

Important Dates:

Monday, May 5th -
Friday, May 9th

Teacher & Staff
Appreciation Week

Friday, May 9th

Mother's Day
Breakfast

Monday, May 26th

School Closed in
honor of
Memorial Day



HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

Ms. Lindsay – 5th
Ms. Enoke - 11th
Ms. Alicia – 14th
Ms. Erika – 24th
Ms. Veronica – 27th

FOUNTAIN VALLEY MONTESSORI

MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER

Teacher Appreciation Week: May 5th-9th is Teacher Appreciation Week! It will be filled with lots of fun and sweet gestures for our teachers. Let's show our teachers how much we love and appreciate them!

Mother's Day Breakfast: We invite all moms and mother figures to join us on Friday, May 9th from 8:00am – 9:00am for a special Mother's Day breakfast. We'll be celebrating you and all that you do! Come enjoy breakfast with your child in their classroom!

Morning Drop Off/Afternoon Pick up: Classes start promptly at **9:00am and conclude at 12:00pm for our half day students and 3:00pm for our full day students.** There is a 15-minute grace period during morning drop-off from 8:45 am – 9:00 am. Please note, keeping your goodbyes short and sweet are always requested.

If you require morning or 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 or dropped off before 8:45am.** However, we do require that you call ahead and let us know, so that we can make sure that we are within ratio.



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ROOM 1- Ms. Paula and Ms. Vivian

Hello Parents,

I hope everyone had a good spring break.

This month we will be traveling to the home of fascinating and deadly creatures such as electric eels, flesh eating piranhas, poison dart frogs, jaguars, and some seriously venomous snakes. This is the Amazon rainforest located on the continent of South America! We will explore the layers of the rainforest and the amazing landmarks such as Machu Pichu, La Mano, Punta Del Este, Tierra del Fuego national park and Tutelar figures located in Chile. The children will watch a short documentary depicting the lush landscape and the unique flora and fauna of the region.

We will be introducing the life cycle of a butterfly as we observe our caterpillars turning into beautiful monarch butterflies. We will be listening to Latin dance music based on popular dance routines such as the Salsa and the Tango. We will also watch a video of these dances. In Spanish, we will be learning the days of the week and in cooking, we will be making a Brazilian classic, Brazilian pineapples using pineapple pieces dipped in brown sugar and cinnamon. In art, we will be recreating an exploratory project, the Peruvian drawing of the Nazca lines.

We are extremely excited to celebrate Mother's Day this year and I look forward to seeing all the moms join us for breakfast on Friday, May 9th from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. The children will be working on a writing project, will make cards and have a special gift for moms in honor of this special day!

Thank you.

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Birthdays: Hope Hiebsch, May 4th, Avir Bhardwaj, May 9th John Timoti, May 14th



Room 2 – Ms. Kinnari & Ms. Veronica

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed your Spring Break! April was an exciting month. The children not only enjoyed the delicious Spring potluck, but they also had lots of fun during the egg hunt!! A special thanks to all our parents & volunteers for making the egg hunt such an enjoyment for the children.

We celebrated our amazing planet and learned how we can all make a difference by 'reducing, reusing and recycling'. The children had fun traveling to Australia, learning about some of the landmarks, animals and about the flags of the countries.

We are going to be busy with work through the month of May! The students will now be traveling to South America to learn about its countries, the people, and their culture. We will learn about the unique animals and their habitat, like the Toucans, Giant Ant Eaters, Sloths, River Otters, Armadillos and more. The children will learn about the layers of the rainforest, the world's largest rain forest and river system, and the most biologically diverse place on Earth. We will also set a date during the month to watch a special documentary on South America. We will be working on art projects related to that unit. For music, we will listen to popular music from the continent, and I will introduce some musical instruments from the region. Be on the look for our surprise art project. For our cooking project we will be making Brigadeiro's, a traditional Brazilian dessert.

We will have our own butterfly habitat and that will give us a chance to observe the life cycle of a butterfly by watching the little eggs turn into beautiful monarch butterflies! We look forward to releasing them back in nature. For zoology we will continue to learn about the parts of a butterfly and its life cycle and also learn about the life cycle of the hen. For our Spanish lesson, we will learn the names of insects in Spanish.

I look forward to seeing all the moms for our Mother's Day breakfast on Friday, May 9th from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. The children are busy making something special for your special day.

Please email me at kinnari.fvm@gmail.com if you have any questions.

