



# Fountain Valley Montessori



## February 2025 Newsletter

### Important Dates:

#### Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>

Open House 8:00 - 9:30 am

#### Tuesday February 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

A visit from Dr. Chu –  
National Children's Dental  
Health Month

#### Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

Valentine's Day Pizza Party  
and Buddy Book Exchange

#### Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> and Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

School Closed for  
President's Day Weekend

#### Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

March Tuition will be withdrawn  
through Tuition Express.  
Checks/cash payments Due  
Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> a late  
fee will be charged for  
payments made on or after  
Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

Re Enrollment Packets out  
and due on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

Yearbook Dedication Boxes  
Due with payment.

**Happy Birthday**  
**Ms. Vivian- February 4<sup>th</sup>**



**Valentine's Day:** The school will be providing cheese pizza and strawberries for lunch on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>! If you do not wish for your child to participate in the lunch, please let us know and pack your child's lunch as usual.

If your child would like to bring individually wrapped cards/treats to give out to their friends for valentine's day, please send valentines marked "To my friend" from: (your child's name). The children will pass them out on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. You may send pencils, erasers, stickers, tattoos, etc. to share with your child's friends. Any perishable items such as cookies or candy (nut free please) will be sent home.

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The school will be closed for Presidents Day weekend **on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, and Monday February 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**Parent/Teacher Conferences:** Conferences are coming up on **Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>**. The conference sign-ups will be near the classroom doors. We will be offering either phone or in person conferences. **Please note that the school is closed to children for this day.** If you are unable to make this day/time, please email your child's teacher to schedule a more convenient time.

**Tax Time:** Our tax ID is **#33-0961742**. Please email me at jahairab.fvm@gmail.com if you would like your 2024 Tuition Statement.

**Correct Information:** Please make sure the office has your most current information. If you have changed cell phone numbers, switched emails, or recently moved, please make sure to double check the information with the office.

**Re-Enrollment:** Re-Enrollment packets will be emailed to all current families on February 24<sup>th</sup>. If you're interested in enrolling your child for the summer and next school year, please fill out the forms in their entirety and return them to the school no later than March 10<sup>th</sup>. Enrollment will be open to the public after March 10<sup>th</sup>, and you may not be guaranteed a spot for the summer or the 2025-2026 school year. Please initial the "Receipt of Enrollment Information" form which will be placed outside your child's classroom.

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

As we welcome the month of February, the month of love and affection, we will be traveling to the continent of Europe. We will be visiting the beautiful countries as we explore landmarks like the Eiffel Tower and the Acropolis of Athens, learning about the beautiful historic architecture, about the people and animals of Europe. We will learn how to say "hello" in French, Italian, Greek and Deutsch. We will also make Swedish, thumbprint cookies called Rosen Munnar as a baking activity in class.

We will be learning about the parts of a flower and will work on an experiment with white carnations and food coloring. This experiment will emphasize how water travels through the stem to reach the petals of the flower.

In music, we will listen to some of the greatest classical music composers such as Bach, Mozart, Beethoven and Tchaikovsky. In art, we will learn about primary colors and work on an art activity based on the famous Dutch artist, Piet Mondrian! In Spanish, we will review the colors and numbers. Room 1 children will also enjoy watching a short documentary about famous landmarks in Europe.

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

Happy February! The year started with fun activities for the children. We traveled to Japan, India, and China within the continent of Asia, where we learned about the culture and the flags of Asia. The children enjoyed learning about the parts of a horse and parts of a tree. We had so much fun recreating 'The Cherry blossom' artwork by Katsushika Hokusai with various sponges and art tools.

Let's spread the love in February! I will set out some blank hearts in a basket, and I request each parent to write 2 to 3 short and sweet love notes to your child. The sweet note can be from your child to his/her friend as well. Please mail it in the mailbox placed on top of the cubbies so we can put these hearts on our class tree to make it a "love tree". We will read your messages in class during circle time. Also, if your child would like to bring special cards for their friends, please send 25 Valentines marked: "To my Friend" and "From: your child's name" on Thursday, February 13th. You may send pencils, erasers, tattoos, stickers, etc. to share with your child's friend. We will decorate bags to hold their precious valentines. All the presents will be sent home. We will also be making a fun Valentine's Day project this month.

