

Fountain Valley Montessori

December 2025 Newsletter

Important Dates:



Holiday Show & International Potluck

Wednesday, Dec. 10th

RM 1 & RM 2

Starts 10:45 AM

Thursday, Dec. 11th

RM 3, RM 5 & RM 6

Starts 10:45 AM

Friday, Dec. 12th RM 4 U&L

Starts 11:30 AM

Friday, Dec. 12th RM 7

Show Starts at 9:00AM

RM 7- No Potluck

Spirit Week

Monday, Dec. 15th -

Friday, Dec. 19th

Winter Break

Monday, Dec. 22nd -

Friday January 2nd

(School Closed)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ms. Gurpreet- December 3rd

Ms. Paula- December 17th

Ms. Remington- Dec. 20th

Ms. Lisa Norby- Dec. 24th

Holiday Program & International Potluck: As part of our curriculum, the children learn about holidays from around the world. In December, the children also learn songs about the winter season along with holiday songs! We have planned a Holiday Show for all FVM families. Please see the dates and times mentioned below. The holiday show will take place in their classroom and will be followed by our International Potluck. Please sign up for a food item to bring for the potluck. All families are welcome to stay after the show and join the potluck! Please note Room 7 will not be participating in the potluck.

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Upper & Lower

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Friday, Dec, 12th

Spirit Week: FVM will get into the holiday spirit the week of December 15th - December 19th as we celebrate Spirit Week! We will have a special theme each day for the children to follow. Keep an eye out as we get closer!

Please keep in mind that tuition is due between the 15th and the 20th for the following month. For example, the tuition for November is due on the 15th of October. A late fee of \$50.00 will be assessed for all payments received after the 20th.



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Room 1: Ms. Paula & Ms. Vivian



Hello Parents,

Wow! I can't believe we're only a month away from the New Year! November was such an exciting month for the children. We learned about Europe, some of its famous landmarks, and the languages spoken there. The children especially enjoyed learning about the London Bridge, Big Ben, Buckingham Palace—where the Queen, Prince, and Princess live, the Eiffel Tower, and the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

We also learned about the parts of a turkey and the parts of a leaf. (We even went on a leaf hunt to find some beautiful leaves for our art project!) Our Harvest Feast and Stone Soup were both delicious and such a fun experience for everyone.

This month, we will be learning about the coldest regions of the world, the Arctic and the Antarctic. The children are sure to be fascinated by the climate and the unique animals that inhabit these frozen lands. We will learn about penguins—especially the Emperor Penguin and explore the other types of penguins found on the continent. We will also talk about the polar bear and the famous igloos of the Arctic region. The children will watch a short documentary about penguins and igloos to help them visualize these fascinating environments.

For music, we'll listen to Michael Bublé holiday songs and rehearse for our upcoming holiday performance. For art, the children will create evergreen trees using jumbo popsicle sticks. They will paint and decorate their own trees, which will be proudly displayed on our classroom bulletin board for everyone to enjoy. In Spanish, we will review colors and numbers.

December promises to be a busy and joyful month as we make holiday gifts and practice our songs for our upcoming show!

Please note: our Holiday Show will be held on Wednesday, December 10th at 10:45 AM, followed by our International Potluck at 11:15 AM in our classroom. Please make sure to arrive on time so you don't miss your child's performance!

Wishing everyone a Happy December and Happy Holidays!

December Birthdays: Cole D. – 28th, Ms. Paula- 17th

Room 2: Ms. Marian & Ms. Michelle

Hello Parents,

What a wonderful month November has been! It was full of fun and good food and things to be thankful for. We learned about parts of a turkey and traveled all over the USA. The children worked on many art projects, including birch tree art using the yarn resist technique that was displayed on our hallway board. We ended our month with a friendship feast, and we also enjoyed making Stone Soup together! Hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving break.

For December, we will hop aboard our plane and visit Antarctica and the cold Arctic region in the north! We will discover some of the most fascinating animals of the Polar regions, one of them being the penguin. We will learn about the parts of a penguin, its lifecycle and the different types of penguins that inhabit that continent. We will also learn about the parts of a Reindeer. We will put our dancing shoes on as we work on our "Moon Walk" while listening to some popular music by Michael Jackson. Keep an eye on the holiday art work outside.

Along with making fun holiday crafts and projects, we are planning for some fun events during this holiday month such as decorating the holiday tree.

Please mark your calendar to watch your child participate in our annual holiday show on Wednesday, December 10th, at 10:45 am. Please send your child to school in their holiday best. We have been practicing for the show, and your children will be excited to see you! The event will be held inside our classroom. I highly recommend you drop off your child by 8:45 am that day, so we can accommodate one more last-minute practice session! It sure is going to be a fun event! The holiday show will be followed by our annual International Potluck. Please be on the lookout for the signup sheet.

