

Fountain Valley Montessori



October 2026 Newsletter



Important Dates:

Tuesday, October 20th

Picture Day- RM 1, 2, & 3

Wednesday, October 21st

Picture Day- RM 4 & 5

Thursday, October 22nd

Picture Day- RM 6 & 7

Tuesday, October 27th

Pumpkin Patch for
Toddlers, Preschoolers &
Elementary

Friday, October 30th

Costume Parade
& Spooky Potluck

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ms. Maggie- October 7th

Ms. Melissa- October 23rd

Ms. Sneha- October 24th



Scholastic Book Fair: Thank you to all the families who supported our book fair! A special thank you to those who purchased books for our classrooms from the teachers' wish lists. With the Scholastic Dollars earned, we will be planning fun events for our students.

Fall Picture Day: Fall Picture Day is coming up soon! No registration is needed—every child will have their picture taken. After Picture Day, a link to view and purchase photos will be sent directly to your email.

FVM Pumpkin Patch: On Tuesday, October 27th, we will be hosting an on-campus pumpkin patch for our toddlers, preschoolers and Elementary children. This is a student-only event.

Costume Parade & Potluck: Calling All Little Ghosts, Goblins & Ghouls!

When: Friday, October 30th **Where:** Valley Gardens Center

Time: 9:30 a.m. (Toddlers, followed by Preschoolers & Elementary)

Please have your child come to school dressed in their costume, with a change of clothes packed in a labeled bag. More information will be posted soon.

Remember, no pretend weapons or scary masks are allowed on school premises at any time.

Don't forget to check your classroom door for the Spooky Potluck sign-up sheets!

Afterschool Classes: Classes will begin on October 1st. If your child is signed up for an afterschool activity, please remember to pick them up promptly after the class ends. Please submit your payment directly to the teacher leading the class. If you are paying with cash or check, you may also drop off your payment at the office. Accepted payment methods are posted on the board in the hallway.



fvmontessori



Fountain Valley Montessori

www.fvmontessori.com



Room 1: Ms. Paula & Ms. Vivian

Hello parents,

Welcome to October! As we move into a new month, our classroom will continue to provide meaningful, hands-on experiences that encourage curiosity, independence, concentration, and a love of learning. Throughout October, the children will explore a variety of activities across our Montessori curriculum.

This month, we will begin our study of the continent of North America. The children will be introduced to the continent through maps, globes, puzzles, books, pictures, and hands-on activities. We will focus on three countries in North America: the United States, Canada, and Mexico. The children will have opportunities to explore each country's flag, culture, landmarks, animals, food, and other unique characteristics. These experiences help children develop an early understanding and appreciation of the diverse world around them.

We will continue our study of the parts of an apple. Through observation, vocabulary lessons, puzzles, matching activities, and real apples, the children will become more familiar with the skin, flesh, core, seeds, stem, and other parts of this familiar fruit. Our zoology studies will continue with the parts of a horse. The children will learn vocabulary for the different parts of the horse through Montessori materials, pictures, books, and matching activities.

For Spanish, we will continue exploring colors. The children will practice recognizing and naming colors in Spanish through songs, games, classroom objects, and group. Our featured artist for October will be Michael Jackson. The children will be introduced to age-appropriate selections of his music while exploring rhythm, movement, and creative expression. Our art exploration this month will be inspired by Vincent van Gogh's *The Starry Night*. The children will observe the painting's swirling sky, stars, moon, shapes, and movement before creating their own artwork inspired by what they see. The focus will be on the creative process and allowing each child to express their own interpretation.

October's cooking activity will be applesauce! The children will participate in preparing apples and observing how they change during the cooking process. Cooking provides wonderful opportunities to practice Practical Life skills such as measuring, pouring, mixing, following steps, and working together.

For our science exploration, we will investigate the concepts of sink and float. The children will make predictions, test different classroom and natural objects in water, observe what happens, and discuss their discoveries. This hands-on experiment encourages curiosity, observation, problem-solving, and early scientific thinking.

October Birthdays: Kian - 3rd Jonah-27th





Room 2: Ms. Marian & Ms. Veronica



Hello Room 2 Families,

We had a smooth transition to the new school year and the classroom routine. The children have shown great enthusiasm, curiosity, and kindness toward one another. Ms. Veronica and I are so happy to see the children interacting 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.

Our Montessori geography lessons have taken us around the world! The children have been learning the names of the continents and exploring different land and water forms. We also explored the parts and life cycle of an apple.

