

# October 2025 Newsletter

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# Room 1: Ms. Paula & Ms. Vivian

Hello parents,

What an amazing and marvelous first month of school! The children are adjusting well to the classroom routines, discovering new materials, and working on lessons in grace and courtesy. Thank you for all the book donations from the Scholastic Book Fair! The children are enjoying the books and look forward to reading them daily.

As we move on to the month of October, we are excited about all the seasonal activities we have planned for your children!

The change of the season and nature's way of displaying the change through color and smell will be incorporated in our curriculum this month. We will continue learning about our world, explore the globe, and learn about the geographical location of continents with focus on our very own North America, mainly Canada, Mexico, and the United States. The children will work on a continent map, color their own and learn about the flora and fauna this continent has to offer.

Next, we will recreate an artwork inspired by the 20<sup>th</sup> century great American artist, Andy Warhol. I can't wait to display these outside our classroom! Our Spanish lessons will be focused on learning about colors.

For music, we will listen to songs from "The Queen of Ballads", Céline Dion. For our cooking project the children will participate in baking loaves of pumpkin bread. This is the perfect month to learn about the unique fruit, a pumpkin! We will have the opportunity to examine different types, shapes, and colors of pumpkins, carve one and make our own classroom jack-o-lantern!

In botany, we will learn about the parts of a pumpkin. Our zoology lessons will focus on the classification of animals, and the children will learn about parts of the turtle.

We are excited about the following upcoming events:

1. Picture Day
2. Potluck and Pumpkin Patch
3. Halloween Parade - Friday, October 31 (Early dismissal for all at 3:00 PM. No aftercare)

Please be on the lookout for more information.

We look forward to the month of October and the fun Halloween festivities it brings! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [paulaleroose.fvm@gmail.com](mailto:paulaleroose.fvm@gmail.com)

## October Birthdays:

Kian - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Avery - 12<sup>th</sup>





# Room 2: Ms. Marian & Ms. Michelle



Hello Room 2 Families,

We had a smooth transition to the new school year. The children have started off the year with such enthusiasm! Ms. Marian and I love to see the children interacting with each other with love and respect. We worked on lessons in grace and courtesy and focused on the process of normalization. We also worked on some basic exercises such as using walking feet, pushing in and pulling out chairs, rolling rugs, putting work away after completion and washing hands to name a few. The children enjoyed traveling all around the world and learning the names of the continents. We learned about the parts and life cycle of an apple.

Let our world travels begin! During the month of October, we will be touring Australia to learn about the country, 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 of Australia will also be presented to the children. For Art, the children will be introduced to the art of Andy Warhol. We will introduce his vibrant color pop art. We will listen to the sounds of the didgeridoo and aboriginal music unique to Australia. For this month's cooking project, we will make Jack-O-Lanterns out of cuties and raisins.

Our study of science includes the subject of living and non-living things. We will create a collage with pictures of living and non-living things. Please send pictures/cutouts We will also study the parts and the life cycle of a fruit as we will be learning about pumpkins. Our Spanish lesson for the month is about colors. Color Tablet boxes 1 and 2 will be used to introduce the names of colors in English and Spanish. Don't forget Friday is share day! The children can bring pictures, books, or something special from home to share with the class. This is a good opportunity for them to address a small group of friends and talk about something they like.

Please email me at [marianf.fvm@gmail.com](mailto:marianf.fvm@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

I am excited about the following upcoming events:

- Picture Day
- Pumpkin patch
- Halloween parade and spooky potluck
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Please be on the lookout for information.

Thanks

Ms. Marian & Ms. Michelle





# Room 3: Ms. Bea & Ms. Veronica

Hello Parents,

Our new school year has been off to a nice start! The children have enjoyed learning "All about me". They were intrigued by the various types of apples as we talked about the life cycle of an apple. We also enjoyed working on our masterpiece art project, based on Paul Cezanne's apple art. I am very happy to see the children normalizing into the routine and enjoying their time learning and making friends.

October will be a fun spooky busy month. Our unit of study will be Health and Nutrition. We will talk about the importance of eating healthy foods and exercise, to keep our bodies healthy and growing. We will talk about the basic food groups and make our own food pyramid. Each child will be making their own food pyramid. I ask each parent to please send cutouts of different foods for your child to complete their projects. You can find them in magazines, grocery store leaflets and online of course.

