

Fountain Valley Montessori

April 2025 Newsletter



Important Dates:

Monday, April 1st

Spring Raffle Tickets on Sale! \$1 ea.

Monday, April 11th

Egg Hunt & Potluck Raffle Ticket Winners

Monday, April 14th-
Friday, April 18th

School Closed for Spring Recess

Tuesday, April 22nd

Earth Day Celebration

Wednesday, April 24th

Family Night @
First Class Pizza



Egg Hunt & Potluck: Our annual egg hunt will be held Friday, April 11th. 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.

Checking your Child In and Out: As you know, signing your child in and out each day is a function mandated by the State of California. Each child must be signed **in** and **out** by either the parents or someone on your child's authorized pick-up list **daily**.

The app is only intended for parents. Please do not allow your child to use the sign-in tablet.

Extra Clothing: Please have **two** extra sets of clothing (including socks and underwear) to leave in your child's cubby.

Cold and Flu Season: The cold and flu Season is here! Please follow our school illness policy to ensure our children and staff stay healthy. If a child becomes ill at school or has a fever, the parent will be called to pick up their child. Children must be picked up by a parent or authorized contact within **30 minutes** of notification. Children must be home for 72 hours or until all symptoms are gone. Please keep your child home if:

-They have had a fever, diarrhea or have been vomiting within the last 24 hours.

-A persistent cough and/or nasal drainage that is colored.

-They have an infectious or communicable disease without a doctor's release. (See the parent handbook online for more information.)

