

Fountain Valley Montessori

September 2020 Newsletter



Important Dates:

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Observance of Labor
Day

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Academic School Year



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

From the Director: Fountain Valley Montessori is thrilled for the 2020-2021 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 have their own 4-digit kiosk code and parents will have the Procure Connect App on their personal devices to either check in their child with a QR code or by the GPS feature. 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 an 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 9:00 am and concludes at 12:00 pm for our half day students and 3:00 pm for our full day students. As we know, dropping your child off at the front door can be challenging, 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. FVM Staff and teachers will communicate by email. Please routinely check your emails for classroom and school updates.

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.

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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 1:30 pm, their 24-hour period would end at 1:30 pm 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 per our COVID-19 safety measures, FVM will not be providing any food. Please provide your child with a morning snack, lunch, and an afternoon snack when staying for daycare.

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. 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 to my new and returning families! I hope everyone had a fun and safe 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 new routine of our school. I am happy to be a part of your child growth and progress for the upcoming school year.

September will be a busy month getting acquainted with our new 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 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, personal hygiene (washing hands constantly, wearing a mask), classroom rules (walking in the line, using quiet voices, walking feet while indoors and social distancing), 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.

We will be learning about parts of an apple, types of apples and the life cycle of an apple, etc. The great artist, Paul Cezanne's apple paintings and apple collage art will be introduced to the children. They will also learn about the parts of a horse. 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 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," where he/she can talk about something special to them. Please bring in a set of extra clothes for your child's cubby. Please have your child bring a mask for indoor use.

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 at 8:45 am. Thank you for entrusting your child's learning, growth and safety with us. We look forward to a great year with your child!

Happy Birthday! Nakoa L.- 30th

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Room 2- Ms. Marian: A big welcome to all new and returning families of Room 2! It is going to be a fantastic year full of fun and learning and growth!

A new beginning is always a time for adjusting and getting into the routine of school. 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. I will begin by giving lessons on taking care of themselves (personal hygiene, hand washing and wearing a mask), taking care of the environment (walking in the line, using quiet voices when indoors and social distancing) and practical life lessons such as pushing in/pulling out a chair after work time, opening and closing a lunch pail and carrying a tray. We will be setting a solid foundation with lessons of grace and courtesy and get to know each other. In the month of September, we will be learning about "Land and Water Forms". The children will learn about bodies of water such as oceans and landmasses such as continents on our planet earth. We will work on some hands-on projects to go along with our unit. We will also learn about the hemispheres of the Earth.

It is apple season again! We will study the different types of apples, talk about the life cycle and parts of an apple. Our study of zoology will focus on parts of a turtle. Our artist of the month will be Michael Bublé. The children will listen to some of his music through the month. We will work on apple art creations for our art project.

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.

The children can bring their own indoor plant to be put on our botany table, that will increase their responsibility to understand and take care of nature.

Every Friday the school offers cheese pizza along with a side for \$4.00. Please see the office if you wish to have your child participate.

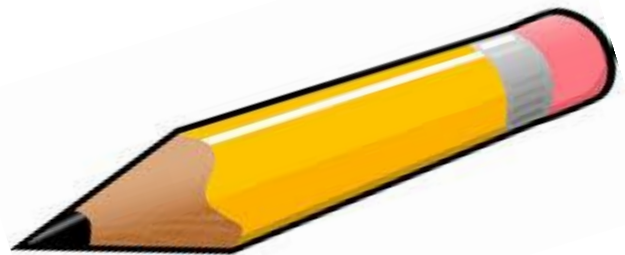
Let us have a great year!

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

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Room 3- Ms. Bea: A big welcome to all our new and returning families of Room 3! I am very happy to have been given an opportunity to be your child's teacher! I am so excited since I have already worked with your children last year and I know it is going to be a fantastic year, full of fun 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. I will begin by giving lessons on taking care of themselves (personal hygiene, hand washing and wearing a mask), taking care of the environment (walking in the line, using quiet voices when indoors and social distancing) and practical life lessons such as pushing in/pulling out a chair after work time, opening and closing a lunch pail and carrying a tray. We will be setting a solid foundation with lessons of grace and courtesy and get to know each other.

In the month of September, we will be learning "All About Me"! The children will talk about the human body, the unique characteristics like the color of the eyes, color of their hair, the five senses and about emotions and feelings. I will also introduce the Spanish terms for the parts of the body. Be ready for some artwork and projects your child will be bringing home!

This month we will also travel around the globe and learn about land and water bodies on earth. The children will learn the names of the continents and oceans and will be able to locate them on the globe. Throughout the year, the children will be learning about a different artist each month. We will learn about their art and their work and try to recreate a masterpiece. This month we will be learning about the great artist Paul Cezanne. We will also be learning all about apples their types. The children will also learn the parts of an apple. We will 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 at 8:45 am. Please make sure that you to send your child's extra pair of clothing. Please include underwear, socks, pants or shorts and shirts. Please also remember to send your child's nap linen if they nap with us. The linen will be sent home every Friday for washing, to be returned on Monday to start another week.

I look forward to a great and successful school year!

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

Happy Birthday! Waylon C.- 30th

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Room 4 Lower- Ms. Paula & Ms. Yasmin: Welcome back! Hope you have been enjoying time with your family, staying safe and healthy.

It's so exciting to begin our new adventure into learning! I am ready to start the year with an interesting topic and we have many subjects to cover through the rest of the year.

In Physical Geography we will be learning about the continents and oceans of the world. The children will learn about the differences between bodies of land and water and we will learn about the equator, latitudes & longitudes and the NSEW. In Cultural Geography we will introduce the languages and landmarks from each continent. It is surely an eye-opening experience for the children, especially when they learn about the multitude of dialects and scripts across the globe! In Botany we will talk about 'Parts of the Apple' and work on a writing project. In Zoology, we will learn about 'Parts of a Fish'.

