

# Fountain Valley Montessori

## November 2024 Newsletter



### **Important Dates:**

**Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

School Closed for  
Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

See's Candies Begins

**Monday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>**

FVM Closed- Veteran's Day

**Wednesday, November**

**6<sup>th</sup>- Wednesday,**

**November 20<sup>th</sup>**

Canned Food Drive

**Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Stone Soup

**Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

See's Candies  
order forms due!

**Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**

Harvest Fest

**Wednesday, November**

**27<sup>th</sup> - Friday, November**

**29<sup>th</sup>**

School Closed for  
Thanksgiving Break

### **Happy Birthday...**

Ms. Kinnari - 6<sup>th</sup>

Ms. Jahaira- 29<sup>th</sup>

Ms. Madelyn- 30<sup>th</sup>



**Cold and Flu Season:** The Cold and Flu Season is here. Please follow our school illness policy to ensure our children and staff stay well. Keep all ill children home. If a child becomes ill at school or has a fever, a parent will be called to pick up their child. Children will have to be picked up within **30 minutes** of notification. **Children must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.**

**Please keep your child home if they have:**

- Had a fever, diarrhea or have been vomiting within the last 24 hours.
- Have green or yellow discharge.

**Parent/Teacher Conferences:** Thank you to everyone who signed up for Parent/Teacher conference! If you were unable to make your appointment please email your child's teacher to schedule a convenient time.

**See's Candies:** It's time to kick off the See's Candies Holiday Sale! Buy Sweet Treats for everyone on your list & sell to your family, co-workers, neighbors and friends!!

**Canned Food Drive:** Help feed those in need. We will be accepting canned food & non-perishable items now through November 20<sup>th</sup>. Food will be donated to The OC Food Bank Community Action Partnership

**Stone Soup & Harvest Feast:** This year **Elementary** and all **preschool** classrooms will be participating in a seasonal favorite. On Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, the classes will be reading the book "Stone Soup". They will then prep and chop all ingredients on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> and make their own to enjoy on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, along with pizza!

On November 26<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating our annual Harvest Feast! Please sign up for an item to bring when the sign-up sheets go up. More information will be sent out as the time comes closer.



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

Gobble, gobble, gobble! Halloween fun is behind us, and we are in November, the month of giving thanks and being appreciative for the world around us! This month, children will receive lessons in grace and courtesy that focus on being appreciative and thankful for their family and friends and for the environment they live in.

Our unit this month is living and non-living things. It is a fun and interesting concept for children, and I feel it is best understood when they participate in an art project. Therefore, I ask that you send 5 small items/objects or pictures of each category. (For instance, a leaf, a picture of an owl or a little boy a picture of chair or a book.... etc.). Please send the items in a clearly labeled plastic bag and place them in the labeled basket. The children will also learn about North America (particularly, the 50 States), its famous landmarks, and its unique animals. We will sing the "Fifty Nifty United States" song in class, and they will learn about the holiday of Thanksgiving.

We have a unique tradition here at FVM! We will be reading the book "Stone Soup" in class. It is a European folk story in which hungry strangers convince the people of a small village to each share a small amount of their food to make a soup that everyone enjoys. The moral of the story is to teach the value of sharing. The children will pick a food item they would like to bring, and we will make our very own soup in class! I will put up the signup sheet with your child's ingredient of choice on the classroom door. We will prep the soup on Thursday, November 21st and will make it on Friday, November 22nd. They will be able to enjoy it with pizza! Please let me know if you do not want your child to participate. We will also have our annual Friendship Feast potluck on Tuesday, November 26, at 11:15 am. I will put up a sign-up sheet for the potluck as well.

Our study unit for science will focus on classification of animals where the children will learn about birds and the parts of the turkey. We will also learn about parts of a tree. We will learn numbers 1-10 in Spanish class.

In music this month, we will listen to a very modern and famous American singer and songwriter artist, Taylor Swift! As for the artist of the month, we will become the artist ourselves and draw turkeys using the monart drawing technique.

Please note, school will be closed for Parent- Teacher conferences on Friday, November 1st. You can bring your child with you for the duration of the conference as we will have teachers attending to them while I speak with you. I look forward to meeting with you in person or by phone. Please make sure to sign up on the sheet outside the classroom.

Birthdays:

Luke Walsh- November 23<sup>rd</sup>

Have a safe and healthy Thanksgiving!





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

We enjoyed another great month full of learning and adventures. We visited the continent of North America, and we learned about the parts of a pumpkin.

