

## **Important Dates:**

Don't forget to purchase your 2023-2024 yearbook!

Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> Father's Day Breakfast

Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> Progress Reports Out!

**Friday, June 20**<sup>th</sup> End of the Year Party

#### Friday, June 20th Last Day of school for children not returning during summer 2025 & fall 2025!

#### Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>

Transition Week (For those children enrolled for Summer 2024 or Fall 2024 only)

#### Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

School Closed-Staff Summer Set up



# Fountain Valley Montessori

# June 2025 Newsletter

**Teacher Appreciation Week:** A Special Thank you to the Sinajon Family for the breakfast burritos! Thank You to all the FVM families for an amazing Teacher Appreciation Week! We felt so loved and special throughout the week.

**Spirit Week:** Father figures join us on June 13<sup>th</sup> for a yummy Father's Day Breakfast in the back picnic area from 8am-9am.

**Spirit Week:** Join us for a fun last week of school! Our spirit week will take place from Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>.

End of the YEAR PARTY: Join us Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> for an exciting fun-filled day! If you would like to Volunteer please let Ms. Ashley know as soon as possible. Her email address is fvmontessoriptu@gmail.com

#### Snack Host:

Morning Snack: Lessons in Grace and Courtesy are an integral part of the Montessori philosophy. Each classroom has a monthly snack host/hostess sign-up calendar. We highly encourage parents to sign up to bring snacks once a month for the class. This will allow the children to experience the full process of creating a meal: shopping, preparing, and serving. Being a snack host is an activity all children look forward to! Please see the snack sign-up sheets located outside each classroom door. Feel free to pick snacks your child would like to eat and serve them to their friends. Please plan on serving 24 children and adhere to our "low sugar" policy.

<u>Afternoon Snack:</u> Will be provided by the school. Please continue to send snacks from home if your child has food allergies or specific dietary restrictions.

**Farewell:** Wow how time flies! We are so proud of all our FVM students! We will miss those children that will be leaving us, and we wish them luck as they continue their educational careers.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM WE POST UPDATES AND PICTURES FROM RECENT EVENTS. VISIT US AT FVMONTESSORI.COM FOR THE NEWSLETTER, CALENDAR, ETC. Room 1 - Ms. Paula & Ms. Vivian

Hello Parents,

I can't believe the end of the school year is already here! It has been such a pleasure working with each child. They have blossomed both academically and socially, and I am truly amazed by their progress.

We want to thank you all again for the beautiful flowers, thoughtful gifts, and heartfelt cards. You made Teacher Appreciation Week so special for Ms. Vivian and me. The love and support we received from each one of you was the best gift of all.

To wrap up the school year, we'll be *floating into outer space* and visiting all the planets in our solar system! Each child will choose a planet to create and take home, so they can continue exploring it with you. We'll also review all the continents of the world and enjoy music from each one.

In art, we'll recreate the work of one of the most famous photographers, Ansel Adams, and take our own photos around the school. Be sure to check out their wonderful work, which will be displayed outside our classroom.

Our Spanish class will be a fun review of everything we've learned throughout the year. And in cooking class, we'll be making pancakes topped with maple syrup!

Happy Father's Day to all our amazing dads, uncles, and grandpas! The children are excited to present their special gift to you on Friday, June 13th, 2025, during our "Donuts with Dad" breakfast from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM.

Spirit Week and our End-of-Year Party are also coming up, so please be on the lookout for more information soon.

As we head into warmer weather, I kindly ask all families to check their child's supply of extra clothes in their cubbies. Please replenish with two pairs of underwear, summer-appropriate shorts/dresses, and shirts for emergency use.

Wishing you a wonderful month ahead!

Happy Birthday: Jaylynn Lai, 12<sup>th</sup>, Liam Uhlenberg, 5<sup>th</sup>.

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#### Room 2 - Ms. Kinnari & Ms. Veronica:

#### Hello Parents,

June is already here, and it's hard to believe that the school year is coming to an end! Ms. Veronica and I have truly enjoyed being a part of your child's life and watching them learn and grow. We've shared many happy moments together, and we will forever cherish those fond memories. It will be bittersweet to say goodbye to the children moving on from Room 2.