Please remember class starts promptly at 9 am so have your children here at 8:45 to give them that much-needed transition time. The weather is starting to get colder in the mornings and evenings so please check their supply of extra clothes to make sure they have appropriate extra clothing. Please label all jackets.

We look forward to seeing you all at the show!

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Winter Break: School will be completely closed for winter break from 12/22/2024 to 1/3/25.

December Birthdays: Levi N. -7th, Sora S. - 9th

Room 3: Ms. Bea & Ms. Veronica



Hello Parents,

Hope you had a restful and enjoyable Thanksgiving break! We had a great month of November with our Harvest feast and Stone soup, while we also focused on what we were thankful for. I Thoroughly enjoyed listening to the children innocently talk about what they appreciate the most. They were excited to visit some important landmarks of the United States. We talked about transportation and all the fun ways to travel from place to place. They were surprised to find out that some animals are used as a means of transportation. Such as horses, camels or elephants.

December will be a fun busy month. We will visit the continent of Antarctica and the cold Arctic region of the north! We will discover some of the most beautiful animals native to the coldest places on earth, one of them being the penguin. We will learn about the parts of a penguin and about the different kinds of penguins that inhabit that continent. I will set up a date for the children to watch a documentary all about penguins.

We will be making some fun holiday art to make our room look festive and beautiful for the season! We will learn about instruments and the different instrumental families. We will enjoy listening to the beautiful sounds of Michael Bublé as he will be our musician of the month. The children will also listen to holiday songs and practice for the Holiday Program. For our Spanish lesson we will be learning colors. Amarillo, rojo Azul looking forward to a fun festive month.

They are very excited and are looking forward to the Holiday Program!

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Warm wishes as we begin the Holiday Season, Ms. Bea and Ms. Veronica

December Birthdays: Thomas H.- 3rd, Addison D.- 15th, Richard L.-31st

Room 4L: Ms. Yasmin & Ms. Gurpreet



Hello Parents,

Hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving break. We had a great time at our Harvest Feast, and the children had an enjoyable and delicious meal. It is wonderful to see the children working well and learning as we approach the end of the year.

For the month of December, we will continue exploring parts of a leaf for botany. We will be learning about mammals for our zoology unit and learning about parts of a reindeer. This month we will be touring through the chilly areas of Antarctica and the Arctic. We will focus on the location and physical features of the north and south poles. I have no doubt the children will be fascinated by the penguins in the Antarctic, the polar bears, and the life of the people in the Arctic, their habitat, and other unique features exclusive to these regions.

December is also a great month to focus on holidays and festivals from around the world! We will be learning about the various holidays families celebrate, along with the diverse cultures prevalent in the world. We will introduce the children to various celebrations through books and educational documentaries. Our lessons in Spanish will be based on greetings and introductions. For our special art project this month, we will work on a holiday masterpiece! We will listen to the musical compositions of The Nutcracker, an 1892 two-act ballet originally choreographed by Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov with a score by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky.

Reminders:

As the weather gets cooler, please remember to send your child a labeled sweater or jacket. Thank you for all your support and we look forward to a fun-filled December! Have a great holiday break!

Our Holiday Show will take place on Friday, December 12, at 11:30 am followed by the International Holiday Potluck.

Room 4U: Ms. Neranja & Ms. Erika

Welcome to the delightful month of December! It's truly amazing how quickly November has passed, and now the festive season is upon us. With our winter vacation approaching, December will be a brief yet exciting month as we delve into a few engaging topics.

Throughout this month, the children will explore the various ways to celebrate the seasons and holidays both within our community and around the world. They truly enjoy learning about the diversity of people worldwide, which nurtures a sense of respect and acceptance for different beliefs.

Here are the Units for December:

Cultural Units:

- **World Holidays** A fantastic opportunity for students to discover how holidays are celebrated in other countries and how they can incorporate these traditions into their own family celebrations. This exploration highlights the positive experiences offered by all cultures.
- **Family Heirloom Project** For this project, each child will learn about a special item that has been passed down or cherished by your family—such as a piece of jewelry, a book, a photo, a toy, or any meaningful keepsake. The goal is to help children explore their family's unique traditions, stories, and connections across generations.
- **Winter and December Writing Prompts:** Engaging prompts such as "Does falling snow have a sound?", "If I owned a toy store", and "The best gifts are gifts from the heart. What does this phrase mean to you?" will inspire thoughtful writing.
- **Science:** Exploring the Parts of a Moose.
- **Art:** Winter Art
- **Music:** Discovering the Nutcracker through music, story, and craft.

Our Holiday Show will be held on Friday, December 12, 10:30 am onwards. This will be followed by the International Holiday Potluck at 11:15 am.