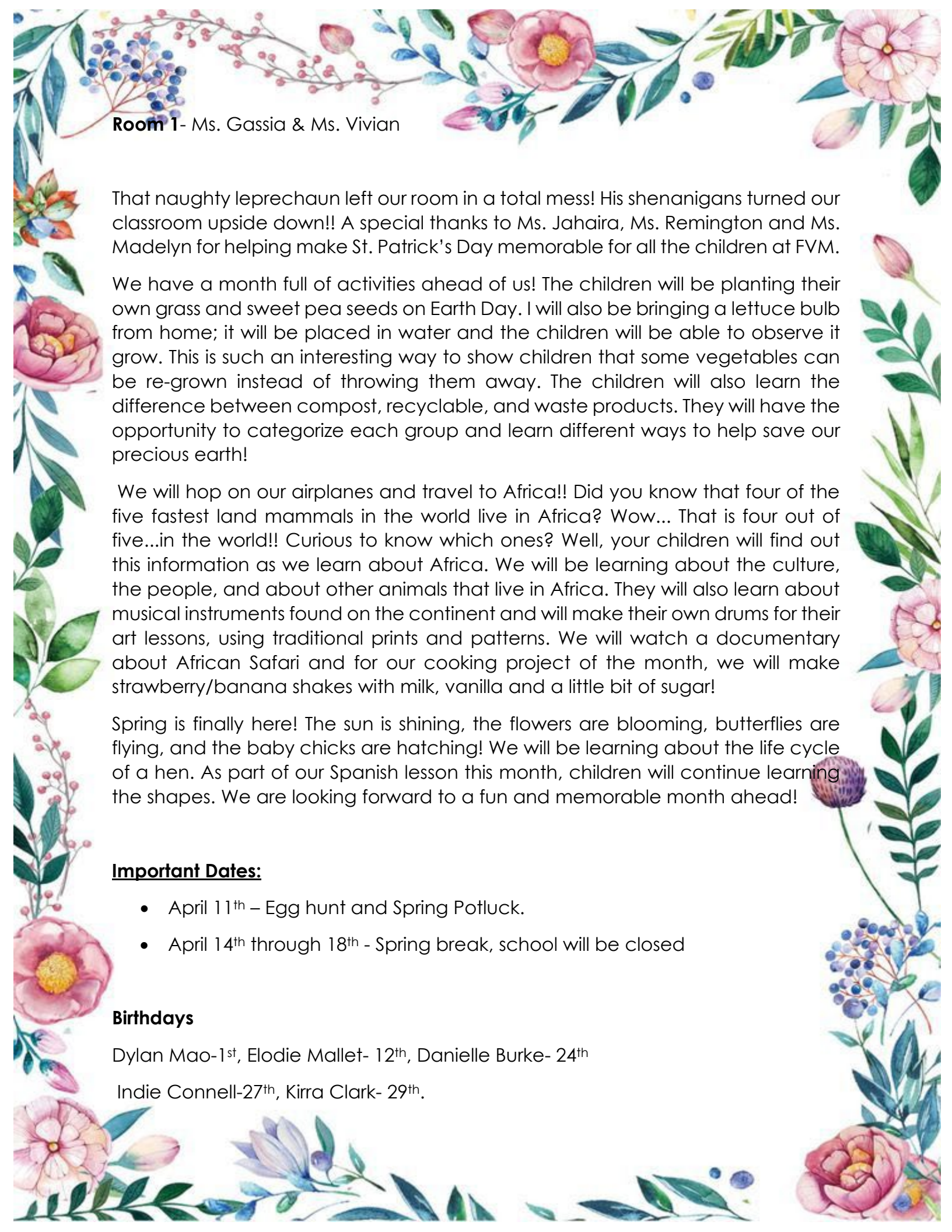


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Room 1- Ms. Gassia & Ms. Vivian

That naughty leprechaun left our room in a total mess! His shenanigans turned our classroom upside down!! A special thanks to Ms. Jahaira, Ms. Remington and Ms. Madelyn for helping make St. Patrick's Day memorable for all the children at FVM.

We have a month full of activities ahead of us! The children will be planting their own grass and sweet pea seeds on Earth Day. I will also be bringing a lettuce bulb from home; it will be placed in water and the children will be able to observe it grow. This is such an interesting way to show children that some vegetables can be re-grown instead of throwing them away. The children will also learn the difference between compost, recyclable, and waste products. They will have the opportunity to categorize each group and learn different ways to help save our precious earth!

We will hop on our airplanes and travel to Africa!! Did you know that four of the five fastest land mammals in the world live in Africa? Wow... That is four out of five...in the world!! Curious to know which ones? Well, your children will find out this information as we learn about Africa. We will be learning about the culture, the people, and about other animals that live in Africa. They will also learn about musical instruments found on the continent and will make their own drums for their art lessons, using traditional prints and patterns. We will watch a documentary about African Safari and for our cooking project of the month, we will make strawberry/banana shakes with milk, vanilla and a little bit of sugar!

Spring is finally here! The sun is shining, the flowers are blooming, butterflies are flying, and the baby chicks are hatching! We will be learning about the life cycle of a hen. As part of our Spanish lesson this month, children will continue learning the shapes. We are looking forward to a fun and memorable month ahead!

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Birthdays

Dylan Mao-1st, Elodie Mallet- 12th, Danielle Burke- 24th

Indie Connell-27th, Kirra Clark- 29th.



Room 2: Ms. Kinnari and Ms. Veronica

Hello parents,

That naughty leprechaun messed up our classroom leaving gold glitter on the tables, green footprints, and a fun letter. "Better luck next time"! However, the children were joyous to have a green/gold coin to take home. I want to thank everyone who was able to donate to Room 2's Spring Fling Raffle. Your help and kind gestures are greatly appreciated! Thank you to all the parents who met/spoke with me for parent/teacher conferences.

The children loved listening to a lot of Dr. Suess's books to celebrate his birthday and we also discussed the importance of reading. Children enjoyed working on Claude Monet's water lily art and explored parts of a seed, parts of a frog and its life cycle.

For the month of April, we will be touring the southern hemisphere and visit Australia. We will be learning about the continent/country's physical features, its unique landscape, and talk about the people and their culture. The animals found on this fascinating continent are always intriguing and exciting to learn about. The puzzle map and the flag of Australia will also be presented to the children. We will also listen to the beautiful sounds of Aboriginal music. For our cooking project, we will be making the traditional, eggless Anzac biscuits, popular in Australia and New Zealand. We will work on art projects related to the topic along with some Easter themed art.

As spring has sprung, we will be learning about butterflies and their life cycle for zoology. For Botany, we will be learning about the life cycle of a plant. For art we will be doing Geometric abstract acrylic painting, an art that is based on shapes and patterns. We will learn the names of shapes in Spanish class.

On April 11th, we will go on a spring egg hunt, looking for the eggs the spring bunny has hidden! It will be a fun-filled activity. We will be celebrating Earth Day on April 22nd and talk about how important it is to take care of our planet. We will learn how we can re-use many different items by working on an interesting Earth Day project, with emphasis on recycling.

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Birthdays: Walker - 4/9; Eloise - 4/10; Charbel - 4/14; Jaxon – 4/30

Reminders:

- 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.
- Extra Clothing: Please bring two extra sets of clothing (including socks and underwear) individually labeled to leave in your child's cubicle.



