



## ROOM 1 - Ms. Gassia and Ms. Cynthia

Hello Parents,

I hope everyone had a good spring break. Ms. Vivian and I had a relaxing time, and we are happy to be back with our precious children in Room 1!

This month we will be traveling to the home of fascinating and deadly creatures such as electric eels, flesh eating piranhas, poison dart frogs, jaguars, and some seriously venomous snakes. This is the Amazon rainforest located in the continent of South America! We will explore the layers of the rainforest and the amazing landmarks such as Machu Pichu, La Mano, Punta Del Este, Tierra del Fuego national park and Tutelar figures located in Chile. We will also be making different rainforest animals to decorate our classroom tree. The children will watch a short documentary depicting the lush landscape and the unique flora and fauna of the region.

I will be introducing the life cycle of a butterfly as we observe our caterpillars turning into beautiful monarch butterflies. We will be listening to Latin dance music based on popular dance routines such as the Salsa and the Tango. We will also watch a video of these dances. In Spanish, we will be learning the days of the week and make cheese empanadas for our cooking class. What is South America if we don't refer to the famous soccer teams such as Argentina and Brazil? Children will be making their own jerseys which will be displayed outside our classroom.

We are extremely excited to celebrate Mother's Day this year and I look forward to seeing all the moms join us for breakfast on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. The children will be working on a writing project, will make cards and have a special gift for moms in honor of this special day!

Please email me at [gkailajian@fvmontessori.com](mailto:gkailajian@fvmontessori.com) should you have any questions.

Thank you.

### Important Dates:

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week: May 6<sup>th</sup>-May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Mother's Day Breakfast: Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 am to 9:00am.

Memorial Day – School Closed Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

Birthdays: Hope Hiebsch, May 4<sup>th</sup>.



## Room 2 - Mrs. Marian & Mrs. Juliana

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed your Spring Break! A special thanks to all our parents & volunteers for making the egg hunt such an enjoyment for the children. April has been full of fun P.E, and trips to the library. The students enjoyed traveling to Africa, learning about some of the landmarks, animals and about the flags of the countries. They also liked learning about the life cycle of the butterfly and exploring the farm animals.



We are going to be busy with work through the month of May! The students will now be traveling to South America to learn about its countries, the people, and their culture. We will learn about the animals, their habitats and will also talk about the extreme climate throughout the continent. The children will learn about the layers of the rainforest, and they will be watching a movie about the Amazon rainforest, found in countries of Brazil and Ecuador. We will be working on an art project inspired by Edgar Degas as we recreate his famous ballerina painting. We will listen to popular music from the continent, and I will introduce some musical instruments from the region.

We have our own butterfly habitat in class as observe the life cycle of a butterfly by watching the little eggs turn into beautiful monarch butterflies! We look forward to releasing them back in nature. The spring season is also the perfect time to learn about the little critters! We will review the parts of a butterfly and learn about the life cycle of the hen.

Our little chefs will make a signature guacamole for our food/cooking project. We will learn the names of flowers in Spanish class. I look forward to seeing all the moms for our Mother's Day breakfast on Thursday, May 10th from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. The children are busy making something special for your special day.

