

Fountain Valley Montessori

March 2024 Newsletter

Important Dates:

Friday, March 1st

Parent/ Teacher Conferences

Monday, March 4th

Re-Enrollment Forms Due

Tuesday, March 5th

Enrollment Open to
Everyone

Sunday, March 10th

Daylight Savings Begins – Set
your clocks 1 hour ahead!

Tuesday, March 12th

Room 4 & 7

Spring Picture Day

Wednesday, March 13th

Room 1, 2, 3, 5, 6

Spring Picture Day

Friday, March 15th

St. Patrick's Day

Monday, March 18th

Spring Fling Donations
Due

Friday, March 29th

Egg Hunt & Spring Potluck

Happy Birthday...

Ms. Ana – 8th

Ms. Gassia – 11th

Re-Enrollment: Re-enrollment will be taking place for the upcoming summer and the **2024-2025 School Year** between **Monday, February 26th - Monday, March 4th**. We offer placement for summer and fall to existing students before we open to our wait list. We have emailed the packet out, let us know if you have not received it.

Please make sure to return your re-enrollment forms no later than **Monday, March 4th**, 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.

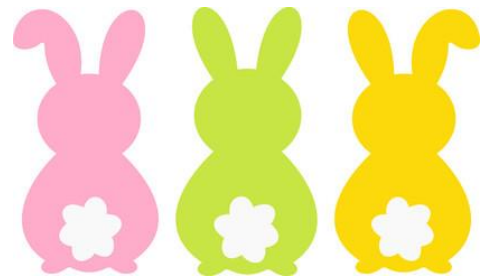
Egg Hunt & Potluck: Our annual egg hunt will be held Friday, March 29th. The children will be searching for eggs filled with goodies on the playground. Each class will be hosting a potluck on the same day as the egg hunt. If you'd like to participate, please sign up for a dish or side outside of the classroom door. Make sure to have your dish in the classroom by 11:00 as the children have lunch at 11:15. Please note, we cannot refrigerate or heat up any items at the school. They will have to be ready to serve or placed in an appropriate insulated bag if you drop them off early. All children with food allergies should have lunch brought from home. If you do not wish for your child to participate in the potluck lunch, please bring their packed lunch as usual.

Morning Drop Off/Afternoon Pick up: Classes start promptly at **9:00 am and conclude at 12:00 pm 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.



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Room 1- Ms. Gassia & Ms. Vivian



February was a month full of love! Thank you for your enthusiastic participation! The children shared love and friendship with each other. Ms. Vivian and I would like to thank everyone for the sweet cards, flowers, and chocolates! You are so thoughtful and generous.

Children enjoyed learning about the continent of Asia and its countries. This month we will be traveling across the continent of Asia into the beautiful continent of Australia! We will be exploring the unique animals, the famous landmarks, and will learn about the native aborigine people and their culture. We will watch a documentary about the Great Barrier Reef, the world's largest coral reef system located on the east coast of Australia, and we will make our own coral reef to be displaced outside our class.

We will also listen to aboriginal music from Australia. For Spanish class, the children will learn names of animals found in Australia. In zoology, children will learn about parts of a frog and its life cycle.

We are hopeful to find the pot of gold left by the leprechaun on St. Patrick's Day as we watch out for his shenanigans! Please have your child wear green on Friday, March 15th as we celebrate this fun event. We will be doing a cute art project to decorate our room and welcome our little green friend! As you know, the greatest children's books author, Dr. Seuss's birthday is celebrated worldwide on March 2nd. I encourage the children to bring their favorite Dr. Seuss book to share and read throughout the month. This is also a great opportunity for us to practice our rhyming word skills! Please be sure to write your child's name on the book they bring.

I look forward to seeing you all on Friday, March 1st for parent teacher conferences. We can also have a phone conference if you please.

Have a great month ahead!

Happy Birthday Ms. Gassia- 11th

Reminders:


March 13th-Picture Day!

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Room 2 - Ms. Marian & Ms. Juliana:

Thank you for making February such a special month! It was certainly filled with love and plenty of sweet treats! We enjoyed discovering the parts of a frog, and a leaf. We also explored the continent of Asia. We traveled to Japan, Vietnam, Thailand, and China.

We will be getting right back into the swing of things in March. This month we will discover some natural and manmade landmarks from countries in Asia! The architecture and beauty of The Taj Mahal in India, the gigantic never-ending Great Wall of China, and the humongous Sigiriya Rock Fortress in Sri Lanka (also called the 8th wonder the world). We will be learning about the solar system; we will explore the parts of the flower and the butterfly. The children will be introduced to the Monart drawing technique, creating their own Leprechaun.

You can be sure that a little leprechaun will be visiting our class and will be up to some shenanigans this March! Although we never seem to catch him; he always leaves a little something behind! St. Patrick's Day would not be the same without a little tomfoolery and we hope to have a little bit of our own in Room 2.