The children worked on many art projects from decorating pumpkins, spider webs, to recreating pumpkin pop art inspired by Andy Warhol. We also had fun carving a pumpkin and turning it into a handsome jack-o-lantern! We ended the month with a spooktacular day of Halloween celebration. It was so much fun seeing everyone dressed in their costumes. Thank you to all the parents for helping and for attending the event!

For the month of November, we will be diving into the oceans and traveling around our very own country, The United States of America as we learn about the 50 states. Be on the lookout for the 50 states song your children will come home singing! The children will watch an educational documentary about North America which will include places of interest and animals of the continent.

For zoology, the children will learn about parts of a turkey and its life cycle. For Botany, we will be learning about the parts of a leaf. We will explore different types of leaves and the trees they grow on. I will encourage the children to bring in any leaves they may find while going on fun nature walks with their parents or from their backyard. I will introduce the wrapped yarn resist to form a Birch Tree painting. Please be on the lookout for our artful masterpieces!

We will be reading books based on the tradition of giving thanks. This is also a perfect month to talk about the values of sharing and giving. I will read to them one of my favorite stories, a book called "Stone Soup". It is an ancient folktale from Europe and the story is about two travelers encouraging the people of the village to share and care for each other. The children will pick a food item they would like to bring, and we will make our very own soup in class! I will put up the sign-up sheet with your child's ingredient of choice on the classroom door. We will prep the soup on Thursday, November 21st and will make it on Friday, November 22nd. They will be able to enjoy it with pizza! Please let me know if you do not want your child to participate. We will also have our annual Friendship Feast potluck on Tuesday, November 26th.

We will also be learning numbers for our Spanish class. Our musician of the month will 'The Beatles'. We will work on a science experiment this month, as we learn about objects that sink and float. Along with the fun and excitement of the fall season, we will also begin practicing songs for our upcoming holiday show in December! Can't wait!

Please note, the school will be closed for parent-teacher conferences on Friday, November 1st. I look forward to meeting with you in person or by phone. Please make sure to sign up on the sheet outside the classroom.

We are thankful for the opportunity you have given us to be a part of your child's journey. Have a fabulous November!!

November birthdays: Leah 11/12 and 11/22

### Upcoming events for November 2024:

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### **Room 3: Ms. Bea & Ms. Michelle**

We had another month of learning and fun! The children have adjusted well and are benefiting from the work lessons. We learned about parts of a pumpkin. We made spooky ghosts and jack-o lanterns to decorate our class. We ended the month with our Spooktacular Halloween Parade. It was nice to see the children in their Halloween costumes!

We will continue learning as we move into November. Our unit of study will be Transportation. We will talk about the different modes of transportation. I will have the children pick out their favorite mode of transportation and we will do a fun art project. We will continue to travel the globe and this time we will stay local: we will focus on our very own, The United States. We will travel to some of the states and learn about their beautiful landmarks. I will introduce the children to the song, "Fifty Nifty United States". I am sure they will enjoy singing to it!

Parts of a turkey will be our focus for Zoology. This month also gives an opportunity to talk about the values of sharing and giving thanks. We will focus on the tradition of Thanksgiving and make some fun art projects throughout the month. I will read to them one of my favorite stories, a book called "Stone Soup". It is an ancient folk tale from Europe and the story is about two travelers encouraging the people of the village to share and care for each other. This month of Thanksgiving is a perfect opportunity for the story, and I will also work on a group project related to that story. We will prep the soup on Thursday, November 21st and will make it on Friday, November 22nd. They will be able to enjoy it with pizza! Please let me know if you do not want your child to participate. We will also have our annual Friendship Feast potluck on Tuesday, November 26th. Please be on the lookout for details in my weekly email.

This month we will be inspired by the art of Andy Warhol. I will introduce the children to his unique art by showing them pictures of some of his masterpieces and we will then recreate our own version.

We will continue to explore another genre of music as we get ready to listen to Kenny G, our musician of the month. "Circulo, Triangulo, Cuadrado, shapes in Spanish will be our focus for the month of November.

As the weather turns the corner, I request you to replenish your child's extra clothes with full sleeve shirts and long pants.

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November Birthdays: November 11<sup>th</sup> Emmalyn La

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## Room 4 Lower Elementary: Ms. Yasmin

Hello November! It is finally starting to feel like fall outside! Last month was very productive and we could see the children engage in activities throughout the classroom. We are happy to say that we have been building relationships with your children and are making connections! This is helping us discover their amazing personalities!