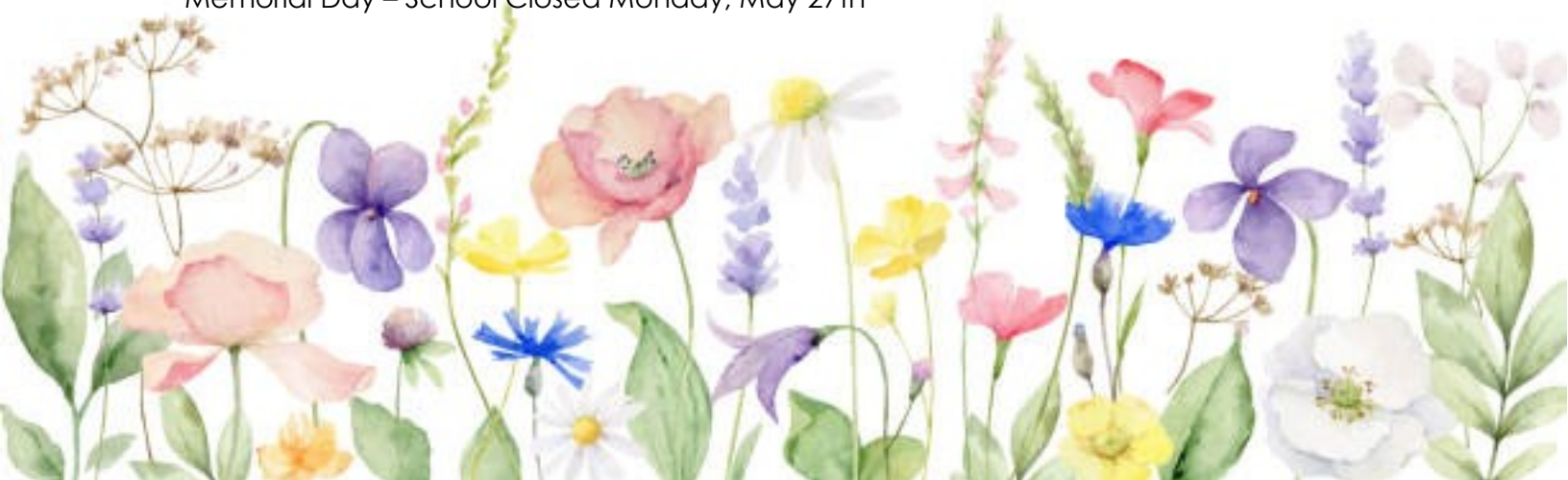
Please email me at [marian@fvmontessori.com](mailto:marian@fvmontessori.com) if you have any questions.

Happy Birthday:

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### Room 3: Ms. Bea and Ms. Cynthia

Hello Parents,

I hope everyone had a nice and restful Spring Break! April was an exciting month. The children had lots of fun during the spring egg hunt!! They also enjoyed the delicious spring potluck. We celebrated Earth Day by planting our own seeds! It was a good learning experience to watch the germination process. The children also enjoyed learning about Australia and about the animals and landmarks.

We will continue our journey around the world as we make our stop in the world's fourth largest continent, South America. Did you know that South America has the second longest river in the world? It's the Amazon River. We will learn about the abundant flora and fauna of this tropical continent, about its beautiful countries and some ancient landmarks. We will also set a date during the month to watch a special documentary on South America. Giant Ant Eaters, Sloths, Armadillos are some of the unique animals of South America that the children will enjoy learning about. We will be listening to the beautiful sounds of the flute and other instrumental from the continent.



We will use the Monart art technique to draw a toucan, a bird that is unique to South America. The spring season and its blooming flowers inspire us to learn about parts of a flower and the life cycle of a flower. We will also learn all about the rainforest and its living ecosystems and layers. The children are sure to enjoy the study. We will plan a cooking project and make something yummy for all to enjoy! Please be on the lookout for further information. We will be learning names of flowers and colors for our Spanish lesson.

We look forward to the wonderful month of May!!

Ms. Bea and Ms. Cynthia


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Upcoming Birthdays - Jaxon Chin May 31<sup>st</sup>





## Room 4 Lower Elementary: Ms. Yasmin & Ms. Kinnari



Hello Parents,

Happy May! I hope everyone had a great Spring Break and enjoyed the great weather. We are excited to be back, and I look forward to seeing the children achieve further milestones.

