November 2026 Newsletter

Fountain Valley Montessori

Important Dates:

Wednesday, November 4th - Thursday, November 19th
See's Candies Begins.
ALL forms due on Thursday, November 19th.

Wednesday, November 4th - Friday, November 13th
Canned Food Drive Begins

Wednesday, November 11th
School Closed for Veterans Day

Friday, November 20th
Friendship Feast (potluck)

Tuesday, November 24th
Stone Soup

Wednesday, November 25th - Friday, November 27th
School Closed for Thanksgiving Break

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Ms. Kinnari- November 6th
Ms. Jahaira- November 29th

Cold and Flu Season: The Cold and Flu Season is here. Please follow our school illness policy to ensure our children and staff stay well. Keep all ill children home. If a child becomes ill at school or has a fever, a parent will be called to pick up their child. Children will have to be picked up within 30 minutes of notification. Children must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.

Please keep your child home if they have:

- Had a fever, diarrhea or have been vomiting within the last 24 hours.
- Have green or yellow discharge.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: School will be closed on November 6th for parent teacher conferences. Thank you to everyone who signed up for Parent/Teacher conference! Please note that daycare will be available for your child during your 20-minute conference. If you are unable to make your appointment please call the office or email your child's teacher to schedule a convenient time.

See's Candies: It's time to kick off our See's Candies Holiday Sale!
Buy sweet treats for everyone on your list and share the joy with your family, co-workers, neighbors, and friends! We're so excited to offer our very own online storefront where families can easily place orders for home delivery. You can also purchase multiple items and have them shipped directly to family and friends! **If you would like your order to be delivered to school please turn in your order form by Thursday, Nov. 19th and we will place your order.** Orders should arrive by the ***2nd week*** of December.

Canned Food Drive: Help feed those in need. We will be accepting canned food & non-perishable items now through November 13th. Food will be donated to The OC Food Bank Community Action Partnership.

Stone Soup & Harvest Feast: This year Elementary and all preschool classrooms will be participating in a seasonal favorite. Classrooms will be reading the book "Stone Soup", they will then prep and chop all ingredients on Monday, November 23rd and make their own to enjoy on Tuesday, November 24th.

On November 20th, we will be celebrating our annual Friendship Feast! Please sign up for an item to bring when the sign-up sheets go up. More information will be sent out as the time comes closer.

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Room 1: Ms. Paula & Ms. Vivian

Dear Parents,

November is here! As we welcome this beautiful autumn month, our classroom will continue to explore new and exciting topics through hands-on Montessori activities. The children will have opportunities to develop their independence, curiosity, and love of learning as we discover the world around us.

This month, we will travel to Europe! The children will learn to identify Europe on the continent globe and world map. We will explore different countries, famous landmarks, cultures, and traditions.

In Botany, we will explore pumpkins and learn about their parts and life cycle. Through hands-on observation and activities, the children will discover how pumpkins grow from seeds into mature fruits.

Our Zoology lessons will focus on birds, with a special introduction to turkeys. The children will learn about the characteristics of birds, their body parts, and their habitats.

Our featured musician this month is Céline Dion. The children will be introduced to her music and beautiful voice as we continue developing an appreciation for different musical styles.

Our featured artist is Yayoi Kusama, a Japanese contemporary artist known for her colorful artwork and polka-dot patterns. The children will explore her unique artistic style through creative, hands-on art activities.

In Spanish, we will introduce numbers through songs, counting activities, and interactive games to help the children become familiar with counting in another language.

For our cooking activity, we will prepare Stone Soup, inspired by the traditional folktale. A list of ingredients will be provided for the children to choose from. Each child will have the opportunity to select an ingredient to bring to class and participate in preparing and cooking the soup together.

Friday, November 6, 2026 – Parent-Teacher Conferences

We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress, development, and accomplishments.

Birthdays: Jax: 11/5

Have a safe and healthy Thanksgiving!



