

Fountain Valley Montessori

October 2020 Newsletter



Important Dates:

Monday, October 5th-

Sunday, October 18th

Virtual Scholastic Book
Fair

Tuesday, October 20th

Picture Day for
Rooms 1,2&3

Wednesday, October 21st

Picture Day for
5 & 6

Thursday, October 22nd

Picture Day for
4 & 7

Tuesday, October 27th

PTU sponsored Pumpkin
Patch

Friday, October 31st

Costume Party &
Pizza Lunch



Scholastic Book Fair: This year our Book Fair is going to look a little different! Our Scholastic Book Fair will be held online from **October 5th- October 18th**. All purchases benefit our school and connect kids with new books, favorite characters, complete series, and more.

You'll love the NEW option to shop for **Book Fair exclusives** directly from the interactive booklist and enjoy these special online shopping features:

- Over 6,000 items, including new releases, best sellers, and value packs
- All orders ship **direct to home**
- **FREE shipping** on book-only orders over \$25*
- All purchases **support our school** and earn 25% in rewards

Visit our Book Fair Homepage and click "**Shop Now**" to get started:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/fvm>

PTU Sponsored FVM Pumpkin Patch: On **Tuesday, October 27th** the PTU will be sponsoring an on-campus pumpkin patch for all children. (**Student only event**)

Costume Party & Pizza Lunch: Calling all Princesses, Pirates and Superheroes... **Friday, October 31st**

- Have your child come to school dressed in their costume with a change of clothes in a labeled bag. The children will be having a Costume Party inside their individual classrooms. The day will be fun filled with spooky arts & crafts, science experiments, and showing off everyone's costumes! The children will be enjoying pizza and a Halloween themed side for lunch!
- Please remember that no pretend weapons or scary masks are allowed at any time on school premises.

***Please note this is a student only event.**

Like us on Facebook and Instagram! We post updates and pictures from recent events. Visit us at fvmontessori.com for the newsletter, calendar, etc.

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

This month went by so quick! The children had so much fun learning and exploring the classroom. They are normalizing well and learning the classroom rules with ease. They were super excited to see their work and art beautifully displayed on our walls. We wrapped up the month of September by reviewing the 7 continents, learning about our 5 senses and about the parts of the body. We also reviewed parts of a horse, parts of an apple and it's lifecycle.

This month we will be traveling to the continent of North America! We will learn about a special landmark or monument of Canada, Mexico and the United States of America and about the flags of these countries. The children will also be introduced to our 4 seasons with an art project and a special song! We will also explore and learn about magnetism as part of our science curriculum.

The children will be learning all about pumpkins! We will learn about the lifecycle of a pumpkin and its parts. The children will be getting their hands down and dirty as they explore the inside of a gooey pumpkin! We will look for seeds so we can dry them and use them as counters for our math work! Don't forget to ask your child how many seeds we were able to find. We will be listening to the singing of Elvis Presley and learning a few fun facts about him. In art, we will be recreating a beautiful sunflower in honor of Vincent Van Gogh using black glue, pastel and watercolors. As part of their curriculum the children will also be introduced to colors in Spanish. For physical education we will focus on balancing, catching, and throwing a ball.

Halloween is right around the corner and the children are already talking about their favorite costumes! We will be learning fun Halloween songs and working on arts and crafts projects!

Thanks,
Ms. Jahaira

Happy Birthday! Lukas A.- 13th Aarilyn T.- 14th Ms. Vicky- 16th Elisa G.- 27th Cody P.- 28th

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Room 2- Ms. Marian: We had a smooth transition to the new school year. The children have started off the year with such enthusiasm! We had fun learning about water and lands forms last month. We worked on lessons in grace and courtesy and focused on the process of normalization. We also worked on some basic exercises such as using walking feet, pushing in and pulling out chairs, rolling rugs, putting work away after completion and washing hands to name a few. The children enjoyed traveling all around the world and learning the names of the continents. We learned about the parts and life cycle of an apple. It was fun to watch them learn about the parts of a turtle since I would see them walk up and observe the two live turtles in the class. They named them Blueberry and Plant!

Let our world travels begin! During the month of October, we will be touring Australia to learn about the country, its unique landscape, talk about the people and their culture. The animals found on this fascinating continent are always intriguing and exciting to learn about. We will work on art projects related to the topic along with some Halloween themed art. The puzzle map of Australia will be also be presented to the children. For Art, the children will be introduced to Australia's aboriginal art painting technique. I will play music from the didgeridoo, a traditional musical instrument, along with some folk music.