Ms. Veronica and I would like to extend a big **thank you** to all the parents for an amazing Teacher Appreciation Week. Your generosity and thoughtfulness mean so much to us. We also want to thank all the moms who joined us for the Mother's Day breakfast. The children were so excited to present you with their heartfelt gifts and wonderful performance!

As we approach the end of the year, we'll be reviewing the concepts we've covered throughout the year. This includes a review of all the continents, major landmarks, and oceans of the world, as we take a trip down memory lane. We'll listen to a compilation of music from around the world and revisit the use of musical instruments as a fun recap.

Our unit for the month will be the **Solar System**. We'll "travel" to space to learn about the planets, moon, and stars. In botany, we'll focus on learning about the parts of a root. To bring this to life, we'll go on a nature walk to dig up a small sapling and observe a real plant. Parents, feel free to send in an unwanted plant or weed (with the roots) at any time during the month—your little ones can help dig them out!

We'll also enjoy a documentary about the continents. For art, we'll work on a special project based on the theme "*Around the World."* In Spanish class, we'll review all the topics we've covered throughout the year.

We are excited to celebrate **"Donuts with Dad"** for Father's Day on **Friday, June 13th, from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM**. The children are busy working on top-secret gifts just for you! We'll also celebrate the end of the year with a fun party on **Thursday, June 20th**—details to follow soon.

We want to sincerely thank all our families for a wonderful year. Your continued support and cooperation have meant the world to us. It has been an honor to teach your children and to watch them grow and progress throughout the year.

Wishing you all a joyful and restful summer!

Happy Birthday: Olivia Dinh: 6/3, Madden Huynh: 6/3, Zachary Kim: 6/9

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

#### Hello Parents,

I hope all the lovely moms from Room 3 had a wonderful Mother's Day! Thank you so much to all the moms who joined us for the Mother's Day celebration here at FVM. It was truly special to have you with us. The children were so happy to share that meaningful day with their moms. I also want to thank you for making Teacher Appreciation Week so special for Ms. Michelle and I.

May was an exciting month! We learned about the parts of a flower and the life cycle of a flower. The children enjoyed exploring the different layers of the rainforest and its unique ecosystems. We traveled to South America and discovered some of its beautiful landmarks and tropical environments.

I can't believe it's already June, the last month of our school year! We'll make our final stop around the globe by visiting the continent of Australia. We'll learn about its stunning landmarks and the unique animals that inhabit the region, such as the Tasmanian devil, kangaroo, platypus, and koala.

This month, we'll also be inspired by the artist Ansel Adams. The children will take photographs that imitate his black-and-white landscape techniques.

In Spanish, we'll be reviewing the various topics we've learned throughout the school year. In Zoology, we'll be studying the parts of a hen. We'll also talk about weather patterns and climate changes.

To celebrate the end of the school year, we'll be making popsicles as our cooking project! The children will help cut fruit, blend it with orange juice, and pour it into trays to freeze. They're sure to enjoy this refreshing treat!

It has truly been a wonderful school year, and we are so grateful for your continued support.

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

Hello Parents,

Happy June! Thank you so much for showering us with love and gifts during Teacher Appreciation week! We are beyond grateful for your generosity.

We are excited to approach the end of the school year. The children have been working so hard in all areas of the classroom, have built tremendous independence, and have made amazing friends. It has been our privilege and pleasure to see the children make progress and achieve milestones throughout the year.

As we move on to the month of June we will be learning about our very own, our state of California. I look forward to introducing all the amazing landmarks such as the historic missions, the world class beaches, the iconic Silicon Valley, Disneyland, Joshua Tree National Park, San Diego Zoo, Golden Gate Bridge, USS Midway Museum, the fertile central valley and last but not the least, the movie industry of Hollywood! I have no doubt the children will be able to relate to a lot of places they may have visited. We will learn about the physical features and location of California and talk about the state capited city of Sacramento. We will focus on the state flag, the state seal, and the state bird. For zoology, we will learn about California's state animal the Grizzly Bear and the state bird, the California Quait. For Botany, we learn about the beautiful California Poppies. We will also work on writing small paragraphs based on story starters related to the upcoming summer. I am excited to introduce popular movie soundtracks and theme music from popular movies this month! The Phantom of the Opera, Star Wars and The Sound of Music are a few examples. For Art, we will recreate a Famous Photographer Anse Adams Photography style.