In October, our world travels will take us to Australia! The children will learn about Australia's unique landscape, people, culture, and fascinating animal life. They will also be introduced to the puzzle map of Australia as they develop their understanding of the continent's geography. We will also listen to didgeridoo and explore Aboriginal music as part of our study of Australian culture.

The children will be introduced to Vincent van Gogh and his famous painting, The Starry Night. Our science studies will focus on living and non-living things. The children will create a collage, using pictures of both living and non-living things. Please send 5 to 7 pictures or cutouts of living and non-living things for your child to use in this classroom activity.

We will also explore the parts and life cycle of a pumpkin, continuing our study of fruits and how they grow and develop. Our Spanish lesson for October will focus on colors. We will use Color Tablet Boxes 1 and 2 to introduce and practice the names of colors in both English and Spanish.

Upcoming Events- We are looking forward to several fun events this month:

- Picture Day
- Pumpkin Patch
- Halloween Parade and Spooky Potluck

Please be on the lookout for additional information and reminders about these events.
October Birthdays 🍰 Jaden — October 15 Jordyn — October 21

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We are excited for another wonderful month of learning, exploration, and discovery!



Room 3: Ms. Bea & Ms. Sara



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 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 study unit will be Transportation. We will talk about the different means of Transportation. I will ask the children their favorite means of Transportation. We will do a fun transportation art project. I will set out a date, and we will watch a documentary on the different types of Transportation. I will email you in advance with the date for our documentary.

We will begin our journey across the globe and visit the continent of North America we will learn about the geographical location, discover the unique and 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 pumpkin parts. We will save the pumpkins seeds and use them as counters for our math area or practical life area. In Spanish class we will learn all about colors.

We will be making enjoyable Halloween art for the festive occasion. The children are sure to enjoy our musician of the month great pop-artist Michael Jackson. We will also listen to and learn fun Halloween songs as well.

The children will help to peel and slice apples to make apple sauce as our food project of the month.

Looking forward to a wonderful month ahead!!

Please email me at beatapia.fvm@gmail.com should you have any questions.

October Birthdays:

Connor-9th Davis Jr.- 13th



Room 4L: Ms. Kinnari & Ms. Kaithyn

Welcome to October!

September was a very productive month and a wonderful start to our new school year! Ms. Kaithyn and I loved watching the children build friendships, interact with one another with love and respect, and become more comfortable in their Montessori environment. Throughout the month, we focused on Grace and Courtesy, normalization, and developing positive work habits. The children enjoyed traveling around the world and learning about the continents and oceans. We also explored a variety of topics, including the parts and life cycle of an apple, transportation, living and non-living things, and vertebrates and invertebrates. 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 so exponentially over the course of this year. We are excited to build meaningful connections with each child and support them in reaching their full potential.

We will begin our exploration around the world and start our journey from our very own continent of North America! The children will explore the globe and learn about the continent's geographical location, countries, and unique features, with a special focus on Canada and Mexico. We will explore the physical location of each country, discover natural and man-made landmarks, and learn about the fascinating flora and fauna found throughout the continent.

In Botany, we will explore the parts of a pumpkin and its life cycle. Our study of the human body will continue as we learn about the parts of the skeleton and the importance of nourishing our bodies with healthy foods.

In Zoology, the children will learn about the parts of a fish while continuing their exploration of the Animal Kingdom (Vertebrates and Invertebrates). In Spanish class, the children will learn about Numbers (Numeros) and Family members (Miembros de la familia)

In Art, the children will be introduced to the American artist Georgia O'Keeffe, who is well known for her close-up, large-scale flower paintings. The children will be inspired by her artwork as they create their own flower compositions. Our composer for October will be Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart.

Respecting and caring for our environment is an important part of Montessori philosophy. To encourage responsibility and nurture the children's connection with nature, we invite each child to bring a small, child-sized indoor plant with a drip tray to care for throughout the school year.

Please also look out for additional information regarding our Halloween celebrations and School Picture Day! It is such a joy to work with your precious children, and we look forward to another month filled with learning, exploration, and growth! Please feel free to email me at kinnari@fvmontessori.com if you have any questions.

October Birthdays: Deacon 4th

Room 4U: Ms. Neranja & Ms. Erika



As the colors of fall begin to surround us, it is wonderful to see how comfortably the children have settled into the new school year! September was a busy and productive month as we established our classroom routines, strengthened our community, and helped each child become comfortable with their daily work cycle.

