

Fountain Valley Montessori

March 2026 Newsletter

Important Dates:

Friday, March 6th

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Monday, March 16th

Re Enrollment Due

Tuesday, March 17th

St. Patricks Day
Wear Green!

Wednesday, March 18th

Picture Day
Room's 1, 2, & 3

Thursday, March 19th

Picture Day
Room 4 and Room 5

Friday, March 20th

Picture Day
Room 6 and Room 7

Monday, March 20th

Egg Collection Begins

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

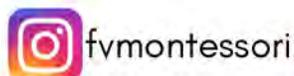
Ms. Ana- March 8th
Ms. Kaitlyn- March 30th

Parent-Teacher Conferences Friday, March 6th: You can sign up for either an in-person conference or a phone conference with the lead teacher. A sign-up sheet will be available by your child's classroom. Please note that school will be closed on conference day. If you are unable to attend or need to reschedule, please let us know, and the teachers can arrange an alternate time to meet with you.

Re-Enrollment: Re-enrollment will be taking place for the upcoming summer and the 2026-2027 School Year between Monday, February 23rd - Monday, March 16th. We offer placement for summer and fall to existing students before we open to our wait list. We have emailed the packet out, let us know if you have not received it.

Please make sure to return your re-enrollment forms no later than Monday, March 16th, to ensure placement for the upcoming summer sessions and fall. We will open enrollment to new students after this date and will be unable to guarantee any late registrations we receive.

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. We encourage all students to be dropped off during the grace period, to ensure a smooth transition into their school day.**



Room 1: Ms. Paula & Ms. Vivian

Hello Parents,

February was a month full of love! Thank you for your enthusiastic participation. The children shared love and friendship with one another, creating many meaningful moments in our classroom. Ms. Paula and I would like to sincerely thank you for the sweet cards, flowers, and chocolates. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are truly appreciated.

The children greatly enjoyed learning about the continent of Asia and its countries. This month, we will continue our journey as we travel to the beautiful continent of Australia. We will explore unique animals, famous landmarks, and learn about the Aboriginal people and their rich culture. The children will watch a documentary about the Great Barrier Reef; the world's largest coral reef system located on the east coast of Australia. They will also create Aboriginal-inspired animal art, which will be displayed outside our classroom, and listen to traditional Aboriginal music. To make our exploration even more special, the children will prepare Australian fairy bread as a cooking activity in class. Fairy bread is a traditional treat enjoyed by children in Australia, especially at birthday celebrations.

In Spanish class, the children will learn the names of animals. In zoology, we will be learning about kangaroos. As for botany, we will be learning about the parts of a flower and will work on an experiment with white carnations and food coloring. This experiment will emphasize how water travels through the stem to reach the petals of the flower.

As St. Patrick's Day approaches, we will be watching for the leprechaun and his playful shenanigans! Please have your child wear green on Tuesday, March 17th as we celebrate this fun event. The children will also create a special art project to decorate our classroom and welcome our little green friend.

We will also celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2nd, which is recognized worldwide. I encourage each child to bring their favorite Dr. Seuss book to share and read throughout the month. This will also support our practice of rhyming words. Please remember to write your child's name on the book they bring.

I look forward to meeting with you on Friday, March 6th for Parent-Teacher Conferences. If you prefer, we are happy to arrange a phone conference as well.

Happy Birthday: Maylie — March 8th & Alice — March 20th

Room 2: Ms. Marian & Ms. Michelle

Hello Parents,

Thank you for making February such a special month! It was certainly filled with love and plenty of sweet treats! We enjoyed discovering the life cycle and parts of a frog, parts of a leaf, and traveling to the continent of Asia to learn about its beautiful landmarks, culture, traditions, and animals unique to that continent.

We will be getting right back into the swing of things in March. We will be traveling to the continent of Europe, learning about its diverse culture, stunning architecture, iconic landmarks, picturesque landscapes, and animals of Europe. We will learn “Good morning” and “numbers from 1–10” in French and Spanish. Also, we will watch a documentary on Europe, reviewing the places of interest and animals unique to this continent.

For our Botany lesson, we'll learn about the parts of a seed, its functions, and different types of seeds. We will germinate green beans to observe the germination process. Our Zoology lesson will focus on learning about the parts of a butterfly and its life cycle.

We will explore the artwork of Vincent van Gogh and create our own sunflower masterpieces inspired by his beautiful paintings. We will also listen to popular songs by artists from across Europe.

You can be sure that a little green friend will be visiting our class and will be up to some shenanigans this March! St. Patrick's Day would not be the same without a little tomfoolery, and we hope to have a little bit of our own in Room 2. We will make St. Patrick's Day art to decorate our room. Please have your child wear green on Monday, March 17th.

