

# Fountain Valley Montessori

## April 2026 Newsletter

### Important Dates:

**Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Egg Hunt & Potluck

**Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>-**

**Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

School Closed for  
Spring Recess

**Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Earth Day

**Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

RM 4 Upper Elementary-  
Performing Play  
"Back to the Summer"

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Ms. Valerie- 2<sup>nd</sup>

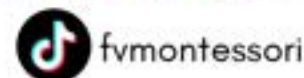
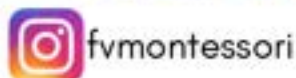
**Egg Hunt & Potluck:** Our annual egg hunt will be held Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The children will be searching for eggs filled with goodies on the playground. Each class will be hosting a potluck on the same day as the egg hunt. If you'd like to participate, please sign up for a dish or side outside of the classroom door. Make sure to have your dish in the classroom by 11:00 as the children have lunch at 11:15. Please note, we cannot refrigerate or heat up any items at the school. They will have to be ready to serve or placed in an appropriate insulated bag if you drop them off early. **All children with food allergies should have lunch brought from home.** If you do not wish for your child to participate in the potluck lunch, please bring their packed lunch as usual.

**Checking your Child In and Out:** As you know, signing your child in and out each day is a function mandated by the State of California. Each child must be signed in and out by either the parents or someone on your child's authorized pick-up list daily. **The app is only intended for parents. Please DO NOT allow your child to use the sign-in tablet.**

**Extra Clothing:** Please have two extra sets of clothing (including socks and underwear) to leave in your child's cubby.

**Cold and Flu Season:** The cold and flu Season is here! Please follow our school illness policy to ensure our children and staff stay healthy. If a child becomes ill at school or has a fever, the parent will be called to pick up their child. Children must be picked up by a parent or authorized contact within **30 minutes** of notification. Children must be home for 72 hours or until all symptoms are gone. Please keep your child home if:

- They have had a fever, diarrhea or have been vomiting within the last 24 hours.
- A persistent cough and/or nasal drainage that is colored.
- They have an infectious or communicable disease without a doctor's release. (See the parent handbook online for more information.)



# Room 1: Ms. Paula & Ms. Vivian



Hello Parents,

March was truly exciting and fun! That naughty leprechaun left our room in a total mess, turning our classroom upside down!! A special thanks to Ms. Jahaira, Ms. Remington and Ms. Melissa for helping make St. Patrick's Day memorable for all the children at FVM.

We have a month full of activities ahead of us! The children will be planting milkweed on Earth Day. As for botany, I will also be bringing a lettuce bulb from home; it will be placed in water, and the children will be able to observe it grow. This method teaches children that vegetables can be re-grown rather than discarded. The children will also learn the difference between compost, recyclable, and waste products. They will have the opportunity to categorize each group and learn different ways to help save our precious earth!

This month we will visit Africa. Did you know that four of the five fastest land mammals in the world live in Africa? Wow... That is four out of five...in the world!! Curious to know which ones? Well, your children will find out this information as we learn about Africa. We will be learning about the culture, the people, and about other animals that live in Africa. We will also learn about the beauty of African sunsets, where the sky glows in warm shades of orange and gold. The children will create their own sunset scene with a unique silhouette. We will watch a short documentary on safari. The weather is getting warmer so we will make some strawberry sparkling water with fresh strawberries, mint and sparkling water, creating a refreshing drink for the children to enjoy.

Spring is finally here! The sun is shining, the flowers are blooming, butterflies are flying, and baby chicks are hatching! We will be learning about the life cycle of a hen. As part of our Spanish lesson this month, children will learn simple greetings.

We are looking forward to a fun and memorable month ahead!

**Happy Birthday: Josefina D.- 6th, Elodie M.- 12th, Harper N.-17th, Danielle B.- 24th**

# Room 2: Ms. Marian & Ms. Michelle



Hello Parents,

Our mischievous leprechaun paid a visit to the classroom and left quite a mess—gold glitter on the tables, green footprints around the room, and a playful note saying, “Better luck next time!” The children had a wonderful time discovering the surprises and were delighted to take home a green and gold coin. Also, we appreciate the parents who met or spoke with us during our parent-teacher conferences.

To celebrate Dr. Seuss’s birthday, the children enjoyed listening to many of his books, and we talked about the importance and joy of reading.