With October here, we are looking forward to another exciting month of learning! Along with our core Montessori curriculum, we will incorporate fall-themed activities, pumpkin investigations, creative writing, science explorations, and STEM challenges throughout the month.

Language

Students will continue with daily reading, spelling, comprehension, journals, and handwriting at their individual levels.

1st & 2nd Year Students: Articles, adjectives, pronouns, adverbs, sentence building, grammar symbolizing, and continued development of reading and written expression.

3rd & 4th Year Students: Advanced grammar including noun classifications, transitive and intransitive verbs, linking verbs, capitalization, similes and metaphors, symbolizing, and oral book reports.

Mathematics

Our mathematics lessons continue to progress according to each child's individual readiness and ability.

1st & 2nd Year Students: Dynamic addition and subtraction, mental math, multi-digit operations, word problems using the CUBES strategy, and geometry.

3rd & 4th Year Students: Dynamic operations, division, fractions, decimals, multiples, factors, squared numbers, Roman numerals, percentages, angles, and measurement.



Science

- Minerals and Rocks
- Living and Nonliving
- Lithosphere, Hydrosphere, Atmosphere & Biosphere
- Earth's Resources
- Forces and Gases
- Acids and Bases – pH
- Plant Physiology
- Animal Kingdom & Scientific Classification
- Nervous System Research

History & Geography

- Seasons
- Timeline of Life
- Plate Tectonics
- Land and Water Formations
- Sumerian Civilization
- Africa
- Coastlines & Physical Geography
- Historical Timeline Connections & Renaissance Studies



Fall, STEM & Seasonal Studies

October gives us many opportunities to connect the season with our Montessori curriculum. Students will enjoy age-appropriate pumpkin investigations, fall botany, measurement activities, mystery rock and mineral investigations, chromatography, seasonal art and writing, and STEM engineering challenges.

These activities will be differentiated according to each child's developmental level and readiness while encouraging observation, scientific thinking, creativity, problem-solving, and independence.

Art • Music • P.E. Grace & Courtesy

We will continue incorporating art appreciation, seasonal art, movement and physical education with Mr. Jason (FIT KIDS), peaceful conflict resolution, respectful communication, classroom responsibilities, and care of our environment.



Happy October Birthday!

Grant Nguyen – October 16

Jayden – October 30

Room 5: Ms. Gloria & Ms. Navpreet



"The child gives us a beautiful lesson—
that in order to form and maintain our intelligence,
we must use our hands."
— Dr. Maria Montessori



Dear Parents and Families,

September flew by! The children are becoming normalized in our Montessori environment and showing growing independence, curiosity, and enthusiasm for learning. Thank you to everyone who attended Back to School Night, and to the families who donated books from the Book Fair to our classroom library.

October Learning

- Geography: North America—countries, flags, and animals
- Botany: Parts and life cycle of a plant; pumpkin exploration and Jack-o'-Lantern
- Art: Vincent van Gogh and Starry Night; Halloween artwork
- Cooking Project: Making applesauce—ingredients, utensils, and sequencing; recipe card to take home
- Music: Introduction to The Beatles and their music
- Spanish: Colors using Color Tablets Boxes 1 & 2
- Science: Volcanoes and a fun eruption experiment, time permitting