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This month we are going on a safari to Africa! We will learn about the physical location, the physical features and the unique flora and fauna prevalent here. We will discover the countries, their flags, the people, and learn about their food and clothing. We will also listen to some famous African musical instruments like Djembe, Mbira, Kora and Shekere.

For Zoology we will be learning about the parts of a fish. They will also work on parts of a flower for our Botany curriculum. For art, we will enjoy painting hearts inspired by the American painter Jim Dine. For Spanish, we will learn names of different types of flowers.

## Happy Valentine's Day everyone!

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**Birthdays: Camryn- 2/16 & Ryan- 2/26**



### **Room 3 - Ms. Bea and Ms. Michelle**

We had a nice month in January as we began our journey through Asia. We will continue to explore Asia through the month of February, since we have a lot to learn about the largest continent on earth! The children also enjoyed learning about living and non-living things. They enjoyed working on their Cherry Blossom inspired art and I was so excited to see the beautiful result. We watched an educational documentary on the Panda bear, native to the continent of Asia. The children had fun watching and participating in a group discussion after we finished watching the documentary.

February will be another exciting month in Room 3. We will learn all about volcanos and the different volcanos around the world. We will watch a special documentary and do a fun science project demonstrating the concept of a volcanic eruption. For our art project, we will be recreating a masterpiece by Jim Dine. Our music for the month will focus on the sitar recitals by the maestro Ravi Shankar. This month also give us the opportunity to reflect on our presidents, past and present. We will be reading books about some of our presidents. I am sure the children will enjoy it. We will focus on parts of a tree for our study of Botany. Oso Panda, Elefante Asiatico, Panda rojo. These animals of Asia will be our focus for Spanish class.

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## Room 4 Lower Elementary- Ms. Yasmin and Ms. Erika

Hello Parents,

Happy February and welcome to the shortest month of the year! This month we will be exploring the continent of Asia. Our tour will include a visit to India, Japan, & Korea. We will locate the countries on the world map as we learn about their physical features, the prominent landmarks, talk about the people and their culture. Learning about their customs, food and traditional clothing is everyone's favorite experience! We will also talk about animals unique to the continent.

Our study of botany will be focused on learning about parts of a root and the parts of a cherry blossom tree. We will also introduce the characteristics and the parts of a mammal for our zoology lesson. We will learn about the parts of a lion.

The children will be writing short stories with the help of sentence starters. This is a good way for young writers to express their thoughts easily and come up with a few lines on the subject. We will work on stories for the Valentine's Day, Groundhog Day, & Presidents Day.

Our study of Spanish will be based on learning how to address family member. We will focus on balance and stretching and yoga for our PE exercises.

We will learn about different instruments, with special emphasis on the violin. We will introduce the music of Ravi Shankar and Yo-Yo Ma, prominent musicians from Asia. Our artist of the month is Jim Dine. We can't wait for the children to express their own techniques as they create their masterpieces. Have a great month ahead! Thank you so much for all your support.

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

Birthdays: Benjamin P. 2/21 Brooklyn N. 2/23

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Room 4 - Ms. Neranja & Ms. Marian

## February Newsletter

### Units for the month of February will be:

Welcome to the month of February! We hope you all had a great start to the year. Our first-semester progress reports have been distributed and we are now moving on to the second half of the school year.

Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and we will be celebrating it on Thursday, February 13th. Children are invited to bring in valentines to share with their classmates. To make it easier for your child to participate, please have them write their names on the cards they want to share with their friends. They will pass them out to each student during the classroom celebration.

One of the most popular units for the month of February will be President's Day which falls on Monday, February 17th. The children will be doing a timeline of the Presidents, as well as other creative writing projects. We will also be having our annual "Meet the Presidents" event on February 12th. More details will follow.