Room 2 chefs will make their colorful fruit skewers..... Yum!! We will also enjoy discovering what happens if we place Skittles in warm water. Would we get a magical rainbow? I'm sure your child will give you the result!

Have a great month ahead!

Happy Birthday: Taylor Vo 3/14, Ms. Juliana 18th

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Room-3 Ms. Bea and Ms. Linh

February was an enjoyable month in Room 3! We continued to explore the continent of Asia. We learned about some of the traditions and languages of people from the countries of Asia. We also learned all about Living and Non-living things. The children had fun working on Lunar New Year and Valentine's Day art to make our room look fun and festive for the occasion. They were excited to celebrate Valentine's Day and had lots of fun passing out and receiving their goodie bags, treats and the books they exchanged with each other. Thank you to everyone for your participation.

This month we will continue our journey through the seven continents. We will be visiting the continent of Africa. We will be learning about some of the natural landmarks and about the unique animals of the continent such as the Giraffe, Wildebeest, Zebra, and Spotted hyena. These are sure to fascinate the children. We will be talking about Community helpers and their importance in our communities. I will ask the children to pick their favorite community helper and we will make a special project.

We will be drawing a Leprechaun with a fun Monart art Technique. We will also be listening to the sounds of the African drums. In Spanish we will focus on common names of family members.

March will be exciting as we decorate our room with special St. Patrick's Day art to make our room look green and festive! We might even have a special small green person visit our room! Looking forward to the month ahead with your children.

We are excited to celebrate the following March Birthdays: Amia Karakessian and Amelia Tran.

Ms. Bea and Ms. Cynthia

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Room 4- Ms. Yasmin & Ms. Kinnari

Happy March! Last month gave the children a chance to learn about kindness and love. They also explored their creative side and enjoyed recreating Jim Dine's artwork. Thank you to all the parents for your gifts and Valentine Day cards! The children had an amazing time passing out their Valentines as they enjoyed their Pizza Party!

For the month of March, we will be touring the southern hemisphere and will visit Australia. We will focus on landmarks of Australia and learn about the physical features. We will also be learning about the most iconic features of Australia. The Australian outback, the Mariana trench and the scenic coasts will be interesting information for the children. I am sure they will be excited to learn about the unique animals, especially the koala bear, the kangaroo, and the wombat. For zoology, we will learn about the lifecycle of a butterfly and parts of an insect. I know they will enjoy my presentation of the lifecycle of a butterfly! We will also focus on learning about measuring temperature. For botany, we will learn about parts of a seed. For our Spanish lesson we will be focusing on parts of a seed. Our study of the land and water forms will focus on water bodies such as lakes, archipelago, and harbor. The children will listen to the musical instrument called Didgeridoo. This is a wind instrument developed by the aboriginal people from north Australia. It has a distinct sound and is popular even today. We will also learn about the famous abstract artwork of Wassily Kandinsky. Our writing project will be focused on short sentences about St. Patrick's Day and Dr. Seuss as we celebrate his birthday on March 2nd.

We encourage all children to bring items such as pictures, trophies, medals, or books for share day every Friday. They can also share an experience verbally. PLEASE do not send toys as they are a distraction for all.

Please feel free to email at yasminc.fvm@gmail.com, or kinnari@fvmontessori.com, if you have any questions or would like to share information regarding your child.

Our heartfelt thanks to all parents for all the Valentine cards and treats!

Have a great month ahead!

Happy Birthday Wesley L. 4th

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"May peace and plenty bless your world. With a joy that long endures and may all life's passing seasons bring the best to you and yours..." —Irish blessing.

The month of March heralds the anticipation of spring and reminds us of the swiftly approaching end of the school year. To commemorate the birthday of Dr. Seuss, which falls on March 2nd, we will be embarking on various literary activities. Dr. Seuss's imaginative stories are known to make reading and learning an enjoyable experience, and they are also known to kindle lively discussions on a wide range of topics, including conservation, racism, greed, perseverance, and self-discovery.

Cultural Units

- Cultural Geography: Australia/ Culture /Monuments and Country research/ 50 States Study
- Physical geography: Types of Weather/ Astronomy Concepts/ Types of Islands/ Reefs
- Botany: Parts of a seed/ Anatomy of a Deciduous Tree/ Anatomy of a Trunk and Dendrochronology/ Types of Barks and Patterns of nature/ Introducing the Plant Kingdom Chart
- Zoology: Life Cycles/ Parts of an egg/ Anatomy of a Bat/ Part of a Porifera
- Creative Writing - Dr. Seuss writing projects/Legend of Saint Patrick/ Limericks.
- Biology: The Nervous System
- History: Ancient civilizations
- Science: Forces of Motion/parts of a bicycle/ airplane
- Computers: Typing and Publishing
- Peace Education: Polite Ways to Disagree/ Opinions vs. Facts
- Art: Celtic Knots/Initials art

On Friday, March 1st, we will be closed for Parent-Teacher Conferences. This is an opportunity for us to discuss your child's progress in class and goals for the remainder of the school year. Please be sure to sign up.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration- March 15th (Friday)

Our class is going to have an enjoyable month and we hope you and your family have a magnificent March!

