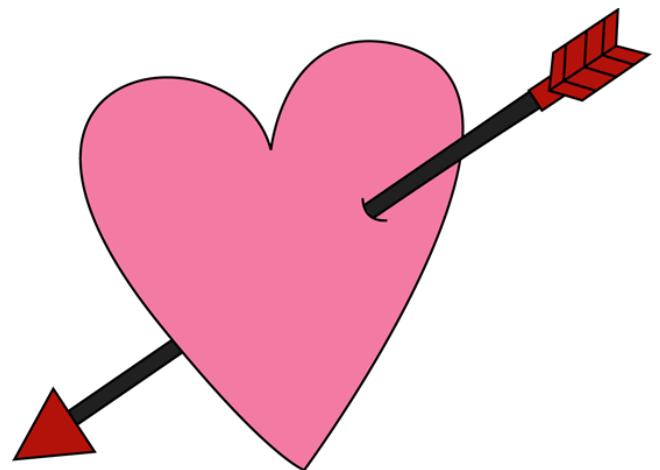
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Room 2- Ms. Marian & Ms. Josie:

The first month of the year started out great for Room 2!

We have had a lot of fun this month studying about parts of the fish and parts of the tree. We traveled around the continent of Asia and learned about animals found in Asia. We talked about the lunar new year (the year of the rat) and made dragons for the lunar new year parade. We also made snowman art for the hallway where they got to use crayons to draw the snowflakes and then used the watercolor to paint over it. They were fascinated to see they could not paint over the wax crayons! We also learned about the different types of weather.

As we enter the month of February, we will be learning many new topics. Our unit study will focus on "Save the Earth". We will learn about water conservation, recycling and planting trees. We will be studying about the parts of a leaf and a frog. We will continue learning about the continent of Asia, focusing on the countries of the middle east. We will be celebrating Valentine's Day this month. For the artist of the month we will work on a valentine project by Jim Dine. We will recreate one of his popular masterpieces. We will listen to the music of artists from East Asia.

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I look forward to enjoying the month of love with my wonderful class!

Regards,

Ms. Marian and Ms. Josie

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Room 3- Ms. Christine & Ms. Bea:

Hello Parents, welcome to month of hearts!

We had a great first month where we began a journey to Asia. We will continue to explore Asia during February since we have a lot to learn about this largest continent on earth! We will explore the countries of Japan and Taiwan and learn about their people and culture.

Our unit of study this month will be the weather and we will be discussing types of weather all around the world. In Spanish we will learn the names of weather conditions. We will also be learning about the parts of a fish. Our composer of the month will be The Beatles because “All You Need is Love!” Our artist of the month will be Jim Dine and we will recreate one of his valentine themed masterpieces.

As this month is Valentines month, we will be turning our classroom tree into a “love tree”. We will have a mailbox and some hearts next to it in the front of the classroom. You may write a few sweet love notes on a  heart throughout the month of February for your child and we will be putting it up on our tree and reading the notes in class.

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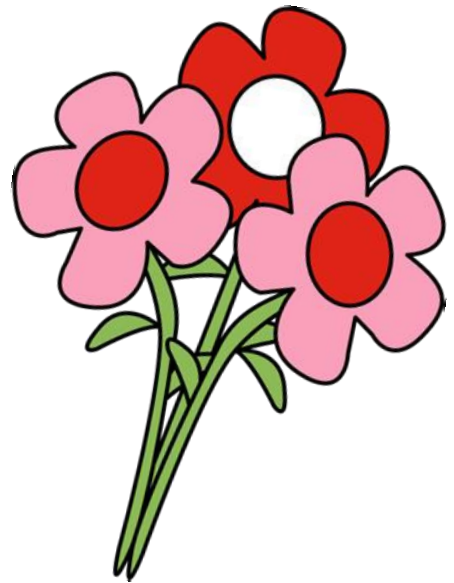
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Room 4 Lower- Ms. Paula & Ms. Yasmin:

The children have been working so hard in this new year! I am happy to see their enthusiasm and willingness to work in all areas of the classroom. Upon completion of the progress reports, I am so impressed with the amount of growth the children have experienced, both socially and academically. Just a reminder..... school starts promptly at 9:00a.m. You may also bring them in as early as 8:30 am so they can benefit from the one on one reading time first thing in the morning.

All the children in lower elementary will inspire us with love and laughter for the upcoming month of February! We have many interesting subjects to cover. We will continue to learn about the continent of Asia, focusing on the countries of the Middle East. We will learn about the oil refineries, the unique landscape, the ancient ruins, the life and culture of the people and some important landmarks. We will be doing a writing project on the unique animals of this region. We will also learn about the four-footed forecaster, the famous groundhog on Grounds Hogs Day.

As we acknowledge President's Day, we will discuss some fun facts like the changing birthday of George Washington, the various nicknames for Abraham Lincoln and also learn about our current president. The children will be introduced to the concept of a timeline as we discuss one for the presidents of the USA.

For art we will work on creating our own masterpiece, inspired by the many memorable valentine heart paintings of Jim Dine. Our musician will be Ray Charles, his "Genius Loves Company" recording, featuring a medley of duets with other visionary soul artists.

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May you have healthy and happy trails!