Room 2 chefs will be making delicious crêpes with Nutella and fresh berries as our cooking activity in class... Yum!!

Have a great month ahead!
Happy Birthday: Taylor Vo 3/14

Room 3: Ms. Bea & Ms. Veronica

Hello Parents,

February was an enjoyable month in Room 3! We continued to explore Asia. We talked about some of the traditions and languages of some countries of Asia. We also learned all about Transportation. The children had fun working on Lunar New Year and Valentine's Day art to make our room look fun and festive for the occasion. They were excited to celebrate Valentine's Day and had lots of fun passing out and receiving their goodie bags and treats Thank you to everyone for your participation.

This month we will continue our journey through the seven continents. We will be visiting the continent of Africa. We will be learning about some of the special landmarks and the unique animals of the continent such as the Giraffe, Wildebeest, Zebra and Spotted Hyena. They are sure to fascinate the children. We will be talking about Community helpers and their importance in our communities. I will ask the children to pick their favorite community helper, and we will do a special project.

Our zoology lesson will focus on learning about the parts of a frog and its life cycle.

We will be making our version of the beautiful Saharan sunset art. We will also be listening to the sounds of the African drums. In Spanish we will focus on common names of family members. For our cooking project we will make green fruit salad on St. Patrick's Day.

March will be exciting as we decorate our room to look green and festive! We might even have a special small green person visit our room on the big day! Looking forward to the month ahead with your children.

March Birthdays! Brooklyn March 6th and Liliana March 8th
Ms. Bea and Ms. Veronica

Room 4L: Ms. Yasmin & Ms. Gurpreet

Hello Parents,

Happy March! Last month gave the children a chance to learn about kindness and love. They also explored their creative side and enjoyed recreating Jim Dine's artwork. Thank you to all the parents for your gifts and Valentine Day cards! The children had an amazing time passing out their Valentines as they enjoyed their Pizza Party!

For the month of March, we will be touring the southern hemisphere and will visit Australia. We will focus on landmarks of Australia and learn about the physical features. We will also be learning about the most iconic features of Australia. The Australian outback, the Mariana trench and the scenic coasts will be interesting information for the children. I am sure they will be excited to learn about the unique animals, especially the koala bear, the kangaroo, and the wombat. For zoology, we will learn about the lifecycle of a butterfly and parts of an insect. I know they will enjoy my presentation of the lifecycle of a butterfly! We will also focus on learning about measuring temperature. For botany, we will learn about parts of a Tree. Our study of the land and water forms will focus on water bodies such as lakes, such as peninsula and gulf.

The children will listen to the musical instrument called Didgeridoo. This is a wind instrument developed by the aboriginal people from north Australia. It has a distinct sound and is popular even today. Our art will be focused on Aboriginal Art. Our writing project will be focused on short sentences about St. Patrick's Day and Dr. Seuss as we celebrate his Birthday on March 2nd.

We encourage all children to bring items such as pictures, trophies, medals, or books for share every Friday. They can also share an experience verbally. PLEASE do not send toys as they are a distraction for all.

Please feel free to email at yasminc.fvm@gmail.com

Our heartfelt thanks to all parents for all the Valentine cards and treats!



Room 4U: Ms. Neranja & Ms. Erika

"May the road rise to meet you." — Irish Proverb

March ushers in the promise of spring and reminds us of the swiftly approaching end of the school year. Our classroom continues to flourish in independence, academic growth, intellectual curiosity, and thoughtful collaboration as students strengthen both their skills and their confidence.

Cultural Studies

- Australia: Culture, Monuments, Country Research
- 50 States Study
- Types of Islands & Reefs
- Weather & Astronomy Concepts

Botany

- Anatomy of a Deciduous Tree
- Anatomy of a Trunk & Dendrochronology
- Patterns in Nature
- Plant Kingdom Review

Biology

- The Nervous System

Language & Writing

- Dr. Seuss Writing Projects
- Limericks & The Legend of Saint Patrick
- Creative Writing & Publishing
- Grammar & Vocabulary Development

Science & Engineering (STEM Focus This Month)

This month we are integrating hands-on engineering and scientific research into our studies:

- Coral Reef Ecosystem Model (Interdependence & Environmental Systems)
- Tree Ring Climate Investigation (Dendrochronology & Ancient Civilizations)
- Reaction Time Lab (Nervous System & Data Analysis)

Students will record data, graph results, redesign prototypes, and reflect on how scientific thinking connects to real-world problem solving.

We are looking forward to a month filled with creativity, critical thinking, and joyful discovery.

Wishing your family a magnificent March.