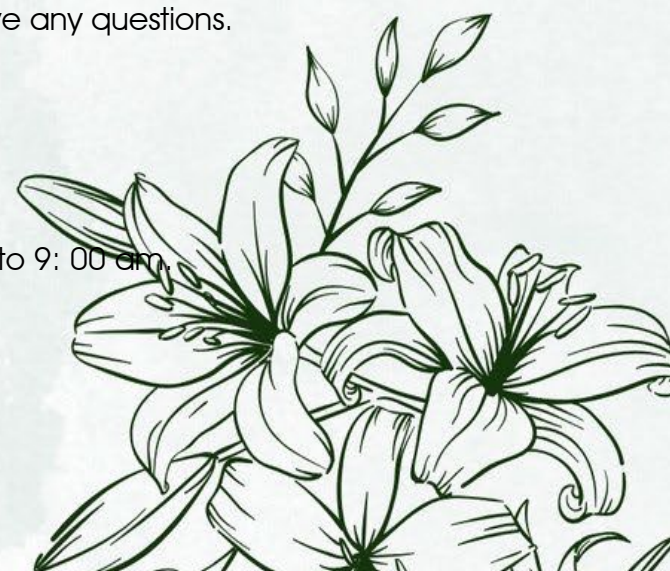
Happy Birthday: Emma & Kyla- 5/10/21

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Room 3- Ms. Bea and Ms. Michelle

I hope everyone had a nice and restful Spring Break! April was an exciting month. The children had lots of fun during the Spring egg hunt!! They also enjoyed the delicious Spring Potluck. We celebrated Earth Day by planting our own seeds! It was a nice learning experience to watch the germination process. The children also enjoyed learning about Europe, its beautiful landmarks, traditions and animals.

We will continue our journey around the world as we make our stop on the world's fourth largest continent, South America. South America is home to the longest river in the world. Yes, the Nile River. We will learn about its abundant flora and fauna of this tropical continent, about its beautiful countries and some ancient landmarks. We will also set a date during the month to watch a special documentary on South America. Giant Aunts, Sloths, Armadillos are some of the unique animals of South America that the children will enjoy learning about. We will be listening to the beautiful sounds of the South American flute and other sounds of instrumental music of South America.

The Spring season and its blooming flowers inspire us to learn about Parts of a Flower and the Lifecycle. We will be inspired by Georgia O' Keefe to make beautiful flower art. We will learn all about Rainforest and its different living ecosystems and layers. The children are sure to enjoy studying. We will be learning names of flowers and colors for our Spanish lesson. We are looking forward to the wonderful month of May!!

Upcoming Birthdays! Olivia and Justin May 5th Madelyn May 16th

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Room 4 Lower Elementary – Ms. Yasmin and Ms. Erika

Happy May! We hope everyone had a great Spring Break and enjoyed the great weather. We are excited to be back, and we look forward to seeing the children achieve further milestones.

As we move on to the month of May, we will be touring the continent of South America. We will learn about the physical location, the physical features and learn all about volcanoes. We will focus on the countries of Colombia, Brazil, & Chile and learn about the tropical zones that make South America so interesting. For zoology, we will learn about the toucan, a bird with an exceptionally large and brightly colored beak. We will work on a monart drawing of the same and are sure the children will enjoy making it. For Botany, we will take a tour of the Amazon Rain Forest. The layers of the rainforest and the different plant species in the ecosystem will be our focus. In addition, we will also be learning about South America's most popular and unique flower, the orchid. We are sure the children will love recreating orchid bouquets as part of practical life. We will also work on story starters based on the famous sport of the continent, soccer. We are excited to introduce spring-based art using colorful colors and nature. We will be introducing different music from South America, and we cannot wait to make instruments like Maracas with all the children.

Please be on the lookout for details regarding the upcoming Mother's Day breakfast celebration on Friday, May 12th from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. We hope to see all the moms enjoy their special day.

Please email me at: yasminc.fvm@gmail.com should you have any questions. Thank you so much for all your support.

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Room 4 Upper Elementary- Ms. Neranja and Ms. Marian

As we embark on May, I am delighted to share our progress and forthcoming activities as we approach the conclusion of an inspiring school year. It's astonishing how quickly time has passed, and here we are, in the final stretch of our collective academic journey. This year has been filled with enriching experiences, valuable lessons, and cherished memories that have made our school community unique and unforgettable.

April was a dynamic month, with our students fully immersed in Earth Day activities. It was equally gratifying to witness the creativity of our young poets, whose unique expressions truly shone.

Looking ahead to June, we are excited to announce our upcoming bi-annual Cultural Fair. This initiative is designed to foster independence and confidence in our students, aligning with the Montessori philosophy of individualized learning. Our 2nd and 3rd-year students will engage in independent research on an ancient civilization of their choice, culminating in a Google Slides presentation and a model or structure of a relevant monument or artifact. Meanwhile, our younger students will explore a U.S. state of their interest, preparing a detailed presentation board. This exercise not only enhances their research skills but also builds self-confidence and autonomy. Further information will be provided soon.

Our curriculum for May continues to support our individualistic approach, encouraging each child to explore their interests and strengths:

Geography: We will explore the significant role Latin America plays in global economic, cultural, and globalization dynamics.