We will begin our journey across the globe and visit the continent of North America. We will learn about the geographical location, discover the natural and manmade landmarks, learn about the people and animals unique to this continent.

We will learn about the parts of the pumpkin and its life cycle. We will also get to dissect and carve a pumpkin in class. The children will enjoy observing the different parts of this large fruit! We will save the pumpkins seeds and use them as counters for our math area.

We will be making Halloween themed art projects which the children will surely enjoy! Our musician of the month will be the great pop artist, Michael Jackson. In Spanish we will be learning all about numbers.

The children will help to peel, slice and decorate bananas to make banana ghosts as our cooking project for the month!

Please be on the lookout for information regarding our Picture Day, the Spooky Potluck and our Halloween Parade.

Looking forward to a wonderful month ahead!!

Please email me at [beatapia.fvm@gmail.com](mailto:beatapia.fvm@gmail.com) should you have any questions.

**October Birthdays:**

Deacon - October 4th



# Room 4L: Ms. Yasmin & Ms. Gurpreet

Welcome to October!

Last month was very productive and was an amazing start to our new school year. The children are adapting to the daily routine and are already taking an interest in learning new concepts every day! We look forward to this year which will further accentuate all the work habits that a Montessori environment has established within your child. They are at a turning point in their psychological development, where you will begin to see their social and academic growth soar exponentially over the course of this year. We are very excited to build connections with every single one of your children and help them thrive!

We will begin our exploration around the world and start our journey from our very own continent of North America. We will learn about the countries, Canada, Mexico, and the United States. We will learn about the physical location of each country. We will also study the animals found in North America. For land and water forms we will be exploring the difference between a bay and a cape.

For Botany we will focus on parts of a flower and parts of a pumpkin. Our study of Zoology will focus on parts of an amphibian. In our study for Spanish we will be learning about terms used for greeting one another.

We were thrilled to hear about the children sharing information at home about our previous month's artist. For October, students will be creating their own spooky masterpieces using cheese cloth. We can't wait for the children to make their own masterpieces! The musician of the month for October will be Bobby Boris Pickett and will be listening to the famous 1962 song "Monster Mash".

We encourage all children to participate in share day on Fridays. This is a great opportunity for your child to share pictures, trophies, medals, books, or tell a story. We ask that toys not be part of share as they are a distraction for the children.

Thank you for attending our Back to School Night!  
Please let us know if you have any questions.

I am excited about a couple of upcoming events:

1. Picture day- Monday, 10/13. Come dressed in your picture best!
  2. Elementary Field Trip to the Irvine Railroad Park on Tuesday, 10/28/2023
  3. Halloween Parade on Friday, October 31 (Early dismissal at 3:00 PM. No aftercare)
- Please be on the lookout for more information.

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

## October Birthdays:

Britton G. - 15<sup>th</sup>

Sophia N. - 16<sup>th</sup>

Violet O. - 18<sup>th</sup>

Lara Jean N. - 24<sup>th</sup>



# Room 4U: Ms. Neranja & Ms. Erika

**"The child is both a hope and a promise for mankind." – Maria Montessori**

As the vibrant colors of fall paint our surroundings, we are thrilled to see our school year progressing wonderfully! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported our classroom libraries by purchasing books at our recent book fair. Your generosity is truly appreciated!

We started the year on a high note, focusing on re-establishing our connections and fostering teamwork to ensure a smooth and productive year ahead. With October here, we are eagerly looking forward to our Fall Celebration! This month is packed with engaging activities, including captivating story readings and special creative writing projects, alongside our core academic curricula.

Cultural units for October are as follows:

## **Science:**

- Parts of Flower/ Fruit/ Amphibian
- Characteristics of Vertebrates/Food Pyramid
- Advance Animal research/Animal Kingdom: Chinese Box
- Minerals and Rocks
- Lithosphere/Hydrosphere/Atmosphere/Biosphere
- System of Body Research: Skeleton System

## **Grace and Courtesy / Peace Education**

- Conflict Resolutions
- Classroom Cleaning
- Meditation

## **Social Studies / History**

- Seasons – Second Great Lesson: Timeline of Life
- Parts of a Volcano – Ancient China
- Child's own Continent – United States
- Plate Tectonics
- Land and Water Formations contd.
- Sun Research
- Fundamental Needs Cont.