We hope you thoroughly enjoy the final days of 2025 and wish you all a warm and cozy December!

Happy Birthday: Julian N.-10th, Timberland T.-11th, Daxon T.-15th, Knox O.- 30th.

Room 5: Ms. Gloria & Ms. Navpreet



Dear Parents,

As we arrive at the final month of 2025, it's remarkable to see how quickly the year has gone by. November was a month filled with gratitude, community, and joyful collaboration. Our Stone Soup celebration and Harvest Feast Potluck were both wonderful successes thanks to your contributions and support. We also appreciate the time each of you took to meet or speak with us during Parent-Teacher Conferences. Thank you for your partnership and trust.

Cultural Studies – Antarctica & the Polar Regions

In December, the children of Room 5 will explore Antarctica and its location on the world map. We will discuss the unique characteristics of this continent and its climate.

Zoology – Penguins & Arctic Animals: Through 3-part cards, classified pictures, and books, the children will study several types of penguins and Arctic animals. A consistent classroom favorite continues to be the Macaroni Penguin!

Spanish: This month's focus will be on numbers, with opportunities to practice counting and number identification in Spanish through songs, games, and hands-on materials.

Botany – Leaves: We will explore the parts of a leaf and learn to classify different types of leaves using Montessori Botany materials. The children will also go on a leaf hunt outdoors and compare their findings to our classroom leaf chart.

Geography – Land and Water Forms: In Geography, the children will be introduced to foundational land and water forms, beginning with island and lake, using objects, picture cards, and real-world examples.

Geometry – Geometric Solids: As part of our geometry classification work, the children will learn the names of the Geometric Solids and identify these shapes in the environment around them.

Composer of the Month – Michael Jackson: In Music, we will learn about the life and work of Michael Jackson. The children will enjoy listening to his lively rhythms during their work cycle—you may be surprised by how peacefully they work during the Thriller album! The upbeat tempo will also help us prepare for our upcoming holiday performance.

Our holiday show will take place on Thursday, December 11th at 10:45 a.m. in Room 5. Following the performance, we will gather for our International Potluck. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the classroom door. I am excited to see the wonderful dishes your families will share. I will be bringing a few Sri Lankan delicacies for everyone to enjoy!

As we close this year, thank you for entrusting us with your child's growth, independence, and joy each day. It is a privilege to guide them in the Montessori environment.

Ms. Navpreet and I wish you all a peaceful, warm, and joyful holiday season!

Montessori Quote for the Holidays: "Of all things, love is the most potent." — Maria Montessori

Happy Birthday: Tidus U.-27th

Room 6: Ms. Enoka & Ms. Lindsay

Hello Parents,

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It is hard to believe we have reached the last month of the year 2025. It is going to be another busy month, with work, getting ready for the holiday show, making and wrapping gifts and writing holiday cards for our families.

As we get into colder weather I will give a lesson about appropriate clothing for winter.

This month I will be introducing Arctic animals, like reindeer, polar bear, arctic fox and many other animals that live in these colder conditions. We will also learn about human beings who live in these harsh conditions, their food, clothing, shelter and their modes of transportation.

Our zoology lesson is learning about tortoises. I will introduce parts of the tortoise, their food habits and environment where they live.

We are going to learn about evergreen trees and coniferous trees for our Botany lesson. Children will be making evergreen holiday trees for an art project.

Our monthly art project will be based on this fantastic, happy, exciting season and I will keep it as a surprise! We will listen to seasonal music to keep us in a holiday mood. We will continue our Spanish lessons, learning about colors and vegetables.

I wish everyone happy holidays, and I look forward to welcoming you back in the new year.

December Birthdays: Eisen W.- 1st, Zoryana S.-5th, Parker D.-15th, Makai K.-18th, Margaux L.- 30th



Room 7: Ms. Alicia Ms. Ana, Ms. Maggie and Ms. Valerie

Hello Parents,

November has come and gone in a blink of an eye! What an enjoyable start to the fall season! The children did a great job making a turkey. They also enjoyed singing the songs “I’m A Little Turkey” and “Autumn Leaves.” It has been a gratifying experience to watch the children learn and grow as they begin to normalize and enjoy the materials in the classroom.

December brings lots of holiday cheer! We will be getting into the holiday spirit by working on some art projects and singing holiday songs! The children will be making a stocking and a tree. They will also be painting with green paint which is, you guessed it, our color of the month! Our book of the month is “Bear Stays Up For Christmas! Our shape of the month will be a star. We will be singing holiday songs such as “I’m A Little Snowman,” “Hello Reindeer,” and “We Wish You A Merry Christmas.” Be ready to hear your little ones come home singing happily!

As the weather is changing, please replenish your child’s extra clothes with full sleeve shirts/blouses and long pants.

We wish you all Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!
See you all in 2026!

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