

# Fountain Valley Montessori

## October 2024 Newsletter



### Important Dates:

Mon.- Wed. October 28<sup>th</sup>  
-October 30<sup>th</sup>

- Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>- Picture Day:  
Rooms 1, 2, and 3
- Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>- Picture Day:  
Rooms 4 & 5
- Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>- Picture Day:  
Rooms 6 & 7

Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

- PTU sponsored Pumpkin Patch for Toddlers and Preschoolers
- Spooky Potluck

Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

Elementary Field Trip to Irvine Railroad Park

Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

-Costume Parade  
Early dismissal at 3PM

Happy Birthday

Ms. Sneha - 24<sup>th</sup>



**Scholastic Book Fair/ One for Books:** Thank you to all the families who supported our book fair and for the school donations towards “All for Books”. Thank you also to all the families who bought books for our classrooms from the teachers “wish list”. A special thank you to all the teachers and parents for being a big help and support to the school. With the Scholastic Dollars earned, we will be purchasing books and resources for our library!

**PTU Sponsored FVM Pumpkin Patch:** On Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> CHAMPAGNES KITCHEN will be sponsoring an on-campus pumpkin patch for our toddlers and preschool children. (Student only event) Big THANK YOU to the TOBEY FAMILY and CHAMPAGNES KITCHEN!



**Costume Parade:** Calling all Princesses, Pirates and Superheroes...  
**When:** Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

**Where:** Valley Gardens Center

**Time:** 9:30am for Toddlers followed by Preschoolers & Elementary.

**\*Oct.31<sup>st</sup> will be early dismissal please pick up your child by 3PM\***

\* Please have your child come to school dressed in their costume with a change of clothes in a bag. More information will be posted. Remember that no pretend weapons or scary masks are allowed at any time on school premises.

*\*Please see the classroom doors for the Spooky Potluck sign-ups too!*

**Morning Drop Off/Afternoon Pick up:** Classes start promptly at 9:00am and end at 12:00pm for our half day students and 3:00pm for our full day students. We encourage all students to be dropped off between 8:45-9:00am to ensure a smooth transition into school. Please note, when dropping your child off on the playgrounds in the morning, please ensure that your goodbyes are short and sweet. This is a time for the children to interact with each other and their teachers. Please observe through our classroom observation windows. 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 \$20.00/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. If you are going to be late, please quietly drop your child off in class, and one of the teachers will escort them to morning circle. Please make sure that your child is picked up promptly at the end of the school day.

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## Room 1- Ms. Gassia & Ms. Vivian

Hello parents,

What an amazing and marvelous first month of school! The children are adjusting well to the classroom routines, discovering new materials, and working on lessons in grace and courtesy. Thank you for all the book donations from the Scholastic Book Fair! The children are enjoying the books and look forward to reading them daily.

As we move on to the month of October, we are excited about all the seasonal activities we have planned for your children!

The change of the season and nature's way of displaying the change through color and smell will be incorporated in our curriculum this month. We will continue learning about our world, explore the globe, and learn about the geographical location of continents with focus on our very own North America, mainly Canada, Mexico, and the United States. The children will work on a continent map, color their own and learn about the flora and fauna this continent has to offer.

Next, we will recreate an artwork inspired by the 20<sup>th</sup> century great American artist, Andy Warhol. I can't wait to display these outside our classroom! Our Spanish lessons will be focused on learning about colors.

For music, we will listen to songs from "The Queen of Ballads", Céline Dion. The children will participate in a "baking" activity after cutting crayons into small pieces, placing them in the baking mold to get Halloween themed shaped crayons.

This is the perfect month to learn about the unique fruit, a pumpkin! We will have the opportunity to look at different types, shapes, and colors of pumpkins, carve one and make our own jack-o lantern!

In botany, we will learn about the parts of a leaf and the classification of animals, children will learn about the parts of a turtle.

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### **Birthdays for the month- Avery-10/12 Sophia-10/16 Violet- 10/18**

We look forward to the month of October and the fun Halloween festivities it brings! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [gkailajian@fymontessori.com](mailto:gkailajian@fymontessori.com).



## Room 2- Ms. Kinnari & Ms. Juliana

Hello Room 2 Families,

We had a smooth transition to the new school year. The children have started off the year with such enthusiasm! Ms. Juliana and I love to see the children interacting with each other with love and respect. 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 (our classroom pet) in the class. We have named them Blueberry and Green Turtle!