In April, we will be touring the continent of Africa. The children will learn about its unique landscapes, and the people and cultures found there. The fascinating animals of Africa are always exciting for the children to explore. We will also introduce the puzzle map of Africa and listen to beautiful music from Egypt along with instrumental music from other countries in Africa. For our cooking project, we will be making vegan banana bread so all children can participate. We will also create art projects related to Africa, as well as some Easter-themed art.

With spring arriving, we will continue learning about butterflies and their life cycle in zoology. In botany, we will study flowers. For art, the children will create a hydrangea flowers art project, and in Spanish class they will learn the names of different shapes.

On April 3rd, we will have a spring egg hunt as the children search for eggs hidden by the Spring Bunny. It will be a fun-filled activity! We will also celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd and talk about the importance of caring for our planet. The children will learn how we can reuse everyday items while working on a special Earth Day project.

**Happy Birthday: Charbel F.-14<sup>th</sup>, Damien N.- 27th, Jaxon K.-30th**

# Room 3: Ms. Bea & Ms. Veronica



Hello Parents,

We had an exciting month of March in Room 3! The children enjoyed making art and activities for St. Patrick's Day. We tried our best to catch the leprechaun, but he tricked us again!

They enjoyed learning about Community Helpers and the importance they have in the community. The children were excited to tell me what community helpers they want to be when they grow up. We also learned about parts of a frog and the life cycle of a frog.

April promises yet to be another exciting month in Room 3. We will continue to travel around the world and visit the continent of Australia. We will learn about beautiful landmarks such as the Sydney Opera House, National Museum of Australia, Great Barrier Reef and the Uluru Rock. We also learn about the people and traditions, foods and culture. We will study about the unique animals native to the continent, such kangaroos, koalas, platypuses and wombats.

We are excited to continue our traveling. We will be making fun Australian aboriginal art and listen to Aboriginal music. As our cooking project we will be baking delicious soda bread traditional to Australia. We can't wait to taste it!

Studying the life cycle of a butterfly and parts of a butterfly. For Spanish we will be studying names of furniture around the school and classroom.

Our unit of study will be recycling; we will learn about the different forms of recycling and how it benefits our planet. We will honor Earth Day by planting our seeds and watching the process of germination.

Have a wonderful Spring Break!

**Happy Birthday: Stevenson S.- 2nd, Cora L.- 9th, Charlie H.-23rd**

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



Hello Parents,

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 April, we will be touring the continent of South America. We will focus on the countries of Argentina, 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 as well as the heaviest and largest snake that is native to South America the Anaconda. For art we will work on a Monart drawing of a Toucan. For Botany, we will take a tour of the Amazon Rain Forest and focus on the layers of the rainforest and the different plant species in the ecosystem. We will also be planting our own lettuce seeds in honor of Earth Day. In addition, we will also be learning about South America's most popular and unique flower, the orchid. We will be introducing different music from South America, and we cannot wait to introduce the maracas and the Timbales.

Cooking Project: Chimichurri

Have a wonderful Spring Break!

Happy Birthday: Jaime N. 9th, Eloise H.-10th

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

Dear Parents,

We hope you had a wonderful and restful spring break. It is hard to believe how quickly the school year is moving along! As we enter the spring season, our classroom continues to grow independence, curiosity, and academic confidence.

Although poetry is something we enjoy throughout the year, April is National Poetry Month, and we will be celebrating poetry in many ways. Poem in Your Pocket Day – April 27: Students will choose a favorite poem to carry with them and share throughout the day. Throughout the month students will: read and recite poems, write original poetry, illustrate poems through art etc.

**Earth Day Engineering Challenge:** In celebration of Earth Day, our second- and third-year students will participate in a Recycled Engineering Challenge. Students will design and build a compound machine using recycled materials, incorporating two or more simple machines. This project encourages: Engineering thinking, creativity and innovation and environmental awareness

**Botany:** Studying trees and soil samples and observing onion cells under a microscope.

**Biology / Zoology:** Exploring the respiratory system, Darwin's theory, and atoms and molecules (3rd year).

**Physical Geography:** Investigating the oceans as part of the water cycle and studying tectonic plates and the Ring of Fire.

**Geography:** African continent studies and completing U.S. State research reports.

**History:** Exploring Earth's changing continents and ancient civilizations.

**STEM Exploration:** Students will engage in hands-on investigations including:

- Seed germination experiments
- Wind turbine engineering
- Earthquake structure challenges
- Water filtration design

**Art:** Students will create artwork inspired by tree rings and the Earth, using watercolors and pen to explore the beautiful patterns found in nature.