Room 3: Ms. Bea & Ms. Michelle

Hello Parents,

We had an exciting month of March in Room 3! The children enjoyed making art and activities for St. Patrick's Day. We tried our best to catch the leprechaun, but he tricked us again. They enjoyed learning about Community Helpers and the importance they have in the community. The children were excited to tell me what community helper they want to be when they grow up. We also learned about parts of a turtle and had a chance to observe Room 2's real pet turtle. Thank you, Room 2 and Ms. Kinnary.

April promises to be yet +another exciting month in Room 3. We will continue to travel around the world and visit the continent of Europe. We will learn about the beautiful landmarks such as Big Ben, the Eiffel tower, Leaning Tower of Pisa and the Roman Coliseum. We will also talk about the people, their food and culture. We will study about the unique animals native to the continent. Animals such as the European badger, red fox, Greek tortoise, Moose and the European Bison. We are excited to continue our trip!

We will recreate beautiful art inspired by Claude Monnet. We will listen to music by Ludvig Van Beethoven throughout the month. As spring enters, we will be studying the life cycle of a butterfly and parts of a butterfly. For Spanish lesson, we will be studying names of furniture around the school and classroom. Our unit of study will be Recycling as we learn about how to go about it and how it benefits our planet. We will honor Earth Day by planting seeds and watching the process of germination.


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April Birthdays- Dean - April 14th

Have an Amazing Spring Break!



Room 4 Lower Elementary- Ms. Yasmin & Ms. Erika

Hello Parents,

Happy April! I am so excited to welcome the Spring season to our classroom! It warms my heart to see the children working independently, making great progress socially and academically and being friendly and helpful to each other!

As we move on to the month of April, we will be touring the continent of Africa. We will learn about the physical location, the physical features and the unique flora and fauna prevalent here. We will also learn about the Biomes of Africa. In addition, the students will learn about the clothing with beautiful patterns and fabrics used by the people, their food, and the types of houses, especially the ones found in the equatorial countries of Africa. We will also learn about the landform, a cape. It's a narrow, high point of land that extends into a body of water, like an ocean, lake, or river.

For zoology, we will learn about the largest mammal on Earth, the magnificent African Elephant! As we learn about the animals of the continent, we will be grouping the children into small groups of 2 to 3 and each group will work together to research an animal. They will be given a choice of Zebra, Okapi, Hyena, Wildebeest and Cheetah. This will be our first attempt at a group project, and we are excited to see the results! For Botany, we will be planting our own seeds and learning about parts of the tree and understanding the process of germination. For Science, we will be learning about the 3 states of matter: solid, liquid and gas. We will also be learning the Hydrologic cycle with science experiments on evaporation. We are sure the children will love our presentations and science experiments! The experiment will be followed by a writing project based on the Hydrologic cycle. The children will be creating their own masks, and I am excited to introduce them to sounds of a Djembe and Mbira.

Please email me at yasminc.fvm@gmail.com should you have any questions. We wish everyone a happy spring break, Monday, April 14- Friday, April 18. Thank you so much for all your love and support.

Egg Hunt and Potluck: April 11 Spring Break: April 14th -April 18th

Birthdays: Hunter 4/14, David T. 4/22, Anna N. 4/23



Room 4 Upper Elementary

This school year is truly flying by, and we are thrilled that spring has finally arrived! Why limit the celebration of poetry to just April? We believe in embracing the joy of poetry all year long. However, in April, we will be officially celebrating National Poetry Month, highlighting the remarkable legacy and ongoing achievements of American poets.

Mark your calendars for Poem in Your Pocket Day on April 27th. On this day, people across the United States select a poem, carry it with them, and share it with others throughout the day. To celebrate poetry this month, we have planned a variety of activities: signing up for the Poem a Day initiative, filling our classroom library with poetry books, reciting poems daily, writing letters to favorite poets, illustrating poems, crafting poems with sidewalk chalk.

We are pleased to announce an **Earth Day Recycle Challenge** as part of our engineering project initiative for our second and third-year students. This project involves constructing a compound machine that incorporates two or more simple machines.

Cultural Units:

Botany: Exploring the study of trees with impressionistic charts, examining different soil properties using different soil samples, and observing onion cells through a microscope.

Biology/Zoology: Investigating the respiratory system/ understanding Darwin's theory and Atoms and Molecules (2nd and 3rd year students)

Physical Geography: Delving into the oceans as part of the water cycle and exploring tectonic plates and the Ring of Fire.

Geography: Conducting a study of African continent/ countries and completing state reports.