Let our world travels begin! During the month of October, we will be touring our very own continent, North America. We will explore the globe and learn about the geographical location of the continent. The puzzle map of North America will also be presented to the children. The children will work on a continent map, color their own and learn about the flora and fauna this continent has to offer. We will focus on the countries Canada, Mexico and the United States. For Art, the children will be introduced to the American visual artist Andy Warhol. We will introduce his vibrant color pop art and for the musician of the month, we will listen to the mesmerizing voice of Aretha Franklin 'The Queen of Soul'. For this month's cooking project, we will make Jack-O-Lanterns shaped cheese sandwiches using cookie cutters.

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 the parts and the life cycle of a fruit as we will be learning about pumpkins. 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 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. Also, please be on the lookout for information regarding our Halloween celebrations and School Picture Day!

I am so happy to be working with your precious children! Please email me at [kinnari.fvm@gmail.com](mailto:kinnari.fvm@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Thanks  
Ms. Kinnari & Ms. Julian





# Happy Halloween!

Room 3- Ms. Bea and Ms. Michelle

Hello Parents,

Our new school year has been off to a nice start! The children enjoyed learning "All About Me". They were intrigued by the various types of apples as we talked about the life cycle of an apple. We also enjoyed working on our masterpiece art project -based on Cezanne's apple art. I am very happy to see the children normalizing into the routine and enjoying their time learning and making new friends,

October will be a fun spooky busy month. We will work on making ghosts, owls and other fun Halloween art to make our room festive. Our unit of study will be health and nutrition. We will talk about the importance of eating healthy foods and exercising. Room 3 will be making our own healthy food chart, and I need your help for this project. I request all families to please send pictures of fruits, vegetables, food items such as bread, pasta, bottle of oil, deli meats or any such pictures that can be used to make our food pyramid. You should be able to find them in magazines, grocery store advertisements and other such leaflets in your mail. Please send them in a labeled food storage bag and place them in the basket on top of the children's cubbies. I appreciate your help!

We will begin our journey across the globe and visit the continent of North America. This vast continent has a lot to offer! We will learn about the geographical location, the major countries, the iconic natural and manmade landmarks and learn about the people and animals unique to this continent.

We will learn about part of the pumpkin and the life cycle of a pumpkin. We will also get to dissect and carve a pumpkin in class. The children will enjoy observing the different parts of the pumpkin. We will save the pumpkin seeds and use them as counters for the Math area. The children will help prepare a pumpkin pudding for our cooking project.

For our Spanish class we will focus on the names of fruits and vegetables such as "Manzana, Platano, Zanahoria,"

We will recreate beautiful pumpkin art inspired by Yayoi Kusama. We will be listening to the greatest hits by pop star musician Michael Jackson.

October Birthdays- Lara Jean Nguyen Oct 24<sup>th</sup>

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

Looking forward to a wonderful month ahead in Room 3!



**Room 4 Lower Elementary: Ms. Yasmin and Ms. Odalis**

Welcome to October! Last month was very productive and was an amazing start to our new school year. The children normalized very well into their new work environment and are already taking an interest in learning new concepts every day! We look forward to this year which will further accentuate all the work habits that a Montessori environment has established within your child. They are at a turning point in their psychological development where you will begin to see their social and academic growth soar exponentially over the course of this year. We are very excited to build connections with every single one of your children and help them thrive.

We will begin our exploration around the world and start our journey from our very own continent of North America. We will learn about the countries, Canada, Mexico, and the United States. We will learn about the physical location of each country, and learn about landmarks, both manmade and natural. The study of people and animals found on this continent is always of great interest to all.

For Botany we will focus on parts of a flower. Our study of Zoology will focus on parts of an amphibian. The children will be learning Spanish terms for the months of the year in Spanish class.

We were thrilled to hear about the children sharing information at home about our previous month's artists and composers! For October, we will create a Halloween inspired art. The composer for October will be Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

We encourage all children to participate in share day on Fridays. This is a great opportunity for your child to share pictures, trophies, medals, books, or tell a story. We ask that toys not be part of share as they are a distraction for the children.

Please feel free to email me If you have any questions.

Ms. Yasmin: [yasminc.fvm@gmail.com](mailto:yasminc.fvm@gmail.com)

**Birthdays:** 10/4: Jason, 10/10: Serena, 10/11: Kashleen, 10/12: Austen, 10/16: Grant, 10/30: Jayden

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1. Halloween Potluck- Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.
2. Irvine Railroad Park Fieldtrip- Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.
3. Picture Day – Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.
4. Halloween Parade - Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> (Early dismissal for all at 3:00 PM. No aftercare) Please be on the lookout for more information.

Thank you,

Ms. Yasmin and Ms. Odalis

## Room 4/Upper Newsletter

As the vibrant colors of fall paint our surroundings, we are thrilled to see our school year progressing wonderfully! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our classroom libraries by purchasing books at our recent book fair. Your generosity is truly appreciated!

