

Fountain Valley Montessori

March 2020 Newsletter

Important Dates:

Friday, March 6th

Parent/ Teacher Conferences

Monday, March 16th

Re-Enrollment Forms Due

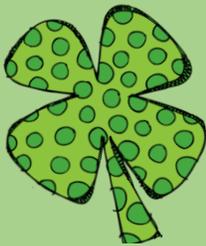
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Yearbook Pre-Orders Due

Happy Birthday...

Ms. Josie- 12th

Ms. Christine- 14th



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

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.

Morning Drop Off/Afternoon Pick up: Classes start promptly at **9:00am and conclude 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. If you are running a little late, please enter the class quietly when dropping your child off in class.

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.



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Room 1- Ms. Jahaira & Ms. Vicky: Hello Parents, February was a month full of love! Thank you everyone who participated on Valentine's Day. It was nice to see the love and special friendships in Room 1! Thank you PTU for our strawberry milkshake and pizza party for Valentine's Day! The children had so much fun learning about Asia, its countries and its animals.

Our unit of study for March will be classification of animals. We will focus on mammals, reptiles and amphibians. The children will learn about animals in each category. We will also learn about the animals in Spanish.

“You know you are truly alive when you're living among lions.” (Isak Dinesen) You guessed it!! Join us as we travel to the continent of Africa and learn about their culture, their fascinating animals, and their unique landmarks. I will also introduce them to the ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics and talk about the pyramids. The children will be able to experience the music from Africa and we will be recreating a beautiful masterpiece that represents African art.

In Zoology we will be learning about the parts of a frog and our focus will be its lifecycle. As we prepare for Earth day in April, the children will be introduced to parts of a seed, the root and its lifecycle.

The children and I are hopeful to find the pot of gold left by the leprechaun on St. Patrick's Day. We will be watching out for his shenanigans! Please have your child wear green. We will be making a cute art craft to decorate our room and welcome our little green friend.

As you all know, the great children's books author, Dr. Seuss's birthday is celebrated worldwide in March. I encourage the children to bring his books to school since we will be reading them throughout the month. This is also a great opportunity for us to practice our rhyming word skills!

I look forward to seeing you all on Friday, March 6th for parent teacher conferences. I look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress.

Happy Birthday! Lauren N. 16th

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Room 2- Ms. Marian & Ms. Josie: Hello Parents, February was a month full of love! Thank you to everyone who participated in the Valentine's Day celebrations. The children felt the love and special friendships in Room 2! Thank you PTU for our pizza party for Valentine's Day! The children had so much fun learning about Asia, its countries and its animals. We had fun making our Jim Dine art and making Valentine Day projects. The children also enjoyed observing the science experiment with skittles and learning names of animals in Spanish with Ms. Josie.

For the month of March, our unit of study will be the seasons. We will also be learning about parts of a volcano and parts of a flower. We will travel to Africa and learn about the landmarks of Africa with a special emphasis on Egypt. I look forward to talking to the children about the pyramids, the deserts and will also introduce them to the unique wildlife found on this great continent. We will also work on an art project incorporating the colors and techniques of African art for our hallway board. We will listen to music from the continent through the month of March and our Spanish lesson will focus on learning about the names of continents. I expect the leprechaun to pay us a visit on March 17th for St. Patrick's Day! I have some fun activities planned for the day.

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Good luck keeping up with the leprechaun!

Ms. Marian

Happy Birthday! Philip H.- 6th Ms. Josie- 12th Lynn N.-16th
Jonah S.- 18th Colette N.-18th Olivia L.- 28th

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Room 3- Ms. Christine & Ms. Bea: Hello Parents, thank you for making February such a special month of love and helping our love tree grow! The children truly enjoyed our Valentine's celebration and really loved sharing their Valentines with each other. Thank you PTU for our strawberry milkshake and pizza party for Valentine's Day!

Our unit of study will be Health and Nutrition and we will be discussing the different food groups and talk about healthy food choices for our bodies. We will also talk about the food pyramid and the importance of exercise to stay healthy and fit.