As we move on to the month of May, we will be touring the continent of South America. We will learn about the physical location, the physical features and learn all about volcanoes. We will focus on the countries of Colombia, Brazil, Argentina, & Chile and learn about the tropical zones that make South America so interesting. For zoology, we will learn about the toucan, a bird with an exceptionally large and brightly colored beak. We will work on a monarch drawing of the same and I am sure the children will enjoy making it. For Botany, we will take a tour of the Amazon Rain Forest. The layers of the rainforest and the different plant species in the ecosystem will be our focus. In addition, we will also be learning about South America's most popular and unique flower, the orchid. I am sure the children will love recreating orchid bouquets as part of practical life. We will also work on story starters based on the famous sport of the continent, soccer. In honor of a very important tradition of celebrating Mother's Day, the children will work on a writing project based on their favorite memories with mom. I am excited to introduce a creative dimensional art. I will be introducing different music from South America, and I cannot wait to make instruments like maracas with all the children.

Please be on the lookout for details regarding the upcoming Mother's Day breakfast celebration.

Please email me at [yasminc.fvm@gmail.com](mailto:yasminc.fvm@gmail.com) should you have any questions.

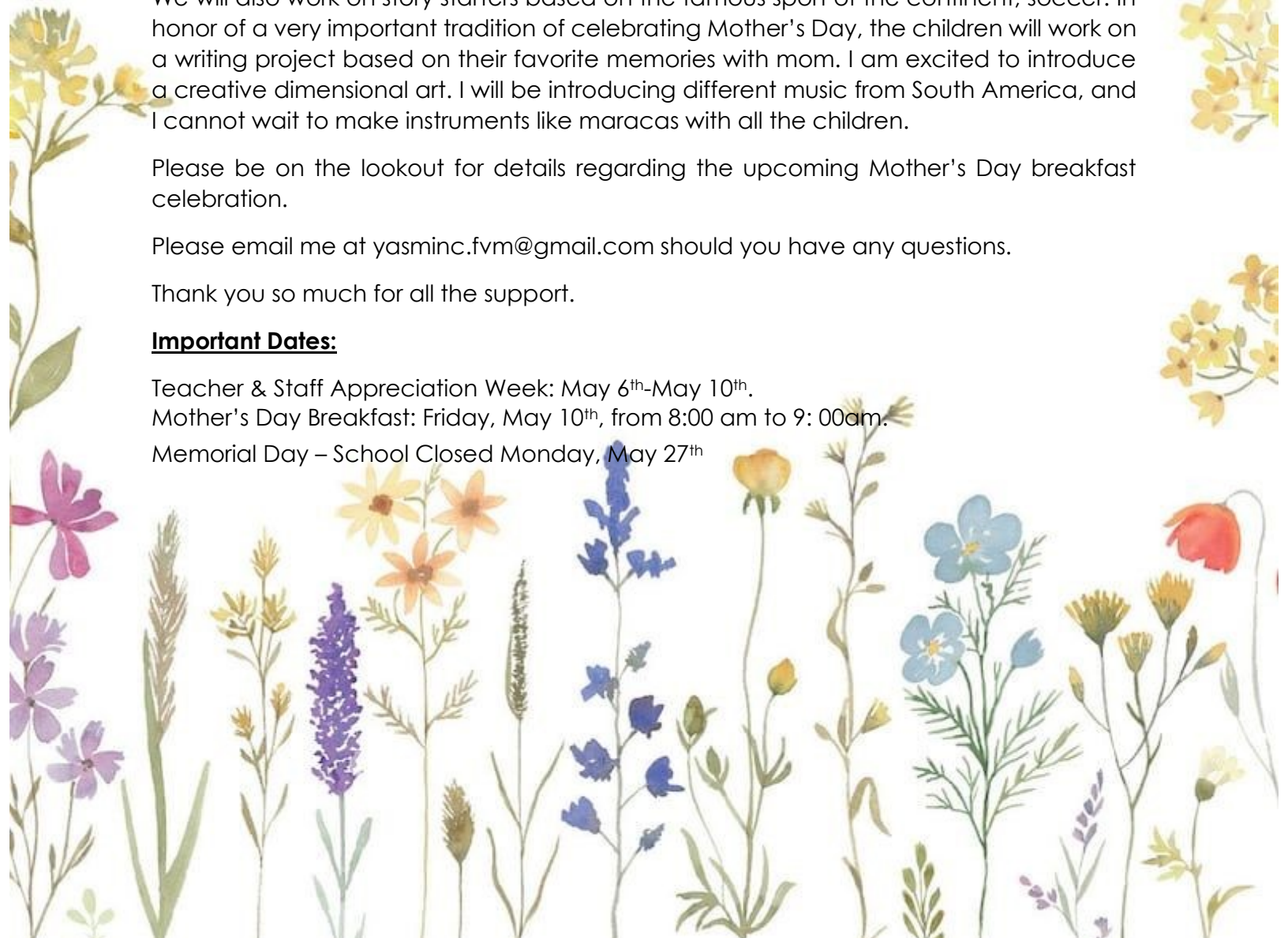
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## Room 4 Upper Elementary: Ms. Neranja and Ms. Erika