Regards,

Ms. Paula

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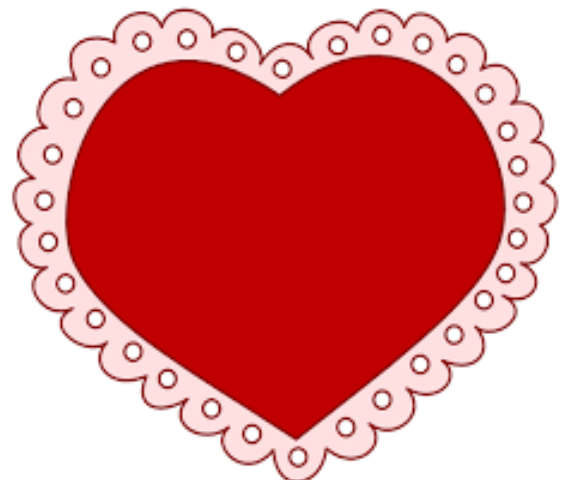
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Room 4 Upper- Ms. Neranja & Ms. Yasmin:

Welcome to the month of Valentines and sweets treats! It is hard to believe that our first semester progress reports have been distributed already and we are on to the final half of the school year. The children have been working so hard and we would like to remind you that our classroom work time will start promptly at 9.00 am. We also have a special one on one reading time from 8:30 am and I highly encourage all children to take advantage. Please remember that if you are running late, please let your child enter quietly by themselves. This helps maintain the order of the classroom and helps to not distract the children that are working. We are strictly adhering to this work time schedule to ensure a longer work period for the children.

One of the most popular units for the month of February would be the President's Day which falls on Monday, February 17th. The children will be doing a Timeline of the Presidents as well as other creative writing projects

Units for the month of February will be:

Creative Writing Topics

- Write an Acrostic Valentine poem
- Create a Presidential Information Board

History

- Study of Abraham Lincoln
- Study of George Washington
- Ancient Mesopotamia
- Prehistoric Animals

Cultural/Physical Geography

- Middle eastern Asia/ Oil Refineries
- Types of Weather
- Types of Coastlines/Research

Biology

- Parts of a Porifera
- Nocturnal, Diurnal, Crepuscular
- Types of Seeds
- Botany Experiments: Food producers/What's Stomata?
- Skeletal System

Art

- President Portraits



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Room 5- Ms. Gloria & Ms. Jennylyn:

Love is in the air.....Let us spread the love throughout the month! Please use the heart die-cut to write a “sweet note” to your child and mail it into the mailbox. You may also help your child write one for their friends. We will continue to share more love on Valentine’s Day by having the children exchange valentine messages.

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In January, we explored many countries in Asia and concluded the study with Lunar New Year celebration. With African drums beating....dum..dadum..dadum, we are going on a safari to discover this fascinating continent! We will learn about the countries, the people, their food and clothing and of course the animals! We will listen to African drumbeats through the month and will be making Igbo masks, inspired by Faith Ringgold, an artist from this continent. We plan on doing a short parade wearing them around the front office.

Our Spanish lesson for February is all about animals. The children will work on two-part cards of animals around the world. They will also work on parts and life cycle of a frog.

Please take a moment to check your child’s cubby and replenish extra clothes as needed, bearing in mind the cold weather. Please check for appropriate size as well.

Thank you for signing up for snack. If you have not had that opportunity, I encourage you to sign up for Febraury. Your child gets to have many privileges on that day as the line leader, calendar person, weather reporter and flag person. If you cannot get a date for snack, please email me so I can reserve a date for your child to be snack host. Please bring two food groups enough for 24 children.

Please note that Parent/Teacher conferences are on Friday, March 6th. Please be on the lookout for a signup sheet outside the classroom.

Happy Valentine’s Day, everyone!

Happy Birthday: Emily L.- 6th

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Room 6- Ms. Enoka & Ms. Kaitlin:

It's been a great start to the new year! I see the children are engaged and enthusiastic about learning!

In the month of February, we will continue to learn about the continent of Asia. We will explore the Himalayan mountains, the rain forests, the Great Wall of China, and learn about all the vibrant spices Asia has to offer. We will also incorporate some of the spices in our practical exercises. We will listen to the sitar, a musical instrument, played by Ravishankar and to the melodious cello played by Yoyo Ma.

Last month the children learned about the parts of a seed and observed the growth using a magnifying glass. This month they will see how a seed grows into a plant and I will introduce the terminology "germination". We'll plant some bean seeds for this experiment. For Zoology, children will be introduced to the parts of a turtle. We'll incorporate this into our art project as well.

Since Valentine's day falls in this month, we'll learn how to show affection to loved ones near and dear to us. The children will be encouraged to make valentine's day cards to share with their friends and family. We'll use inspiration from the famous artist Andy Warhol's "hearts" for our monthly art project.

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Thank you for helping with the Lunar New Year celebrations. A big thanks to Aiko Houston's mom for giving a presentation on the Lunar New Year for the children in our class.

Have a great month ahead!

Ms. Enoka

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

Hello Parents,

January was a fun and exciting month for the children! It was so nice to have the children return and for some new children to join us. We welcome Dallas, Hannah, Jayden, Madison, Keenan, Karam, Timberland and Marcus to Room 7! We are so happy to have you join us! I was amazed to see how eager the returning children were to get back into their routine. They were certainly happy to work with a lot of new work on the shelves. They were also excited to see the dragon parade for our Lunar New year performed by our Elementary children.

Here's the month of love, filled with pink, red and purple hearts and valentines floating all around! The children will learn some songs such as "5 little hearts" and "I like hearts" for our songs of the month. They will make their own shade of pink for artwork by combining the colors red and white and yes, you got it!! Pink will be our color of the month! Be ready for some cute art projects as always. The children will make a heart collage and make a flower with heart cut outs. I have picked the book "Llama Llama I love you" for our book of the month.

I look forward to having fun with all my children in the upcoming month!

Regards,

Ms. Alicia

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