We started the year on a high note, focusing on re-establishing our connections and fostering teamwork to ensure a smooth and productive year ahead. With October here, we are eagerly looking forward to our Fall Celebration! This month is packed with engaging activities, including captivating story readings and special creative writing projects, alongside our core academic curricula.

Cultural units for October are as follows:

### Science

- Parts of Flower/ Fruit/ Amphibian
- Characteristics of Vertebrates/Food Pyramid
- Advance Animal research/Animal Kingdom: Chinese Box
- Minerals and Rocks
- Lithosphere/Hydrosphere/Atmosphere/Biosphere
- System of Body Research: Skeleton System

### History

- Second Great Lesson: Timeline of Life
- Ancient China

### Social Studies

- Seasons
- Parts of a Volcano
- Child's own Continent- United States
- Plate Tectonics
- Land and Water Formations contd.
- Sun Research
- Fundamental Need Cont.

### Art/Music/Performing Arts/ P. E

- Art appreciation: Andy Warhol/Fall themed art
- Famous Composers
- Team Sports/ Rhythm Basketball

### Grace and Courtesy/ Peace Education

- Conflict Resolutions
- Classroom Cleaning
- Meditation

### Spanish

•We're excited to enhance our Spanish vocabulary, focusing on fun and practical phrases related to lunchtime. We aim to build up our skills to enjoy lively conversations around the lunch table. Additionally, we'll practice reading and writing common Spanish phrases to further enrich our language learning experience.

I am excited about a couple of upcoming events:

1. Ms. Erika's Baby Shower – October 4,
2. Elementary Field Trip to the Irvine Railroad Park on Friday, 10/25/2024
3. Picture day- Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Come dressed in your picture best!
4. Halloween Parade on Thursday, October 31 (Early dismissal for all at 3:00 PM.

Please be on the lookout for more information.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm. We can't wait to dive into all the exciting learning experiences this season has to offer! I am so proud of all the progress that the children have already made! As always, please feel free to email me or stop by if you have any questions at [neranja.fvm@gmail.com](mailto:neranja.fvm@gmail.com)

Happy Birthday: Lacie H. 10th, Khai P. 8th, Ethan N. 18th, Madeline I,

Have a Spooky October!!





## Room 5- Ms. Gloria and Ms. Jennifer

September was a fun month to remember as we got to know each other, the class rules and the daily schedule along with fun lessons. Botany became a fun subject when the children learned about types of apples, parts of an apple, which was practically observed by peeling and cutting apples. All the children helped chop apples which were ingredients for apple sauce. The best part was eating it!

Thank you to all those parents who attended our Back to School Night. I hope that you have gained information on what to expect for the school year and your questions were answered. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have questions. Thank you all for donating so many books to Room 5. These books will be read during circle time, and I am sure that we will enjoy each one for years to come!

As we move on to October, we will learn about North America, our focus being on Canada, USA and Mexico. The geographic region of North America, the flora and fauna, the unique animals, the flags and the life of the people will be discussed. As part of our Zoology curriculum, the children will learn about fish. Lessons on types of fish and parts of a fish will be presented. We are planning to make banana ghosts as our cooking project for the month. Additionally, the children will be introduced to fruit and vegetable cutting, grating and juicing.

The composer of the month is The Beatles. In Spanish class, children will learn about colors. For Art, children will learn about Vincent Van Gogh's 'Sunflowers' and will create their own versions. We will also create Halloween themed art projects to decorate our room. As for our Halloween celebration, we will continue with our traditional Trick-o-Treat parade as we walk around the Valley Garden Center in our costumes. Please send your child to school in his/her costume. **Please make sure you have all the parts of the costume at pick up for your child to wear at night.** More information on the parade and potluck will follow later.

Please note that every Friday is our Share Day, and your child could bring in something to show and tell. If you are sending something valuable, please speak with me first so I can arrange for it to be kept in the teacher's closet for safe keeping. I would like to suggest that you bring items related to the study for the month. Examples for the month of October will be pictures of fish, CD/picture of The Beatles, pictures of art by Van Gogh, photos of any landmark in North America, etc. Kindly refrain from sending toys as they tend to cause distraction. Suggested share items would be a book, a picture, a photo, postcard. You child can verbally share an event/trip or a skill/trick such as play an instrument, do a cartwheel, etc.

Finally, I wish to say a big thank you for sharing your child with Ms. Jennifer and I. If you do have anything you wish to address, please email me on [Gloria@fvmontessori.com](mailto:Gloria@fvmontessori.com) or call the school and leave a message and I will get back to you during my lunch.