As I pen down these words, I feel immense pleasure in acknowledging the arrival of May. However, it's hard to believe that we are already in the final phase of the school year, with only one month to go. Time has flown by so fast, and it feels like yesterday when we began our academic journey. Nonetheless, we are grateful for the memories, lessons, and experiences that have made this school year unique and unforgettable.

April proved to be a busy period, and the children were actively involved in learning about Earth Day. It was also a joy to see the young poets in action, as the poetry they wrote was both unique and beautiful.

I am thrilled to inform you that preparations are underway for the annual Science Fair, and the State Research Projects set to be held in June. The children are expected to get ready for the Science Fair by practicing the experiment, memorizing the procedure, and writing the information on a presentation board. This exercise will play a significant role in boosting their confidence. Further details will follow in due course.

### **Cultural Units for the month of May:**

- **Geography:** To instill awareness of the importance of Latin America plays in our worldwide globalization, economic and cultural factors in the world.
- **Creative Writing:** Self-esteem building writing/ I am unique.
- **Biology:** the digestive system
- **Botany:** Botany impressionistic charts contd.
  
- **Science:** Science Fair Projects
  
- **Layers of the Rainforest:** understand that rain forests have four distinct layers/ study the different animals and plants that live in each layer/ create a class mural showcasing the distinguishing features of each layer in the rain forest.
  
- **Art:** Art inspired by Robert Delaunay, a prominent French artist who lived during the School of Paris movement, played a crucial role in co-founding the Orphism art movement. This art movement was widely known for its use of vivid colors and geometric shapes to create abstract art.
  
- **Performing Arts:** Speeches and presentations
  
- **Computers:** Research and Final Big Project
  
- **PE:** Relay Races/ Outdoor Games

Month of May Birthday wishes would go to Grace Trinh 16<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Erica 24<sup>th</sup>!

Please be on the lookout for the calendar events for the month of May.

Have a magnificent, and marvelous May!

Ms. Neranja and Ms. Erika



## Room 5 – Ms. Gloria & Ms. Michelle

April showers...bring May flowers! Room 5 will be adorned with many flowers! We are hoping our paper flowers will not wither until Mother's Day!

During the month of May, we will be touring the continent of South America, cruising through the Rain Forest, learning about the animals, countries and the food eaten. We will discover the layers of the Amazon Rain Forest and watch the magnificent toucans with our binoculars. Our travels will range from Machu Pichu (Peru), Iguazu Falls (Argentina), East to West and South to North. We will learn that the 60% of the Amazon Rain Forest covers the nine nations (Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Bolivia, Guyana, Suriname, and French Guiana). Our art for the month will be drawing toucans using the Monart Art technique.

Insects.....insects and more insects...We will start our insect hunts and observe the Roly Poly (Common Pill bug) during recess. The children will observe the life cycle of a butterfly when some butterfly larvae visit Room 5 soon. The butterflies will be released back to nature when they are adults. We will learn the parts of a butterfly and make an art project on its life cycle. If you hear your child say the word "predator", do not be shocked as he/she learned it at school. The children will learn about "prey" and "predators" as part of the study of animal lives. As they are learning about the food of these animal predators, it will be appropriate to introduce the life cycle of the frog during this month. The children will be introduced to life saving natural tactics (defense mechanism) such as: roly poly rolling into a ball, snail hiding under the shell, the smell of the stink bug, light of the firefly, etc. The children will be introduced to the defense tactics they use to avoid detection (playing dead, camouflage, masquerade, looking like a dead leaf). They will learn about the concept of sink or float for science class.