This month we will be introducing the continent of Europe and will talk about the countries, the culture of the people and landmarks that make Europe unique. We will learn about the parts of a turtle and focus on many fascinating turtle facts. In Spanish we will be learning different names of animals found in Europe.

Our artist of the month will be Monet and we will be recreating his "Poppies near Argenteuil" painting. Our composer for the month will be Sir Elton John and we will listen to his famous current music as well as some of his beginning works. The children and I are hopeful to find the pot of gold left by the leprechaun on St. Patrick's Day. We will be watching out for his shenanigans carefully and expect that he will be making his usual covert appearance in room 3! Please have your child wear green on March 17th to add to the festive atmosphere! We will also be making a cute art project to decorate our room.

As you all know, the great children's books author, Dr. Seuss is celebrated worldwide in March (his birthday month). I encourage the children to bring his books to school since we will be reading them throughout the month. This is also a great opportunity for us to practice our rhyming words skills!

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Happy Birthday! Ms. Christine- 14th

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Room 4 Lower- Ms. Paula & Ms. Yasmin: Hello Parents, it has been wonderful to observe the growth and learning that our classroom had in the short month of February! Moving on to a happy spring season and daylight savings time. St. Patrick's Day and all its wonders with the wearing of green will be upon us soon!

We will begin the month with the birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, Dr. Seuss on Monday, March 2nd. We will enjoy reading his imaginative books and work on a writing project as well. Our second writing project will cover the monuments of Europe. Our cultural curriculum will be expanding to Europe. We will be exploring all the various cultures, the countries, and the animals of Europe and learn about the people. We will be locating ten of the magnificent landmarks and admiring the flags. We will cover the parts of a grasshopper for our zoology lesson and learn about types of roots along with planting seeds for botany.

Claude Monet will be the artist of the month. I am excited for them to learn about the technique of painting a reflection like the great artist!

Looking forward to many adventures in learning and continuing our love of learning.

Parent Teacher conferences will be held on Friday, March 6th. Please sign up for a convenient time to meet with me if you haven't done so already.

See you soon.

Ms. Paula

Happy Birthday! Katherine K.- 8th Leanne N.- 12th

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Room 4 Upper- Ms. Neranja & Ms. Yasmin: Welcome to the month of spring and lucky leprechauns! It is so hard to believe that February is over, and March is already here! The children had a great time at the Valentine's pizza party and thank you to all the parents who brought in valentines for the children to share. March is going to be a very busy month for our class.

We will start the month by venturing out into various literacy activities to celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday which falls on March 2nd. Not only do Dr. Seuss's imaginative stories make reading and learning fun, they also spark lively discussions about subjects as varied as conservation, racism, greed, perseverance, and self-discovery.

Cultural Units:

- Art: "Paint like Monet"
- Geography: Europe Map/ Culture /Monuments and Country research
- Biology Activities: Journey into the human Body
- Creative Writing – "Oh the Places you go" Dr. Seuss writing projects.
- Science: Capillary Action/ Surface Tension/ Expansion of Matter
- Physical Geography – What is Ecology? / A Habitat is a Home

On Friday, March 6th, we will be closed for Parent-Teacher Conferences. This is an opportunity for us to discuss how your child is progressing in class and goals for the remainder of the school year. A signup sheet is located on the classroom door. Please be sure to sign up. Our class is going to have a very fun month and we hope you and your family have a magnificent March!

Happy Birthday! Daniella M.- 3rd Nathaniel K.-8th

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Friday, March 26th: Yearbook Pre-Orders due



Room 5- Ms. Gloria & Ms. Jennylyn: Let me begin by thanking you for showering us with sweet treats and love for Valentine's Day in February. As we leap into March...our ship is sailing to the Land Down Under! Yes. We are visiting Australia, learning about the aborigines, their art, the states and the culture of the country. We will apply Aboriginal Art technic on Australian animals to adorn our bulletin board. Do you know how many teeth a platypus has or how long it takes a Tasmanian Devil to eat a whole chicken? Towards the end of the lesson, please ask your child 😊 We will conclude the study by watching an educational video on the subject. We will listen to Aboriginal music through the month.