## **Art / Music / Performing Arts / P.E.**

- Art appreciation: Mixed Media Art
- Famous Composers
- Team Sports/ Rhythm Basketball

## **Spanish**

•We're excited to enhance our Spanish vocabulary, focusing on fun and practical phrases related to lunchtime. We aim to build up our skills to enjoy lively conversations around the lunch table. Additionally, we'll practice reading and writing common Spanish phrases to further enrich our language learning experience.

I am excited about a couple of upcoming events:

1. Picture day – Come dressed in your picture best!
2. Elementary Field Trip to the Irvine Railroad Park on Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.
3. Halloween Parade on Friday, October 31 (Early dismissal for all at 3:00 PM. No aftercare).

Please be on the lookout for more information.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm. We can't wait to dive into all the exciting learning experiences this season has to offer! Ms. Erika and I are so proud of all the progress that the children have already made! As always, please feel free to email me or stop by if you have any questions at [neranja.fvm@gmail.com](mailto:neranja.fvm@gmail.com)

## **October Birthdays:**

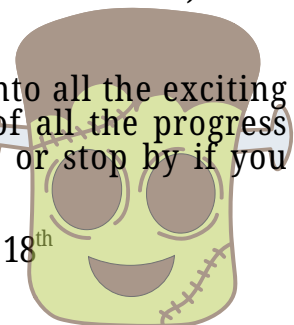
Austen L. - 12<sup>th</sup>

Grant N. - 16<sup>th</sup>

Ethan N. - 18<sup>th</sup>

Eila P. - 26<sup>th</sup>

Jayden L. - 30<sup>th</sup>



# Room 5: Ms. Gloria & Ms. Navpreet

Dear Parents,

September was a wonderful month of learning and discovery! The children quickly settled into our routines, learned classroom rules, and enjoyed many engaging lessons. Botany was especially exciting as we explored apples—discovering their types and parts through hands-on activities. The children had a great time chopping apples together and turning them into delicious applesauce—the highlight was, of course, tasting it!

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who joined us for Back to School Night. We hope the evening gave you a clear picture of what to expect this year. If you have any remaining questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are also grateful for the generous book donations to Room 5. These books will enrich our reading experience, and I know the children will gain much joy and knowledge from them.

Looking ahead to October, we have an exciting month planned:

- Cultural Studies: We will begin our study of North America, with a focus on Canada, the United States, and Mexico. The children will be introduced to country flags, animals, birds, flowers, and key geographic features.
- Zoology: Our theme is fish—exploring different types of fish and the parts of fish.
- Botany: We will learn about the parts of a pumpkin.
- Practical Life: Towards the end of the month, we will carve a pumpkin into a jack-o'-lantern together.
- Music: Composer of the month – Beethoven.
- Spanish: Learning colors.
- Art: Creating works inspired by Vincent van Gogh's Sunflowers, as well as Halloween-themed art to decorate our classroom.
- Cooking & Nutrition: Our cooking project will be pumpkin cookies. In addition, the children will be introduced to fruit and vegetable cutting, grating, and juicing during circle time.

## Halloween Celebration

We are excited for our traditional Trick-or-Treat walk around the neighborhood businesses. Please send your child to school in costume, along with a labeled brown bag listing all costume pieces to ensure they are kept safe for the evening festivities. More details about our Halloween parade and potluck will be shared soon.