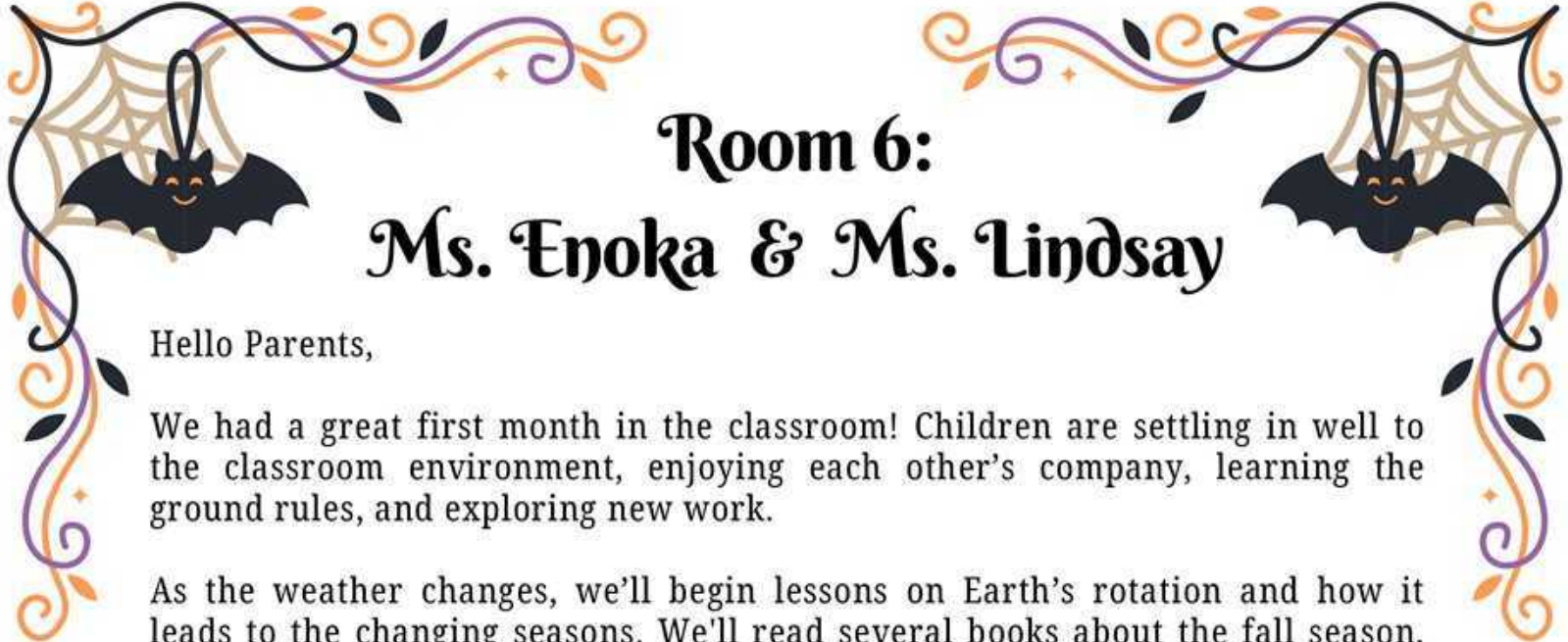
We look forward to a wonderful month of hands-on exploration, discovery, and joyful learning!

October Birthdays:

Kaia - 11th

Legend 12th

Myrah N. - 27th



Room 6: Ms. Enoka & Ms. Lindsay

Hello Parents,

We had a great first month in the classroom! Children are settling in well to the classroom environment, enjoying each other's company, learning the ground rules, and exploring new work.

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 leaf art to reflect the beautiful changes happening outside. We will also begin learning about the primary colors and how they combine to make other colors on the color wheel. We will be exploring Montessori color boxes 1, 2 and 3 as part of these lessons.

In addition, I will introduce the children to the parts of the human body exploring the skeleton, muscles and the bodily functions related to the various parts. As Halloween is approaching, we will also do some fun crafts with skeleton figures.

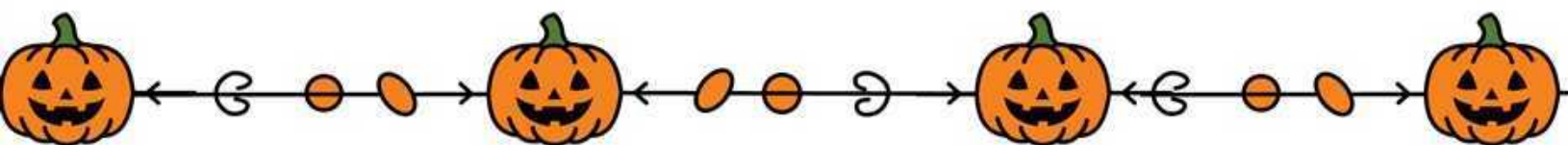
Our Zoology lesson this month will focus on the parts of a fish: head, tail, gills, fins, and scales. If there's time, the children will create a paper fish craft to go along with the lesson.

Our Botany lessons this month will focus on the parts of a leaf.

In Geography, I will introduce the continent puzzle, starting with the beautiful continent of North America. This lesson will include the North America puzzle, 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 pumpkin art with polka dots in the style of famous Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama. We will also explore the parts of a pumpkin and learn about different kinds of pumpkins. The children will get to scoop out a pumpkin to make the class Jack-o'-lantern!

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.





Room 7: Ms. Alicia

Ms. Ana, Ms. Maggie and Ms. Gurpreet



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 "Pumkin Song." I will be introducing "Five Little Pumpkins" using pumpkin cut outs. 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 assistant teachers and I really appreciate it!! All the books will be put to great use since the children will be using them daily.

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