This month's cooking/food prep project will be so much fun! The children will learn to chop and prep fruits and vegetables which they will get to eat.

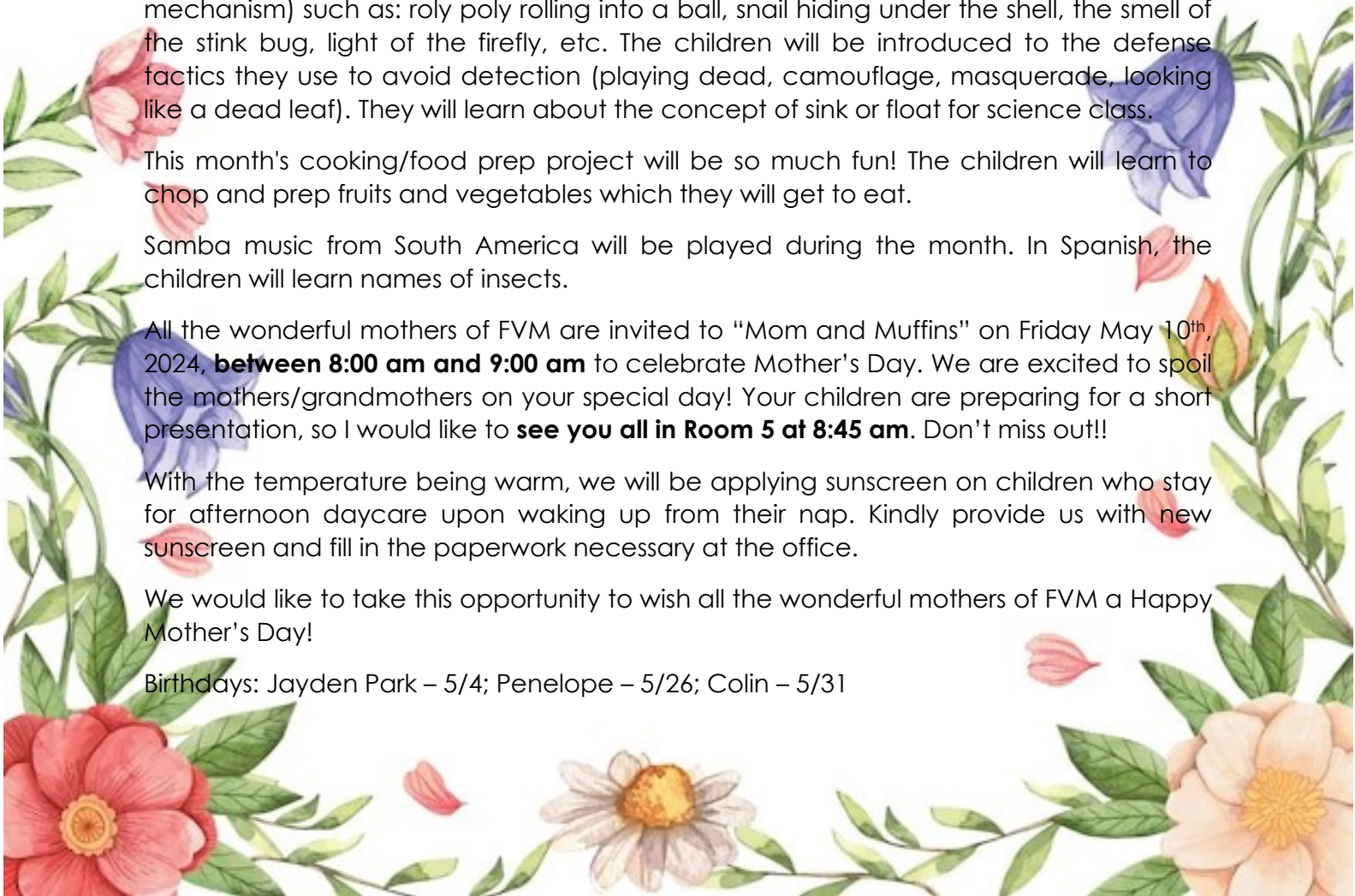
Samba music from South America will be played during the month. In Spanish, the children will learn names of insects.