Birthdays for October: Luke T – 10/9

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**Room 6- Ms. Enoka and Ms. Lindsay**

Dear Room 6 parents,

The month of September went by fast! It didn't take long for the children to get used to the routine and acclimating to the rearranged classroom. I introduced ground rules, walking feet, and using the inside voice. Children enjoyed "food prep " work such as cutting apples, carrots, cheese, bananas and juicing oranges.

Last month we also learned about the parts of our body, our emotions, and how to draw various emotional expressions. Children enjoyed creating an art project titled "My Face " using craft paper, yarn, and eye stickers. This month the children will continue to learn about the body with parts of the skeleton and how to nourish their bodies with good food.

In addition, we are going to learn about the parts of a tree, parts of a pumpkin, and the life cycle of this famous seasonal vegetable. With the coming of the Autumn equinox on Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>, it is a good time to talk about earth's rotation and how it influences changing weather patterns leading to changing seasons.

Our geography lessons for October will focus on the great continent of North America. Children will be introduced to famous landmarks, native foods, and native animals of the land. Our zoology lesson for this month is all about birds, and the children will be introduced to the parts of a bird, their food habits, and bird's native to the North American continent.

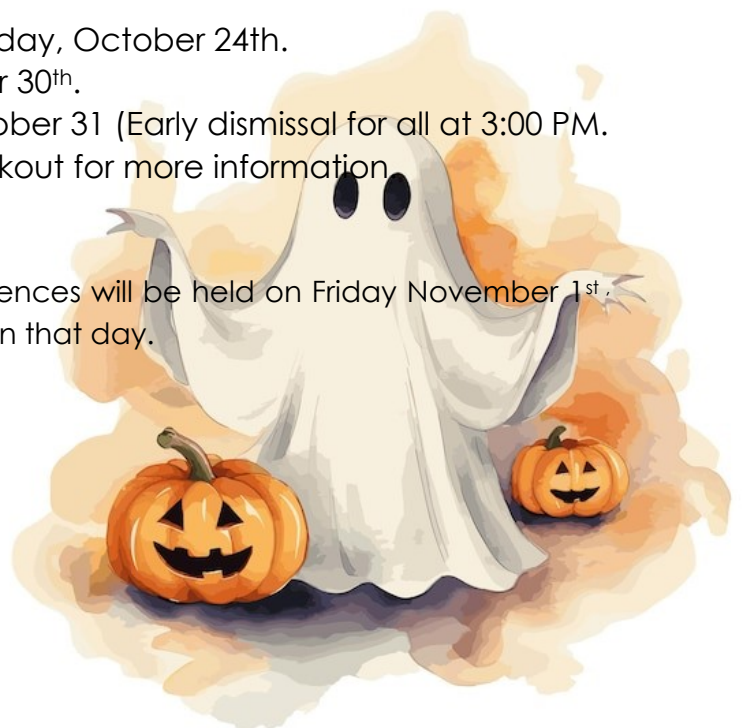
Lastly, our artist of the month will be Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama, and the children will learn about her famous dot art form. Then the children will create their own seasonal dot art.

**Upcoming Events for October 2024:**

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Please also note, the parent teacher conferences will be held on Friday November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 and the school will be closed for children that day.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Enoka







**Room 7- Ms. Alicia, Ms. Paula, Ms. Ana, Ms. Daisy**

Hello Parents,

I am happy to report that September was a great month! The children are settling into the routine and are enjoying their classroom activities. I'm sure it must have been difficult for some of 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'm beginning to see more smiles every day!

It's that time of year again! Out come the little pumpkins, ghosts, and witches. For the month of October our unit will be based on pumpkins. We will be learning about the parts of a pumpkin as we carve our own and make our jack-o-lantern. The book of the month is "Squishy Squashy Pumpkin." Our songs will be "I'm A Little Pumpkin" and "Pumpkin Song." I will also be introducing "Five Little Pumpkins" using the felt board with pumpkin cutouts. Be prepared to be amazed when you hear your little one sing these songs at home! The color of the month is orange. I will be introducing orange wherever I can... changing practical life objects, lining the work trays with orange felt and putting out orange paint for easel painting. The children will be doing spooktacular art: a ghost, pumpkin and a spider! I am excited to display their cute work all around the classroom! The shape of the month is square.

Here's a big shout out to the Dolan family for purchasing almost all the books from my wish list box!!!! My teachers and I really appreciate it! All books will be put to great use since the children will be using them daily.

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Thank you,

Ms. Alicia, Ms. Paula, Ms. Ana & Ms. Daisy