This month we will continue our study of North America as we learn about the Flags of Canada, the USA and Mexico. We will also learn about the animals found on the continent, the languages spoken in these countries, the culture and traditions followed by the people and the distinguishing landmarks found here. We will also be exploring the continent of Europe. We will learn about some of the countries such as the United Kingdom, France, and Germany. The children will learn about the natural and manmade landmarks in Europe. The rich cultural heritage and history along with the unique animals that inhabit this continent will also be reviewed. We will learn about the formation of a lake as we learn about the formation of water bodies and landforms. I am looking forward to introducing parts of a leaf and our study of zoology will focus on parts of a tortoise. The children will be learning the terms for continents in Spanish class.

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In addition to our monthly cultural unit, the students will be creating their own fall art masterpiece. The composer for November will be the "King of Rock and Roll" Elvis Presley. I will also try my best to demonstrate a few of his unique dance moves! Wish me luck!

If you have any questions please feel free to email me at [yasminc.fvm@gmail.com](mailto:yasminc.fvm@gmail.com)

Happy Birthday: Berlin 11/7, Benjamin N. 11/13

Important Dates to Remember\*

- November 22<sup>nd</sup> - Stone soup – Please be on the lookout for the food item your child volunteers to bring in.
- November 26<sup>th</sup> - Friendship Feast- Please be on the lookout for the sign-up sheet for the Potluck.
- Thanksgiving Recess: Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.



**Room 4: Ms. Neranja and Ms. Marian**

*A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue but the parent of all the other virtues.*

*-Cicero*

As we embrace the season of thankfulness, November presents a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our many blessings. Throughout this month, the children will engage with writing prompts that inspire them to explore and express gratitude, as well as other significant themes corresponding to special days. This is a perfect time for them to articulate their appreciation for the world around them and the people in their lives.

Cultural Units for the month of November are as follows:

**Science**

- Parts of a leaf/ Botanical illustrations
- All about Reptiles
- Parts of a Car
- Habitats
- 6 Kingdoms
- Microscopes and cells: (3<sup>rd</sup> Level)

**History**

- The Earliest Americans
- Timeline of Life cont.
- The 13 Colonies

**Performing Arts**

- Singing and dancing.

**Social Studies**

- Study of Europe Level 2: name countries
- Study of Europe: Map/ Animals/ Plants/ Flags/ Landmarks
- Fundamental needs of humans cont.
- Study of Oceans

**Art:** Alexander Calder is famous for inventing mobiles, which are sculptures that move in the air when wind blows on them; essentially, he's known for creating art that can move!

**Grace and Courtesy/Peace Education**

- Gratitude and Thank-you Cards.
- Affirmations: Positive Self-Esteem

We are pleased to remind you that the school will be closed for Parent/Teacher conferences on Friday, November 1st. This day provides a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's goals and objectives, ensuring they achieve their fullest potential both academically and personally.

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We are grateful for the trust you place in us to contribute to your child's educational journey.  
Wishing you a fabulous November!



## **Room 5: Ms. Gloria & Ms. Daisy**

November is a month for giving thanks and for being appreciative of the world around us! This month the children will receive lessons in Grace and Courtesy that focus on being thankful for their family and friends! We will decorate a large paper turkey, each feather representing what each child is thankful for.

It is the time of the year to sign up for Parent/Teacher conferences, coming up on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. The sign-up sheet is posted on the counter by the entrance door to Room 5. The school will be closed that day, and you have the option of choosing a telephone conference or an in-person conference. Daycare will be provided during the 20-minute conference if you sign up to see me in person. If this day does not work for you, please speak with me to arrange an alternative date and time.

Our unit of study for the month is volcanoes. We will learn about dormant, active and extinct volcanoes and the parts of a volcano. Spanish terms for shapes will be learned during Spanish class every Thursday.

The children will learn about the parts of a tree. We will continue our world travels and learn more about the wonderful country we live in, the USA. The children will explore the States; learn about the animals and the flag of the USA. We will also learn the 50 States song and talk about some Native American tribes and their Art. The children are well versed with the "Pledge of Allegiance". They will be introduced to Star Spangled Banner and to patriotic songs during this time. At the end of the month, they will watch an educational documentary about North America which will include places of interest and the animals of the continent.

Did your child sing aloud any of The Beatles' songs last month? Yellow Submarine was everyone's favorite! They are learning about various musicians/composers, different genres of music and types and names of instruments. During November, the children will listen to the great music of Aretha Franklin and listen to her songs. We will also play musical instruments along with her popular songs. In Art, we will learn about the great artist, Pablo Picasso and recreate "self-portraits" using his Cubism method.