Our study of science includes the subject of living and nonliving things. We will create a collage with pictures of living and nonliving things as a group project. We will also study about the parts and the life cycle of a pumpkin. Our Spanish lesson for the month is about colors. Color Tablet boxes 1 and 2 will be used to introduce the names of colors in English and Spanish.

Don't forget Friday is share day! The children can bring something from home to share with the class. This is a good opportunity for them to address a small group of friends and talk about something they like.

Being able to respect and take care of the environment is a big part of the Montessori philosophy. I invite your child to bring a small child size indoor plant with a drip dish, so they can learn to take care of it through the year.

I am so happy to be working with your precious children! Please email me at marian@fvmontessori.com if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Ms. Marian

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Room 3- Ms. Bea: Our new school year has been off to a nice start! The children have enjoyed learning "All about Me" and all about apples. We also enjoyed working on our masterpiece art projects based on Paul Cézanne's famous apple art. I see the children normalizing into the routine and enjoying their time learning and being with friends!

October will be a fun, spooky and busy month. Our unit of study will be the Four Seasons. We will talk about the differences in weather, the changes in temperature and the effects of changing seasons on our lives. We will learn about how human beings learn to adapt to the changes all around the world. This is also a good time to review the calendar. We will learn about the days of the week and the months of the year, both in English and in Spanish. Our botany lesson for the month will be based on learning about the parts of a pumpkin and its life cycle. We will work on various Halloween themed art projects such as making bats, ghosts, witches and some more. I will dissect and carve a pumpkin in class for the children to enjoy!

This month we will be focusing on the continent of North America. We will learn about our neighboring countries and we will talk about the people, the famous landmarks, and the unique animals on this continent. Our artist of the month will be Piet Mondrian. His simple yet artistic way of creating shapes is sure to interest the children. We will also listen to some fun songs and popular hits by Michael Jackson.

Thanks,

Ms. Bea

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Room 4 Lower- Ms. Paula & Ms. Yasmin: Hello Parents,

September was such a wonderful month to remember! Our classroom has made significant progress in internalizing the classroom procedures and I am so happy to see them working diligently in all areas of the classroom!

October is the tenth month of the year. It has thirty-one days. Long ago, the people in England had their names for this month. One name was Winmonath, or "wine month," for this was the time of year they made wine.

I am looking forward to covering the continent of North America for the month of October. We will begin by reviewing the map and will learn about the countries, the famous landmarks, the unique animals found in these regions, the people, their languages, and other interesting facts. We will gather information through books from our library and watch an educational video based on the topic. The children will learn about the flags of these countries and their significance as the study progresses through the month.

In Zoology we will focus on the animals of North America: bison, brown bear, dolphin & horse. We will learn about their characteristics and their methods of adaptation. In Botany we will learn about parts of the leaf, the parts of a pumpkin and about the life cycle of the pumpkin. A writing project on Halloween is a must! The children will write a small paragraph (maybe just a few lines) about their favorite Halloween costume and I am excited to find out what they might be! They will also work on Halloween themed art projects, beginning with a lovely decoration with metal insets. Our Spanish lesson for the month will be based on numbers and quantities. Our artist for the month will be Vincent Van Gogh and we will work on recreating one of his paintings from the impressionist period. Our musician of the month will be the super star Michael Jackson.

My heartfelt thanks for sharing your precious children with us at FVM. I will continue to send weekly updates through the year but please don't hesitate to contact me at paula@fvmontessori.com.

Thanks,

Ms. Paula

Happy Birthday! Dakota H. 19th

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Room 4 Upper- Ms. Neranja & Ms. Yasmin: Happy October everyone! We cannot believe that September has ended and the first month of school is over! Since October is the time of our Fall Celebration, we will be reading stories and working on special creative writing projects/ Book Report assignments.

Cultural units for the month of October are as follows.

Biology Studies:

- Types of Leaves: Shapes/Types of Amphibians
- Characteristics of Vertebrates/Food Pyramid
- Advance Animal research/Animal Kingdom: Chinese Box

Physical and Cultural Geography/Social Studies:

- United States Map: States and Capital research
- Northern American Countries/Research using Electronic Media

History:

- Timeline of Man continued
- California History Continued
- Native American Tribes of California

Masterpiece of the month:

- Gustav Klimt inspired art.