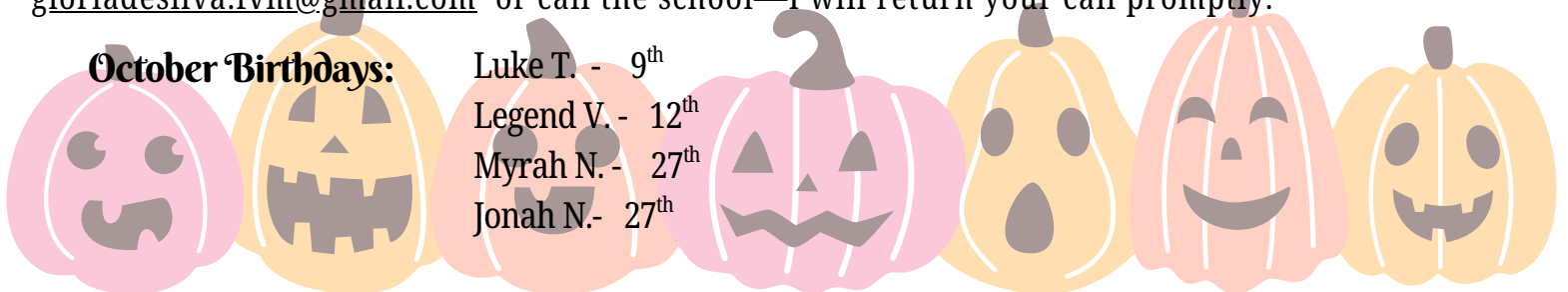
## Sharing Guidelines

When it's your child's turn to be snack host, they are welcome to bring a "share" for circle time. Please avoid toys and instead consider items related to our studies—such as pictures of fish, Van Gogh artwork, North American landmarks, or even a short performance like playing an instrument or demonstrating a cartwheel. If your child would like to bring something valuable, please let me know in advance so it can be safely stored.

Finally, thank you for sharing your child with us each day. It is a joy to learn alongside them and watch their curiosity grow. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at [gloriadesilva.fvm@gmail.com](mailto:gloriadesilva.fvm@gmail.com) or call the school—I will return your call promptly.

## October Birthdays:

Luke T. - 9<sup>th</sup>  
Legend V. - 12<sup>th</sup>  
Myrah N. - 27<sup>th</sup>  
Jonah N. - 27<sup>th</sup>







# Room 6: Ms. Enoka & Ms. Lindsay



Hello Parents,

We had a great first month back at school and we are ready to enjoy the fun month of October!

This month, we will explore the parts of a pumpkin and learn about different kinds of pumpkins. The children will also get to scoop out a pumpkin to make a Jack-o'-lantern! As the weather changes, we'll begin lessons on Earth's rotation and how it leads to the changing seasons. We'll read several books about the fall season, and the children will create their own fall leaves art to reflect the beautiful changes happening outside. We will also begin learning about the primary colors and how they combine to make other secondary and tertiary colors.

With Halloween approaching, and excitement building around pumpkin patches and decorating, we will talk about the human skeleton and its parts.

Our Zoology lesson this month will focus on the parts of a fish: head, tail, gills, fins, and scales. We will try our best to incorporate a paper fish craft to go along with the lesson.

I will introduce the continent puzzle, starting with the beautiful continent of North America. This lesson will include the North America puzzle presentation, notable landmarks, and the animals that live there. Children will also get to enjoy American country music as part of our cultural exploration.

For our monthly art project, the children will create their own Halloween-themed artwork.

We will continue with our regular Spanish lessons, where we'll focus on learning colors in Spanish, as well as our weekly P.E. activities and share day every Friday.

We are excited for our traditional Trick-or-Treat walk around the neighborhood businesses. Please send your child to school in costume, along with a labeled brown bag listing all costume pieces to ensure they are kept safe for the evening festivities. More details about our Halloween parade and potluck will be shared soon.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [enoka.fvm@gmail.com](mailto:enoka.fvm@gmail.com), should you have any questions.





# Room 7: Ms. Alicia

## Ms. Ana, Ms. Maggie and Ms. Valerie

Hello Parents,

I am so happy to report that September was a great month! The children are settling into the routine and are enjoying their classroom activities. I'm sure it must have been difficult for some of you to watch your children cry at drop off. Thank you for being patient through this difficult time. It is normal for them to experience some separation anxiety. But I am so glad the children are bonding with us, and I'm beginning to see more smiles every day!

It's that time of year again! Out come the little pumpkins, ghosts, and witches. For the month of October our unit will be based on pumpkins. We will be learning about the parts of a pumpkin as we carve our own and make our jack-o-lantern. The book of the month is "Squishy Squashy Pumpkin." Our songs will be "I'm A Little Pumpkin" and "Pumpkin Song." I will also be introducing "Five Little Pumpkins" using the felt board with pumpkin cutouts. Be prepared to be amazed when you hear your little ones sing these songs at home! The color of the month is orange. I will be introducing orange wherever I can... changing practical life objects, lining the work trays with orange felt and putting out orange paint for easel painting. The children will be doing spooktacular art: a ghost, pumpkin and a spider! I am excited to display their cute artwork all around the classroom! The shape of the month is a square.

Thank you for purchasing the books from our wish list box! My teachers and I really appreciate it!! All the books will be put to great use since the children will be using them daily.

Thank you,  
Ms. Alicia, Ms. Ana, Ms. Maggie & Ms. Valerie

Please email me at [fvm.alicia@gmail.com](mailto:fvm.alicia@gmail.com) if you have any questions

**October Birthdays:** Connor D. - 9<sup>th</sup>