Creative Writing: Activities geared towards building self-esteem and recognizing individual uniqueness.

Biology: An in-depth look at the digestive system.

Botany: Continued study using impressionistic charts.

Science: The study of biomes and the dynamic interactions of species within these ecosystems

Layers of the Rainforest: Understanding the distinct layers of rainforests, studying the biodiversity within each, and creating a class mural.

Art : Frida Kahlo inspired art....

Computers: Finalizing individual research and projects.

Physical Education: Engaging in relay races and outdoor games to promote teamwork and physical fitness.

Please keep an eye out for our calendar events for May. We wish you a magnificent and marvelous May!

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Room 5- Ms. Gloria and Ms. Gurpreet

April Showers Bring May Flowers!

Welcome Back! We hope everyone enjoyed a restful and refreshing Spring Recess!

As we step into the month of May, our Montessori journey continues with exciting new adventures. This month, we'll be traveling across the vibrant continent of South America! We'll take an imaginary cruise through the Rainforest, discovering its unique animals, exploring different countries, and tasting some of the delicious foods from the region. We'll also be listening to the joyful rhythms of Samba music through the month. While enjoying so much from South America, we will enjoy making Cholados (Colombian Snow Cones with Fruit). *A cholado is a creamy combination of a snow cone and a fruit cocktail. This combination of fruit syrup, sweetened condensed milk, and tropical fruits over crushed ice is a refreshing, favorite way to cool off on a warm day in Colombia.*

In Zoology, the children will explore the life cycle of a butterfly—from tiny larvae to fluttering wings—as we observe real caterpillars grow and eventually release them back into nature. We'll also take a closer look at other insects, learning about their parts and their important roles in the ecosystem.

For our budding artists, May brings a creative project inspired by Frida Kahlo. The children will be introduced to the Monart method, receiving step-by-step guidance to create their own Frida-style portraits.

In Spanish, we'll focus on learning the names of various fruits, adding color and flavor to our vocabulary!

We also have a special celebration ahead! All FVM mothers are warmly invited to our Mother's Day Breakfast on Friday, May 9th, from 8:00–9:00 AM. We look forward to honoring all of our wonderful moms with a morning of love and appreciation.

Let's bloom together in May! 🌸

Birthdays: Jayden - May 4th; Riley - May 7th; Cameron - May 22nd; Penelope - May 26th; Edgerrin - May 28th

Room 6- Ms. Enoka and Ms. Lindsay

The month of April went by so fast with the many activities we had including the Egg Hunt, Potluck, Raffle Baskets, and Pizza Night Fundraiser. Thank you very much for all your support in making those a success.

This month, I will be introducing the vibrant continent of South America. I will introduce the countries of this continent and their related flags. Children will be given lessons about the Amazon Rainforest and the many animals that call it home, such as the macaw bird, sloth, anaconda, and tamarin monkey.

I will introduce geometric shapes with the use of Geometric Cabinet and Metal Insets. Children will continue learning geometric solids as well and be encouraged to design many patterns from Metal Insets. This activity indirectly improves their penmanship.

For our Zoology lesson, we will learn about the parts of a horse. I will read many books and stories about horses throughout this month. For botany, we will review the parts of a tree, leaf, flower and seed.

Our artist for the month is Claude Monet. We will be creating our own versions of his famous painting, "Lily Pond", using a sponge and paint brush.

We will be listening to music from Spain and talk about some instruments for our Spanish class. We will make couscous with veggies for cooking class. The children will help wash, peel and cut vegetables needed for the meal.

We have already begun preparations to celebrate our amazing Moms this month.

Please mark your calendar for **Friday, May 9th** as our school will be hosting **breakfast** on this day **between 8:00 am - 9:00 am**. Room 6 class will be singing for our mothers at 8:45am.

As always, thank you for all the support given to Miss. Lindsay and me.

Have a fantastic month!

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

April was a hopping month! The children had so much fun participating in our egg hunt. We learned about "The Hungry Caterpillar" and how the caterpillar turns into a beautiful butterfly! The children made cute caterpillars and a beautiful butterfly. Our color of the month was a hit! The children are expert purple peepers by now, as they can spot purple in the classroom!

The month of May brings flowers, insects and little critters! The children will learn how flowers grow from a tiny seed and learn the parts of a flower. Insects, Insects and more Insects! We will continue learning about different insects such as ladybugs and bees to name a few.

Our book of the month is "The Lazy Ladybug" The classroom will be exploding with yellow for our color of the month! Our songs of the month are "The Ants Go Marching," and I will present "Five Green Speckled Frogs" using finger puppets. The children will make colorful flowers and a ladybug for art which will be displayed inside and outside our classroom. For our shape of the month, we will review all the shapes we have learned thus far, a circle, square, triangle, star, diamond, heart, rectangle and an oval. We look forward to a fun month ahead.

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