I am so happy that September ended so smoothly and proud of all the progress that the children have already made! As always, please feel free to email at neranja@fvmontessori.com or call me if you have any questions.

Have a Spooky October!

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Room 5- Ms. Gloria: The month of September seemed to have flown by quickly! The children are adapting well to the social distancing, keeping up with washing hands and learning to use their individually marked stationery. They are also accustomed to asking me to disinfect material after use.

Let our world travels begin! During the month of October, we will be touring North America and studying its countries, animals, and flags. The continent map of North America will be introduced along with worksheets and other Montessori work.

Boo... It is time to put on your costumes for the Spooktacular fun in Room 5! We will carve a pumpkin and make a jack-o-lantern with help from all the children. We will save the pumpkin seeds and use them as counters for our math lesson on the Golden Bead Material.

In Art, the children will learn about the life and art of Vincent Van Gogh. They will recreate Van Gogh's "Starry Night" using a comb to create swirls. We will work on Halloween themed art along with lots of fun practical life exercises such as pumpkin counting, pumpkin tweezing, pumpkin sorting to name a few. We will learn about the parts of a fish for our zoology lesson and listen to some compositions by 'The Beatles' through the month. They will learn colors in Spanish as I introduce some sensorial work based on Color Tablets.

Thank you so much for entrusting your child's growth and education in us. I will continue to shower your child with love and care. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at gloria@fvmontessori.com and I will get back to you. Have a great month ahead!

Happy Birthday! Evelyn Y.- 15th Sawyer S.- 30th

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Room 6- Ms. Enoka: Dear Room 6 Families,

The first month back to school has gone by so fast! Children are slowly settling into the classroom environment and enjoying the work. We can feel the weather changing and the days getting shorter. As usual, October brings a lot of excitement for our children. They are already talking about Halloween and are excited about dressing up! Please be on the lookout for more information regarding our festivities.

This month we will incorporate pumpkins into our lessons. For botany, we will dissect a pumpkin to learn about the different parts. It is always fun to see the excitement on the children's faces when we open the core and dig out the seeds! I will also introduce the parts of a body and we will learn about the human skeleton. Children will learn about the bones in their body and the importance of eating healthy to help them grow.

Last month I introduced the seven continents of the world. We will continue our journey around the world by exploring North America this month. We will learn about the countries that make up our continent and the animals we can find here.

We will listen to the music of Michael Jackson as he is our musician of the month and we will explore the art of Yayoi Kasama, an artist from Japan. She is a contemporary artist who is famous for painting pumpkins with polka dots. I will also introduce primary and secondary colors and as always, the children will be given plenty of opportunity for free painting so we can paint our own autumn leaves.

Academic lessons in all core areas will continue to be given to children on a one on one basis. While the older children will be introduced to more challenging work in math, language, geography, and science, the younger children will be introduced to pre-language, primary numbers, sensorial, and practical life work.

Please feel free to communicate with me if you have any questions. My email is enoka@fvmontessori.com. You may also leave a message at the front office and I will contact you as quickly as I can.

Thank you,

Ms. Enoka

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Room 7- Ms. Alicia, Ms. Jenae, & Ms. Michelle: Hello Parents,

I am so happy to report that September was a great first month! The children are settling into the routine and are enjoying their classroom activities. I cannot imagine how difficult it must have been for you to watch your children cry at drop off 😞 Thank you for being patient through this difficult time! It is normal for them to experience some separation anxiety, but I am so glad the children are bonding with us and I am beginning to see more smiles every day!

It is that time of the year again!! Out come the little pumpkins, ghosts, and witches!

For the month of October our unit will be based on pumpkins. We will work on art projects and will be singing songs and listening to stories with pumpkins as the star characters. We will also be learning about the parts of a pumpkin. The book of the month is "Pete The Cat - Five Little Pumpkins" by James Dean. Our song of the month will be "I'm A Little Pumpkin" and our color of the month will be orange. I will be introducing the color orange wherever I can..... changing practical life objects, lining the work trays with orange felt, putting out orange paint and having the children work with orange themed art. Our shape of the month will be a square. I am so excited to plan for the upcoming month since Halloween is my favorite time of the year! The children enjoy the activities and excitement and I cannot wait to see them dressed in their cute little costumes for our Costume party! Please be on the lookout for more information regarding our festivities.

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

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