Happy Birthday to Isha and Rudra Butta 20th.

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March blurb: Ms. Gloria & Ms. Michelle

I would like to begin by thanking you for showering us with sweet treats and love for Valentine's Day in February. Thank you to all!

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, food, and the culture of the country. I am sure many children will be sharing fun stories at the end of the day! 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 watch an educational video of Australia, listen to Aboriginal music and work on artwork related to Australian animals, using aboriginal art technique.

The children enjoyed studying about various animals last month. We will take this study to another level by learning about Ocean Life and Ocean animals. They will learn Spanish terms for items of furniture for Spanish class. With Spring around the corner, the children will learn about the life cycle of a hen.

Dr. Seuss' birthday will be celebrated on February 29th by reading one of his books. Please feel free to send your child's favorite Dr. Seuss' book to be shared and read in class during the first week of March. This is a fun series which teaches and interests the child to rhyming words. During March, our classroom will be decorated with shamrocks and hopefully we will be visited by a leprechaun on the 16th. This time we are going to be successful catching it. For the monthly cooking project, we will cook "Green Eggs and Ham" after reading the book. I hope most of the children will try eating some!

I would also like to remind parents that Friday is our Share Day. Children have fun sharing and getting an experience with group participation while sharing. Kindly send a share (not a toy) so they can show and tell. A share can also be in the form of a skill such as showing martial arts, singing, dancing to the child's favorite song on CD, a trophy received for sports or speaking about a holiday experience. The indirect aim of our Friday share is to help the children build confidence and participate in group discussions. It also helps the child to overcome the fear of public speaking. So, I kindly request you to help your child choose an item to bring on Friday for share. Allow him/her to put it in the share basket, which will make them remember what they brought when it is their turn to share. Kindly write your child's name inside the books/items as confusions may occur.

Please note that Parent/Teacher conferences are on Friday, March 1st. Please reserve a time to speak with me on a phone or in person conference. If this day and times available do not fit into your schedule, kindly speak to me to reschedule it for another day! I look forward to speaking with each one of you about your prized possession.

Birthdays: Charlotte - 3/22

Reminders:


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Dear Room 6 Families,

We had a lovely month of February celebrating the Lunar New Year and Valentines Day! We learned about the presidents of the United States and the history of our national anthem, the Star-Spangled Banner. We also painted flags in celebration of Presidents Day.

This month we are visiting the continent of Europe. I will be introducing the continent map naming many countries that make up this area. We will learn about famous landmarks, animals, and other facts about the rich history of Europe. We will learn about the life and paintings of one of the most famous artists from this continent, Vincent Van Gough. Children will get the opportunity to recreate their own versions of his famous painting.

I will introduce rainbows, leprechauns, shamrock leaves, and share exciting stories related to St. Patrick Day. Children will be painting rainbows and crafting leprechauns too!

For our Zoology lesson, we are going to learn about the lifecycle of a hen. We will incorporate our craft into this lesson to create decorative paper eggs. Our botany lesson is learning about the parts of a flower, and we will dissect a flower to observe it in real life. We will also learn how to draw a flower. Children will continue to observe the process of germination of seeds. For our science lesson, we'll learn about volcanoes, and we will do a scientific experiment of a volcanic eruption in class.

Our school is hosting a spring raffle basket, and our class theme is "Family Fitness". Please take a look at the information posted on the classroom door. We are already collecting items and will continue to do so until 18th of March.

Looking forward to an exciting month!

Thank you,
Mrs. Enoka

Reminders:

- March 13th-Picture Day!
- March 15th-St Patrick's Day- Wear Green
- March 18th-Spring Fling Donations Due
- March 29th-Egg Hunt & Spring Potluck





Hello Room 7 Families,

February was a month full of love! Thank you everyone for showering us with sweet treats, cards, and love. You are all so thoughtful and generous. The children had so much fun in February! They loved the book "I Love You Just the Way You Are!" They enjoyed marble painting, making heart impressions with a cookie cutter, and making their own shade of pink by mixing the colors red and white. The children also enjoyed singing the songs "You Are My Valentine" and "5 Little Hearts."

We will be going green in the Month of March. I will fill the shelves with green objects, bowls and much more for the children to get a concrete, hands-on experience. There will be green everywhere! The children will be making fun artwork, they will make a rainbow collage with colored tissue paper and make Lego prints on a shamrock with green paint. How fun is that! 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. Our book of the month will be "Leprechaun's Rainbow." We will learn the song "Oh Rainbow" and I will present "Five Green Shamrocks" and "Rainbow What Do You See?" using felt cut outs. We will also learn about the shape of a rectangle throughout the month.

Thank you,

Ms. Alicia, Ms. Ana, Ms. Paula & Ms. Mariam

Happy Birthday: Brooklyn L. 6th, Ms. Ana 8th, Grace H. 12th

Reminders:

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