Please be on the lookout for details regarding the upcoming Father's Day Breakfast celebration on Friday, June 13, 2025. I hope to see all the dads enjoy their special day!

Please email me at yasminc.fvm@gmail.com should you have any questions.

Thank you so much for the support throughout the year.

Happy Birthday: Everleigh H. 6/2, Darren T. 6/5, Olivia C. 6/13

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#### ROOM 4 Upper Elementary: Ms. Neranja and Ms. Marian

June is already here, and it's hard to believe the school year is coming to a close! What a wonderful journey it has been. We've truly enjoyed being a part of your children's lives and watching them grow, learn, and thrive.

As we reflect on this productive and creative year, it's inspiring to see how much the children have developed. They are beginning to grasp the "big picture," recognizing how science, art, history, language, and mathematics are interconnected. From this foundation, they are now ready to delve into deeper levels of detail and complexity within each subject area. Through cooperative learning and hands-on exploration, they have continued to strengthen their reading, writing, and math skills—both inside and beyond the classroom.

#### **Cultural Units**

**Art:** End-of-the-year collaborative art project

**Creative Writing:** "I Am Unique..." – a reflection on identity and self-expression

Science: Biome Projects and Studies, including the Nitrogen and Carbon Cycles

**Botany/Zoology:** Organisms and their adaptations to the environment

#### Cultural Geography & History:

Cultural and History Fair studies/ Review Timeline of Life and civilizations

#### Physical Geography:

California's National Regions and Parks, California Landform Projects, and World Climates

#### Grace & Courtesy / Peace Education:

Themes of appreciation, leaving a legacy, and healthy ways to say goodbye

June Birthdays: Anvi – June 3, Annie – June 12, Mason – June 26

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education and growth this year. It has been a privilege to support their learning and to witness their curiosity, joy, and creativity. We are so proud of all they've accomplished and grateful to have shared this part of their journey.

Wishing you all a joyful, restful, and adventure-filled summer!

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#### Room 1 - Ms. Gloria & Ms. Gurpreet

Hello Parents,

First, we would like to say a big "Thank you" to all the parents of FVM for appreciating us during Teacher Appreciation Week! We felt loved and special! You chose many ways to appreciate us, and we appreciate all your generous ways.

Can you believe that the school year has already come to an end?? I am awed and humbled by the children's progress and growth and will be sad to say goodbye to the ones leaving Room 5 at the end of June.

During the school year, the children studied Planet Earth and traveled to all the continents. They learned many fascinating facts about them and have shown a great interest in Geography as a group. Our "Around the World Tour" has come to an end and now we are ready to explore Outer Space! Yes, we are traveling to discover the Solar System to identify all the planets. Remember to look up from your backyard and wave at us! We will be reviewing all the continents one last time.

The children have worked on many art projects using various mediums. In June, they will be introduced to the great Art works of Henri Matisse and work on a beautiful collage which will be unique. They will be using scissors, colored paper and glue for this project. I am sure this would be fun!

As we conclude the study of Zoology, the children will learn about the parts and life cycle of a frog. In Spanish, the children will learn the terms for animals. We will listen to Music from Around the World during worktime.

We have had fun on Fridays practicing P E, doing Jumping Jacks, knee highs, stretches, squats, running, balancing, ball throwing, catching, dribbling, core balance, to name a few. Each child has shown so much physical growth with these weekly exercises, and I am proud of each one. To honor their achievements, the children will be given a medal at the end of the school year.

Please keep June 13<sup>th</sup> free to celebrate Father's Day at FVM. Fathers, please don't miss out! You will be eating breakfast with your child between 8:00 am and 9:30 am. At 8:40, your child will be honoring you for Father's Day with a special show. Please be inside Room 5 for that show filled with love.