**Enrichment:**

- Performing Arts – Spoken poetry and recitation
- Practical Life – Introductory woodworking
- Peace Education – Caring for the Earth and environmental responsibility

**Physical Education** – Endurance walks and outdoor movement

**Happy Birthday: David T. – 22<sup>nd</sup>, Anna N. – 23<sup>rd</sup>**

# Room 5: Ms. Gloria & Ms. Navpreet

"The hands are the instruments of man's intelligence."  
— Maria Montessori

Hello Parents,

We are looking forward to a wonderful and enriching month of April in Room 5!

- **Geography:** We will explore the continent of Australia, learning about its regions, states, landmarks, and unique animals. Children will also be introduced to Aboriginal art and create their own artwork inspired by Australian animals. We will enjoy listening to Aboriginal and didgeridoo music during work time.
- **Science (Zoology):** Our unit on Ocean Life will introduce children to fascinating facts about animals and life in the ocean. We will also study farm life, including animals, machinery, and the life cycle of a hen.
- **Botany:** To support classification, we will learn the parts of a flower. You are welcome to send in flowers from home for observation. Children will explore different sizes, colors, and matching activities.
- **Language:** Introduction to Spanish vocabulary, focusing on animal names.
- **Practical Life / Cooking:** Our monthly cooking project will be egg salad sandwiches. Children will practice spreading and food preparation, building independence and fine motor skills.
- **Earth Day (April 22):** We will discuss recycling, sort materials (paper, plastic, aluminum, compost), and plant seeds to observe germination. Recycling practices will also be encouraged in the classroom and home.

We look forward to a month full of hands-on learning and joyful exploration.  
Wishing all our families a fun and restful Spring Break!

**Happy Birthday: Mason N.- 18th**

# Room 6: Ms. Enoka & Ms. Lindsay

Hello Parents,

The month of March went by quickly while we were busy touring continental Europe, discovering landmarks and animals, and learning about Irish culture, Irish music and St. Patrick's Day. We even tried to catch a leprechaun!

This month, we are going down under to explore fun facts about the smallest continent, Australia.

Children will learn about the Outback, the Great Barrier Reef, and a very special rock in the middle of Australia called "Uluru," as well as many unique animals native only to this continent.

I will be introducing marsupials such as kangaroos, koalas, wallabies, wombats, and kookaburras, along with Tasmanian devils, crocodiles, and many other animals that live on this continent.

Children will also learn about Aboriginal people, their culture, and their art. Our monthly art project will focus on Aboriginal dot art.

This month's botany lesson will cover parts of a flower. We are going to dissect fresh flowers for scientific observation. I will introduce picture cards to teach different kinds of flowers, and children will be given lessons on how to draw a flower.

Since it is springtime, children will be painting flowers and decorating our classroom with their artwork. For our zoology lesson, we will be learning about the parts of a butterfly and its life cycle.

I will also introduce the didgeridoo as a musical instrument, show them how it is played, and have them listen to music from Australia.

Thank you for donating eggs for our spring egg hunt.  
Have a great month ahead!

**Happy Birthday: Declan C.- 1st, Hunter V.-26th**

# Room 7: Ms. Alicia

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

Hello Parents,

March has been a bright month chasing leprechauns and learning about the colors of a rainbow. We had fun looking for all the colors with Bear in the book entitled "Bear Sees Colors." Our classroom was immersed in green! The leprechaun visited our classroom, and the children were surprised to see what mischief he did. He also left a special treat for the children. The children enjoyed making a rainbow and shamrock for art.

In April we will be fluttering with butterflies. "The Hungry Caterpillar" will be our book of the month. We will learn how a hungry caterpillar turns into a beautiful butterfly as we explore its life cycle. We will be singing "The Fuzzy Little Caterpillar" and "Spring Song" all month. I will present "Five Little Butterflies" using felt butterfly cutouts. The children will make cute caterpillars and beautiful fluttering butterflies for art. Be on the lookout for their creations! Our classroom will be immersed in purple for our color of the month. The children will make their own purple by combining colors red and blue. How fun! We will learn about the oval shape throughout the month. I am looking forward to an exciting month ahead.

Have an amazing Spring Break!

Happy Birthday: Ms. Valerie- 2<sup>nd</sup>, Aryan G.- 13th