Zoology

- Life Cycles
- Parts of an Egg
- Anatomy of a Bat

Language & Writing

- Dr. Seuss Writing Projects
- Limericks & The Legend of Saint Patrick
- Creative Writing & Publishing
- Grammar & Vocabulary Development

Peace Education

- Polite Ways to Disagree
- Opinions vs. Facts
- Respectful dialogue and emotional awareness

Art Integration

- Georgia O'Keeffe inspired botanical study (Observation & Stippling Technique)
- Nature pattern studies connected to botany

Room 5: Ms. Gloria & Ms. Navpreet

“The child, making use of all that he finds around him, shapes himself for the future.”
— Maria Montessori

Hello Parents,

Thank you for the heartfelt expressions of love and appreciation shown to Ms. Navpreet and me on Valentine’s Day. We are truly grateful for your kindness and generosity.

In celebration of Dr. Seuss’s birthday, the children will enjoy his literature throughout the month, strengthening their phonemic awareness through rhyming words, opposites, and vocabulary enrichment. You are welcome to send a Dr. Seuss book to share on your child’s assigned snack day. Our monthly cooking experience will extend this theme as the children prepare “Green Eggs and Ham” in a practical life activity—making green egg pancakes to enjoy with cooked ham.

With the rhythm of African drums in the background, we will explore the continent of Africa through cultural studies and geography. The children will locate countries and regions on the world map, examine national flags, and learn about traditional food and clothing. For art, they will create sunset silhouettes featuring African wildlife, integrating cultural appreciation with creative expression.

In Spanish, we continue expanding vocabulary with a focus on animals. Within the Zoology curriculum, the children will study the parts and life cycle of the frog using three-part cards and classification work. Our unit study for March is Transportation. The children will explore various modes and types of transportation and conclude the unit with an educational documentary to reinforce learning and reflect on our study of Africa.

We will also engage in St. Patrick’s Day art and collaborative problem-solving as we design a leprechaun trap—encouraging creativity, planning, and teamwork. Please check your child’s cubby and replenish extra clothing as needed, ensuring items fit comfortably as your child grows.

Parent–Teacher Conferences will be held on Friday, March 6th. Kindly reserve time to meet in person or by phone. For the children who will be transitioning to our Elementary program, in-person conferences are encouraged so I may share their academic progress and classroom work.

March Birthdays: Clyde-March15, Lucia – March 15

Room 6: Ms. Enoka & Ms. Lindsay

Hello Parents,

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Thank you so much for the cards and candy you showered us with on Valentine's Day! Ms. Lindsay and I appreciate your kindness and generosity. This month, we are going to explore the continent of Europe. I will be introducing beautiful ancient landmarks such as the Eiffel Tower, the Colosseum, Buckingham Palace, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, as well as many castles and palaces. Children will also learn about the lives of animals that live on this continent.

Last month, we learned about seeds. This month, I will introduce seed germination. We are already observing the germination of mung beans in class. We will also be planting green beans in cups so the children can take them home to plant in their gardens.

For our zoology lesson, I will be teaching about insects. First, the children will learn about the parts of an insect. I will introduce common insects found around us, and we will try to find some around the school.

As the seasons change, it is a good time to talk about the Earth's rotation and the four seasons. We will learn how the Earth comes to life in spring. This month, we are also learning about one of Europe's famous artists, Vincent van Gogh, and his painting of sunflowers. The children will be creating their own "Sunflower" painting for this month's art project.

We will not forget to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on the 17th of March. Children will be learning colors of the rainbow, mixing primary colors to make many other colors, and how to catch Leprechauns as they listen to the famous Irish music. Children will be making lemonade, and we will find out if the leprechaun will turn it green!

Have a great month of February!

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March 9th- Enrollment Due

March 20th-Picture Day for Room 6 children

March 17th-St Patrick's Day- Wear Green

Room 7: Ms. Alicia

Ms. Ana, Ms. Maggie and Ms. Valerie

Hello Parents,

February was a month of love! Thank you everyone for showering us with sweet treats and sweet cards! You are all so thoughtful and generous. The children had so much fun in February! They loved the book "I Love You Just the Way You Are". They also enjoyed making heart impressions with a cookie cutter and making their own shade of pink by mixing the colors red and white.

We will be going green in the month of March! I will line the trays with green felt, fill the shelves with green objects, bowls and much more for the children to get concrete hands-on experience. There will be green everywhere! I am excited to introduce lots of new work this month and the children will enjoy working with sorting and counting. They will be making fun artwork such as, making a rainbow and painting a shamrock using bubble wrap. Our book of the month will be "Leprechaun Rainbow." We will learn the song "Oh Rainbow", and I will present the songs "Five Green Shamrocks" and "Rainbow What Do You See?" using felt cut outs. We will learn about the shape of a rectangle throughout the month.

We will try our best to look for the sneaky leprechaun and I will let you know if we find it! I look forward to meeting with you for the Parent Teacher Conference on Friday, March 6th.

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