History: Examining Earth's changing continents and ancient civilizations (2nd and 3rd year)

Art: Spring art inspired by artists; Georges Seurat, Lora Zombie, Janet Fish, Grant Wood, Robin Mead and Vex.

Performing Arts: Engaging in spoken poetry.

Practical Life: Learning woodwork.

Grace & Courtesy/Peace Education: Celebrating Earth Day focusing on taking care of the Earth, virtues, morals, and character.

Music: Exploring musical instruments.

Physical Education: Participating in endurance walks.

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April – Room 5 Ms. Gloria & Ms. Gurpreet

The month of March has been a fabulous month as we discussed about Shamrocks and Leprechauns for St. Patrick's Day. The trap we made did not work as the leprechaun escaped, again! He didn't find the gold he was looking for and made a big mess, however, he left us gold chocolate coin treats! Thank you to all the parents who met/spoke with me for parent/teacher conferences. The children loved learning to rhyme with the help of Dr. Seuss books. We will continue the rhyming through this month as well.

We will learn about the continent of Europe for the month of April. The children will learn about the countries, the various languages spoken by the people from different cultural backgrounds and about the animals found on the continent. We will also learn about the flags of UK and Italy. The famous landmarks of Europe such as the Eiffel Tower and the Leaning Tower of Pisa. For art, we will learn about Claude Monet and recreate his popular artwork. Potato pancakes that originate from eastern Europe will be made in our room with the help from our mini chefs.

We will learn about Farm Life. The children will be introduced to the farm animals, their offspring and their habitats. The life cycle of a hen will be presented. Types of flowers and parts of a flower will be introduced. You may send a flower from your backyard with your child to be shared during the morning circle. The children will learn about flowers for Spanish class too.

The composer of the month is Bach, and we will listen to his music throughout the month. In observance of Earth Day on April 22nd, the importance of recycling will be discussed. Plastic bottles will be recycled in our room. It will be nice if the children can continue to recycle outside of the school. We will also plant seeds in biodegradable pots.

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April birthdays: Jaime – April 8th



Hello Parents,

What a fun month of March! The leprechaun tried his tricks, but we missed him again this year!

With Spring in full bloom, we'll learn about the changing seasons and the season of Spring. Children will learn about the earth's rotation, reasons for warm weather, and how everything comes back to life after the cold Winter. We will read many stories about baby animals, trees, and flowers throughout the month.

Last month, we learned about parts of an insect and names of common insects. The children really enjoy learning about bugs! This month we will learn about the life cycle of a butterfly. I will give lessons on how to draw butterflies, and children will be encouraged to draw their own. We will observe real caterpillars turning into butterflies inside our classroom. In addition, I will be introducing the life cycle of a hen.

Last month, children learned the parts of a flower, the different types of flowers, and how to draw a simple flower. This month we will revisit the parts of a tree. Children will learn how to draw trees as well.

In the month of April, we will visit the continent of Africa and learn about the many animals that live on this fascinating and large continent. I will introduce the Sahara Desert, Congo Rainforest, and Grasslands. We'll learn about how these different vegetations help animals to thrive. We will listen to musical instruments native to Africa like the bongo and the djembe.

Our art project for the month will be focused on making masks using color and paper. With the introduction of the life cycle of a hen, we'll learn about eggs and incorporate into our art projects. It will be fun to draw the famous Ovoid or Egg and decorate it in many colors and patterns.

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I hope you all enjoy the Spring season!

Ms. Enoka & Ms.

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

Hello Parents,

March has been a bright month chasing leprechauns and learning about the colors of a rainbow! The children were so surprised to see the leprechaun's footprints and the special treat left behind in the classroom! They enjoyed making a rainbow with colored tissue paper squares and making bubble wrap prints with green paint on a shamrock. Our classroom was immersed in green! We had fun looking for all the colors with Bear from the book "Bear Sees Colors."

In April, we will be fluttering with butterflies. "The Hungry Caterpillar" will be our book of the month. We will learn how a hungry caterpillar turns into a wonderful butterfly as we explore its life cycle. We will be singing "The Fuzzy Little Caterpillar" and "Spring Song" all month. I will present "Five Little Butterflies using felt butterfly cut outs. The children will make cute caterpillars and beautiful fluttering butterflies for art. Be on the look out for their creations! Our classroom will be immersed in purple for our color of the month. The children will make their own purple by combining red and blue. How fun is that! We will learn about the oval shape throughout the month. I am looking forward to an exciting month ahead.

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Thank you for your support and cooperation. Please email me at alicial@fvmontessori.com if you have any question.