Ms. Bea will teach the children Spanish terms for ocean animals. Dr. Seuss' birthday will be celebrated on March 1st by reading one of his books. Please send your child's favorite Dr. Seuss' book so they can share it with their friends. It is fun for the children to hear the rhyming words and enjoy the writing of this great author. During March, our classroom will be decorated with shamrocks and we are hopeful for a visit by the tricky leprechaun on the 17th! This time we are going to be successful catching it!

Please take a moment to check your child's cubby and replenish extra clothes as needed. Children outgrow clothes quickly and we often find the extra clothes too small to use! Thank you for signing up for snack. If you have not had that opportunity, please let me know so I can reserve a day for your child to host. They enjoy the process of hosting and the special privileges such as being the line leader, calendar person, weather reporter and flag person. Please bring two food groups sufficient for 24 children. Please also remember to check that the store-bought snack does not contain peanuts, walnuts or cashew nuts. If a grandparent or another family member is supplying the snack, kindly inform them of the nut free policy for Room 5.

Friday is our Share Day. Children have fun sharing and benefit from the experience of speaking to a group. Kindly send a share item (not a toy) so they can show and tell. They can share a skill such as showing martial arts, singing, dancing to the child's favorite song on CD, a trophy received for sports or talk about an experience. Friday is also FVM spirit day, when we wear our FVM school shirt to show our school spirit. If your child does not own a school shirt, you may purchase one from the front office.

Please note that Parent/Teacher conferences are on Friday, March 6th. Please reserve a time to speak with me in person or by phone. I look forward to speaking with each one of you.



Happy Birthday! Dean N. – 1st Lincoln O.- 20th

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Room 6- Ms. Enoka & Ms. Kaitlin: Hello Parents, the month of February went by fast with all the activities around it. The children much enjoyed making valentine cards for their friends and families, making USA flags for the celebration of President 's day and planting bean seeds for our botany project.

In the month of March, we will learn about parts of a flower, it's functions, and different kinds of flowers. We will do a scientific observation of a flower as well. I would like to introduce the famous artist Van Gogh and we will recreate his lovely painting of the Sunflowers. For zoology the children will learn all about a mammal. I will introduce the parts of a horse and we will learn about various types of horses.

As St. Patrick's Day celebration falls in this month, I will read a story about it. The children will work on art projects with shamrocks, leprechauns and rainbows. I hope they find the pot of gold. 😊

We will tour the continent of Europe and the children will learn about the Eiffel tower, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the ancient buildings of Rome and its castles! We will listen to the music of Beethoven. We will continue our exploration of the earth's surface as we learn about volcanoes. We will perform an experiment with volcanic eruptions in the class. I know the children will be super excited to see it. I want to thank you for sending healthy snack for our children and for all your support.

Ms. Enoka

Happy Birthday! Lawrence R.- 30th Kennedy H.- 15th

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Room 7- Ms. Alicia, Ms. Jocelyn, & Ms. Stephanie: The children had so much fun in February! They enjoyed passing out Valentines to all their friends and making heart shaped artwork! They loved the books "Llama, Llama I love You' and "Love the Hungry Caterpillar." They also had fun painting with the colors red and white to make pink!

We will be going green in the month of march 😊 I will fill the shelves with green objects, bowls, baskets and much more for the children to get a concrete hands on experience. There will be green everywhere! Our special art project will teach them to make Lego prints on a shamrock using green paint. How fun is that! They will also make a collage rainbow with different color tissue paper. I am excited to introduce lots of new work this month and I am sure the children will enjoy working with sifting, sorting and counting.... all green of course! We will talk about rainbows and shamrocks and our book of the month will be "Bear Sees Colors". I will present the felt stories "Five Green Shamrocks" and "Rainbow What do You See? We will learn the "The Rainbow Song" and talk about the square shape through the month. I will also have a fun "find the shape game" for the children to enjoy.

I am looking forward to meeting with you on Friday, March 6th for parent teacher conferences.

Thanks,

Ms. Alicia

Happy Birthday! Frank H.- 21st

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