#### Creative Writing Topics

- Write an Acrostic Valentine's poem/ History of Valentine's Day
- Create a Presidential Information Board

#### History

- Study of Abraham Lincoln
- Study of George Washington
- Story of Numbers
- Study of Civilizations
- Prehistoric Animals

#### Cultural/Physical Geography

- Study of Asia
- Types of Weather/ Coastlines
- Skeletal System and the muscular system

#### Science

- Interactions within Habitats
- Organisms and adaptation to the environments
- Types of seeds
- Mammals
- Part of a Train

#### Art

- 8 Artist Inspired **heART** lessons using Multimedia, variety of techniques and emphasis on Elements of Art

#### P.E

- Calisthenics to Music
- Line Dancing

## **Room 5 - Ms. Gloria and Ms. Gurpreet**

January was a busy yet fun month! February will be a shorter month but full of many events and celebrations. In observance of Presidents' Day recess, we will talk about past and present presidents of the USA. We will be traveling to Australia, and the children will learn about the animals and places of interest down under. We will learn about the parts of kangaroo for our zoology lessons. I visited Australia and brought back some memorabilia depicting the Australian culture. I will be sharing them with the children. We will work on an art project based on the Aboriginal artform local to Australia. Be ready to see our version as we showcase animals from the continent. We will also listen to Aboriginal Music and the unique sounds of the didgeridoo!

Please save the date of February 6<sup>th</sup> to attend our Open House between 8:00 am and 9:30 am. Plan on being in the school for about 15-20 minutes. Your child will be able to show you what they do during worktime!

We will study plants this month and the difference between a plant and a tree. The children will be introduced to living/non-living items too. The Spanish lesson will be based on family members.

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We will work on Valentine's Day themed art and you will be able to see it on the art bulletin board outside the room. You will find a mailbox next to a basket with die cut hearts. Feel free to write a sweet note to your child (on one side) which will be read in the circle and displayed on our "tree of love".

I am happy to report that the children are showing an interest in monthly cooking lessons. As we are studying about Australia, we will cook a dish from Australia. The Physical Fitness program that takes place on every Friday has become something children and I look forward to as well!

February is also Dental Awareness month. We will be discussing the importance of taking care of our teeth.

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

Last month children enjoyed our Lunar New Year celebrations. They had a chance to watch the elementary parade and enjoyed a special lunch provided by the school. They also worked on lunar new year crafts where they made banners and masks. We also visited the continent of Asia, and learned about the animals, people, and food that make this continent so vibrant. I hope everyone had a chance to look at our art wall outside the class to see the children's Cherry Blossom art.

For the month of February, we are going to visit the smallest continent, Australia! Children will be learning about the many fascinating animals that live on this continent, such as Kangaroos, Koalas, Wombats, Flying Bats, Dingo the wild dogs, Wallabies etc. I will be introducing the word "marsupials" and the animals related to this category. We will learn about Aboriginals, the indigenous people of Australia. Children will be creating their version of Aboriginal art for our monthly art project.

We are going to learn all about frogs for our Zoology lesson. I will introduce parts of a frog, life cycle, and different varieties of frogs.

For the subject of Botany, we'll continue the lessons on seeds and the process of seed germination. I will be germinating kidney beans in the class for children to observe this fascinating natural phenomenon.

In celebration of Presidents Day, we will be learning about presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. We will have various craft projects to get in the spirit of Valentines Day, so expect some hearts!

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Room 7 - Ms. Alicia, Ms. Paula, Ms. Ana & Ms. Magdalena

January was a fun month for the children! It was so nice to have the children return and some new children join us. We welcome Pablo, Liam, Chase, Marcel, Raya, Cooper, Milian, Vera, Jalen, Sora, Alinea, Kian & Reid to Room 7. We are so happy to have you in Room 7! I was amazed to see how eager the returning children were to get back into their routine. They were certainly happy to work with a lot of new work on the shelves.

February is the month of love, filled with pink, purple and red hearts floating all around! The children will learn some songs such as "I'm A Little Valentine" and "I Like Hearts" for our songs of the month. They will make their own shade of pink by combining the colors red and white and yes, you got it! Pink will be our color of the month. Be ready for some cute art projects as always. The children will make a heart collage and make heart impressions using a heart shape cookie cutter. I have picked the book "I love You Just the Way You Are!" for our book of the month. Our shape will be, you guessed it, A heart.

We look forward to having fun with all the children in the upcoming month!

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