We will be reading the book "Stone Soup" through the month of November. It is a European folk story in which hungry strangers convince the people of a small village to each share an ingredient to make a meal that everyone enjoys. The moral of the story is to teach the value of sharing. The children will pick a food item they would like to bring, and we will make our very own soup in class! I will put up the sign up sheet with your child's ingredient of choice on the classroom door. We will prep the soup on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> and will make it on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. They will be able to enjoy it with pizza! Please let me know if you do not want your child to participate. We will also have our annual Friendship Feast potluck on Tuesday, November 26, at 11:15 am. I will put up a sign up sheet for the potluck as well.

November birthdays: Coraline-11<sup>th</sup>; Atticus-24<sup>th</sup>

We are thankful to all the wonderful families of FVM for sharing your prized possession with us. Happy Thanksgiving!





**Room 6: Ms. Enoka & Ms. Lindsay**

October was a busy month for us, and it went by so fast! Children enjoyed decorating pumpkins and learning about the science behind this fall season fruit. We read many stories related to pumpkins and Halloween. What a fabulous Halloween parade we had! Thank you all for your support and participation.

This month I will be introducing the parts of a leaf. Since Fall is in full swing, we will talk about the science behind the leaves changing their color. I will encourage children to pick Fall leaves to observe the colors, textures, and parts of the leaves. We will be painting colorful fall leaves as well.

For our zoology lesson, I will introduce the parts of a Tortoise, its life cycle and food habits. Children will be learning all about turkey too. Turkey is the favorite bird of the season children will be crafting Turkey for our arts and craft project. As we head towards the Harvest Feast, I will continue to introduce more fresh vegetables and fruits for the food prep work and for botany lessons.

This month while learning about the continent of North America, children will tour our vast and beautiful country .USA ,Will introduce the USA states puzzle with names of all 50 states and learn about the famous landmarks and the animals that thrive on here. Our artist of the month will be a famous American artist, Andy Warhol Children will explore his style of painting, and they will create their own piece of art.

In keeping with a popular fall tradition here at FVM, we will be reading the book "Stone Soup" in class. It is a European folk story in which hungry travelers convince the people of a small village to each share a small amount of their food to make a soup that everyone enjoys. The moral of the story is to teach the value of sharing. The school will provide the ingredients to make our own Stone soup. We will cut and prepare the vegetables on Thursday, November 21 St. We will make the soup on Friday November 22nd and the children will be able to eat it along with their pizza lunch. Please let us know if you do not want your child to participate in this project.

Please mark your calendar for the following dates:

- Friday, November 1 – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Wednesday, November 6 – Food drive
- Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – School Closed for Veteran's Day
- Friday, November 22 – "Stone Soup" lunch
- Tuesday, November 26 – Harvest Feast
- November 27.28. 29– School Closed

Thank you for all your support. Have a wonderful month ahead and a safe thanksgiving with family and friends!

Thank you,  
Mrs. Enoka



The background of the page is a decorative collage of autumn-themed elements. It features several pumpkins in various sizes and colors, including large white pumpkins with green stems and smaller orange and yellow pumpkins. Interspersed among the pumpkins are numerous autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and brown, some with detailed vein patterns. The overall composition is warm and festive, typical of a Thanksgiving or fall-themed announcement.

**Room 7: Ms. Alicia, Ms. Paula and Ms. Ana**

Hello Parents,

October has been such a fun and spooktacular month from our pumpkin patch to our Halloween parade! The children looked adorable in their costumes! We learned about the parts of a pumpkin: the vine, leaf, stem, seeds and pulp. The children enjoyed singing "I'm A Little Pumpkin" and "Pumpkin Song." They had fun making ghosts, pumpkins and spiders. I thank all the parents for attending our Halloween Parade and for helping set up and clean up for our Halloween potluck.

November brings Fall leaves and lots to be thankful for. Our book of the month will be "10 Fat Turkeys" Our songs of the month will be "I'm A Little Turkey," "Hello Mr. Turkey" and "Autumn Leaves Are Falling Down." Our color of the month will be brown. I will put out brown paint for easel painting, change practical life objects and line the trays with brown felt. The children will be working on fun art projects, making a turkey (gobble, gobble), and an owl (hoot, hoot) which they will be displayed inside and outside the classroom. Our shape will be a triangle.

As the weather is changing, please replenish your child's extra clothes with full sleeve shirts and long pants.

We look forward to a fun filled month and we are so ready for fall fun!

Thank you and have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving!

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