All the wonderful mothers of FVM are invited to "Mom and Muffins" on Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, **between 8:00 am and 9:00 am** to celebrate Mother's Day. We are excited to spoil the mothers/grandmothers on your special day! Your children are preparing for a short presentation, so I would like to **see you all in Room 5 at 8:45 am**. Don't miss out!!

With the temperature being warm, we will be applying sunscreen on children who stay for afternoon daycare upon waking up from their nap. Kindly provide us with new sunscreen and fill in the paperwork necessary at the office.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all the wonderful mothers of FVM a Happy Mother's Day!

Birthdays: Jayden Park – 5/4; Penelope – 5/26; Colin – 5/31







## Room 6: Ms. Enoka and Ms. Lindsay

Hello Parents,

Hope you all had a wonderful Spring break. I know we had an eventful month of April which included our spring egg hunt and potluck. Thank you all for your support, we could not have had success without your help and participation.

It's hard to believe we are already talking about May! For the month of May, we will travel through the continent of South America. We'll explore the lush Amazon Rain Forest and know why it is referred to as "the lungs of the world". The children will learn about the animal and bird species such as the macaw birds, anacondas, tamarin monkeys, and sloths that inhabit this region. During our exploration, we'll listen to vibrant South American music.

For our zoology lesson, we are focusing on bugs (insects). We will learn naming common bugs, their main features, and their food. I have no doubt the children will love learning about this topic! We'll walk around the school and see what insects we can find for our observation. Last month children learned about "Butterflies" I know they will be most excited to watch the caterpillars turn into butterflies. We will observe this amazing transformation called metamorphosis in our classroom. Don't be surprised if your child seems extra interested in bugs this month!

We will learn the art of creating paper murals as we explore the art of Henri Matisse. We will learn the names of common fruits and vegetables for Spanish class. We will be making Spanish rice for cooking class. We will also watch a documentary based on the natural wonders of South America.....the Amazon river and the Iguazu falls.

We get to celebrate all our fantastic mothers this month! Our school is hosting a special **Mother's Day breakfast on Friday, May 10 from 8:00am to 9:00am**. Please mark your calendars and I hope you can join us. We have a surprise for you!

Thank you for all your support. Have a wonderful month of May!

Mrs. Enoka

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**Room 7: Ms. Alicia, Ms. Ana, Ms. Paula & Ms. Mariam**

Hello, Room 7 Families,

April was a hopping month! The children had so much fun participating in our egg hunt. We learned all about “The Hungry Caterpillar” and how he turns into a beautiful butterfly! The children made cute caterpillars and a butterfly for their artwork for the month. Our color of the month was a hit! The children are expert purple peepers by now as they can spot purple in the classroom!

The month of May brings flowers, insects, and the color yellow! The children will learn how flowers grow from a tiny seed and learn the parts of a flower. Insects, Insects, and more Insects! We will continue learning abouts different insects such as: ladybugs and bees to name a few. Our book of the month is “The Lazy Ladybug.” The classroom will be exploding with yellow for our color of the month! Our songs of the month are “Ants Go Marching,” and I will present “Five Green Speckled Frogs” using finger puppets. The children will make colorful flowers and a ladybug for art which will be displayed inside and outside our classroom. For our shape of the month, we will review all the shapes we have learned thus far, a circle, square, triangle star, diamond, heart, rectangle, and an oval.

Thank you,

Ms. Alicia

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