The children will be working on booklets and will be writing sentences or small paragraphs for their science subjects. Our artist of the month is Paul Cezanne. His masterpiece, "The Basket of Apples" was produced in 1895 and is considered to be one of the famous artworks of the post impressionism movement. We will be listening to songs by Neil Diamond, the great American singer and songwriter. He has sold more than 100 million records worldwide, making him one of the best-selling musicians of all times.

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**. Please have your child attend class on time and be picked up on time. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Please email me to paula@fvmontessori.com, if you have any questions.

Happy Birthday! Layla S.- 10th Ms. Yasmin- 28th

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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
- Advanced Land/ Water Forms Set 2
- California: four regions

Biology Activities

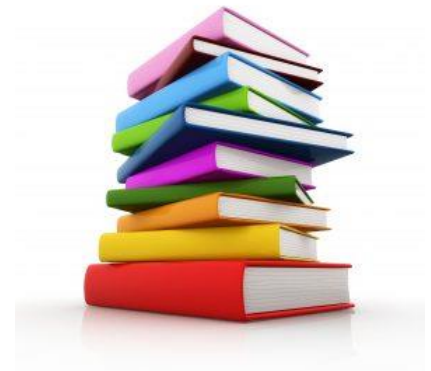
- Review Types of Vertebrates/ Food Chain
- Botany Impressionistic Chart: The Tree Absorbs Minerals Through Its Roots
- Food Chain
- Animal Kingdom Chart
- Scientific classification of living things

History

- California state history
- Ancient Civilizations - Egypt

Art

- Fall leaf art
- "Starry Nights" inspired by Vincent van Gogh



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Please email me to neranja@fvmontessori.com, if you have any questions.

Happy Birthday! Ms. Yasmin- 28th

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

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 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 and helping them settle into their new environment.

During the year, we are going to travel the world learning about 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, as well as learn 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 walls. The basic lesson on "All about me" will be presented. We will discuss the parts of the body and human emotions. The children will learn the parts of the body in Spanish as well.

Please be on the lookout as I will send photos weekly.

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 opt for a talk share. Please provide us with a set of extra clothes for your child. Please send the clothes in a clear, label bag.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by email if you have any questions at gloria@fvmontessori.com

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 15 minutes early. He/she will be brought to the playground by a teacher.

Thank you for investing your child's foundation for learning and growth with us. I look forward to a great year with you child!

Happy Birthday! Ms. Gloria- 6th

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Room 6- Ms. Enoka: Dear Families,

Welcome to Room 6! I am so excited to start this new school year with you all and share the many lessons and activities I have planned.

As we begin the school year, I will introduce the ground rules for our classroom with a special emphasis on washing hands and cleanliness. 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. I will begin by giving lessons on taking care of themselves (personal hygiene, hand washing and wearing a mask), taking care of the environment (walking in the line, using quiet voices when indoors and social distancing) and practical life lessons such as pushing in/pulling out a chair after work time, opening and closing a lunch pail and carrying a tray. We will be setting a solid foundation with lessons of grace and courtesy and get to know each other.

The season is about to change, and I would like to begin the year by introducing the impact of the Earth's rotation around the sun. We will look at the colors associated with fall, and the science behind the changing of leaves. In addition, I will introduce the seven continents, the biggest land masses on our planet.

For our first botany lesson, we will learn all about apples! Children will learn about the different variations and parts of an apple. To keep with the theme of apples, the artist of the month will be Paul Cezanne and we will look at his famous apple themed paintings. Children will have an opportunity to create their own masterpiece of an apple inspired painting. We will listen to music from around the world, as I would like the children to focus on a variety of languages from each continent. For language, the new children will begin their lessons on initial sounds while the older children continue their lessons on initial sounds, letter writing and phonic word building. I will be introducing the concept of number and quantity as the first math lesson. All those returning to class will continue to receive lessons geared towards their need. For our first Zoology lesson, we will focus on differentiating between living and non-living things.

For our special birthday celebrations, I will be coordinating with you to put together the celebration of a timeline poster for your child.

I am looking forward to a great year! Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at enoka@fvmontessori.com, if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Ms. Enoka

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Room 7- Ms. Alicia, Ms. Michelle, & Ms. Jenae: Welcome all new and returning families in Room 7!

It is a pleasure to have your child in our class this year. My primary focus is to make your child feel safe and loved! We will begin the school year by helping the children normalize and settle into the new environment. The simple process of lining up, sitting at circle, pushing in/pulling out their chairs, sitting at a table, walking with the heel to toe movement, washing hands, and holding a tray are some basic activities that help the little ones connect with the classroom and teachers. I look forward to introducing these lessons along with lots of fun storytelling, singing and dancing!

The Toddler Classroom Curriculum will incorporate colors, shapes, songs, books, and lots of exciting seasonal topics.

Each month we will have a designated book as our Book Of The Month and I will also introduce a color, a shape and a song for each month.

For the month of September, I will be reading the book "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 and we will do apple art projects. Our song of the month will be "The Apple Tree." The color of the month will be "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. The shape of the month will be a circle.

Just a few reminders to ensure a successful school year:

- * School starts promptly at 9:00. It is important for the child to be on time for circle time lessons.
- * Please make sure your child has an extra pair of clothes (this includes underwear, socks, pants or shorts, a shirt or blouse and shoes.)

I am excited to begin the school year and I look forward to an amazing year ahead. Please email me if you have any questions at alicial@fvmontessori.com

Happy Birthday! Penelope P.- 5th Ms. Jenae 6th Jayden T.- 9th

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