Finally, we would like to thank all the families for a wonderful year. You all made the year so special in numerous ways. There are so many happy memories Ms. Gurpreet and I made with each child, and we will look back in the future for the sweet memories. We are honored to have taught and observed the growth of your precious little ones!

The last day of school this year will be Friday, June 21<sup>st.</sup> For those who are leaving us, we wish you a wonderful and successful future. Please do visit us sometime. For those who are staying, let's do it all over again, better than last year!! Have a great summer, everyone!

Birthdays: Bailey –  $12^{th}$ ; Alex –  $14^{th}$ ; Meg –  $15^{th}$ 

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#### Room 6 - Ms. Enoka & Ms. Lindsay

#### Hello Parents,

Hard to believe we are at the end of the school year already! Throughout the year we've taken a journey around the world, learning about the different continents, landmarks, and of course the vibrant people and animals. We've also learned about parts of a tree, horse, butterfly, frog, and tortoise. Children were given lessons about letters, word building, primary numbers, number writing, formation of higher numbers, quantification, addition, multiplication, and decimals. We learned geometric shapes, geometric solids, primary colors, secondary colors, and did many crafting activities. Besides academics, children were given lessons on grace and courtesy, table manners, empathy, and kindness.

This month, we will review planets, volcanoes, and layers of the earth. Children will be given lessons about advanced pattern cutting with paper. They will use these scissor skills to create an art project inspired by the famous artist, Henri Matisse. We are going to continue our lessons on Spanish, physical education, and listen to music from around the world.

Children are busy getting ready to celebrate our fantastic! Our school is hosting a breakfast on Friday, June 13th from 8:00am to 9:00am to celebrate with our dads.

#### Note, the last day of the academic school year is Friday, June 20th.

For the children that are moving on from our class, I wish you all the best. Happy exploring, learning, and growing! For anyone that is transitioning from preschool to kindergarten the transition period is June 23rd to june 26th.

For those that are continuing in our class, I look forward to seeing you again!

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for your unwavered support throughout this school year. Both Miss Lindsay and I are grateful to work with such wonderful families. In addition, you never failed to appreciate our work, showering us with gifts, flowers and cards. We are touched by your generosity and kindness.

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### Room 7 - Ms. Alicia, Ms. Ana, Ms. Magdalena & Ms. Valerie

The month of May has flown by! The children had a great time learning about different insects and singing their favorite songs, "The Ants Go Marching" and "Five Green Speckled Frogs." We hope you had a wonderful Mother's Day.

We would like to take a moment to extend our deepest thanks to all of you for making Teacher Appreciation Week so incredibly special. Your thoughtful gestures, kind notes, beautiful flowers, and generous gifts meant the world to us. Every message from you and your children touched our hearts deeply. It reminded us why we love what we do. It has truly been a wonderful school year, and we feel so fortunate to have spent it with your amazing children. We are incredibly proud of all the growth, curiosity, and joy we've witnessed in the classroom. Each child under the care of our four teachers has blossomed in their own unique way, and it has been a privilege to be a part of their journey. Watching them grow, learn, and flourish together has brought us so much happiness. Thank you for trusting us with your little ones—we are honored to be a part of their early learning experience.

Now, we are ready to swim into June as we dive into our new theme: Ocean Life! This month, we'll explore the fascinating world beneath the sea, learning about dolphins, sea turtles, seahorses, sharks, octopuses, whales, and a variety of colorful fish.

Our Book of the Month is "*Rainbow Fish,"* a beautiful story about friendship and sharing. For music, we will sing "*Animals in the Ocean,"* and I will be presenting "*Slippery Fish"* using felt cutouts, always a class favorite!

For art, the children will create their own colorful fish inspired by the Rainbow Fish. Our Color of the Month is blue, we'll be lining the work trays with blue felt and changing our practical life objects to reflect this calming color. We will also continue reviewing the shapes we have learned throughout the year.

Looking forward to another month of fun, learning, and creativity with your little ones!

We look forward to a fun end of the year with our Room 7 Toddlers!

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