Room 2: Ms. Marian & Ms. Veronica

Hello Room 2 Families,

We enjoyed another great month full of learning and adventures. We visited the continent of Australia and watched an educational movie about animals that live in Australia. We learned about the parts of a pumpkin. We had fun carving a pumpkin and turning it into a jack -O-lantern! The children worked on many art projects from creating fun bats, candy corn and making a collage for living & non-living things. We ended the month with a spooktacular day of Halloween celebration. It was so much fun seeing everyone dressed in their costumes. Thank you to all the parents for helping and for attending the event!

For the month of November, we will be diving into the oceans and traveling around the United States as we learn about the 50 states. Be on the lookout for the 50 states song your children will come home singing! The children will watch an educational documentary about North America which will include places of interest and animals of the continent. I will introduce the wrapped yarn resist form of art which will result in a Birch Tree painting. Please be on the lookout for our artful masterpieces!

We will be reading books based on the tradition of giving thanks. The children will learn about parts of a turkey. This is also a perfect month to talk about the values of sharing and giving. I will read to them one of our favorite stories, a book called "Stone Soup". It is an ancient folktale from Europe, and the story is about two travelers encouraging the people of the village to share and care for each other. The children will pick a food item they would like to bring, and we will make our very own soup in class! I will put up the signup sheet with your child's ingredient of choice on the classroom door. We will prepare the soup on Monday, November 23 and will make it on Tuesday, November 24. Please let me know if you do not want your child to participate. We will also have our annual Friendship Feast potluck on Friday, November 20. Please be on the lookout for the potluck signup sheet.

We will be learning numbers for our Spanish class. Our musician of the month will be 'The Beatles'. We will work on a couple of science experiments this month as we make butter from scratch and learn about objects that sink and float.

Along with the fun and excitement of the fall season, we will also begin practicing new songs for December! Can't wait! Please note, the school will be closed for parent-teacher conferences on Friday, November 6. I look forward to meeting with you in person or by phone. Please make sure to sign up on the sheet outside the classroom. We are thankful for the opportunity you have given us to be a part of your childhood journey.

Have a fabulous November!!
November Birthday: Leah G. 12th, Atlas V. 29th

Room 3: Ms. Bea & Ms. Sara

Hello Parents,

We had another month of learning and fun! The children have adjusted well and are benefiting from the work lessons. We learned about parts of a pumpkin and made Jack-o lanterns to decorate our class. We ended the month with our Spooktacular Halloween Parade, and it was nice to see the children in their Halloween costumes!

We will continue learning as we move into November. Our unit of study will be Health and Nutrition. We will talk about the different food groups and the importance of exercise. I will have the children make their own food pyramid for our project for this month. I request you to please send 3 to 4 pictures/magazine cut outs for the four basic food groups. Please send them in a labeled bag and place them in a basket on top of the cubbies.

We will continue to travel the globe and this time we will stay local: we will focus on our beautiful United States. We will travel to some of the states and learn about their unique landmarks. I will introduce the children to the "Fifty Nifty United States song". I am sure they will enjoy singing to it!

This month also gives an opportunity to talk about the values of sharing and giving thanks. We will focus on the tradition of Thanksgiving and do some fun art projects throughout the month. I will read to them one of my favorite stories, a book called "Stone Soup". It is an ancient folk tale from Europe, and the story is about two travelers encouraging the people of the village to share and care for each other. Thanksgiving is a perfect opportunity for the story, and I will also work on a group project related to that story. Please be on the lookout for details in my weekly email.

Parts of a turkey will be our focus for Zoology. We will work with 3-part cards, puzzles and other materials. This month we will be inspired by an American artist Jackson Pollock as we recreate his masterpiece using the unique "drip technique". We will continue to explore another genre of music as we get ready to listen to Frank Sinatra, our musician of the month. "Circulo, Triangulo, Cuadrado shapes in Spanish will be our focus for the month of November.

As the weather turns the corner, I request you to replenish your child's extra clothes with full sleeve shirts and long pants. Also please make sure to supply 3 pairs of underwear so we don't run short of extra clothes. Looking forward to a wonderful month!!



November Birthdays: Kairo 13th, Grace 21st

Room 4L: Ms. Kinnari & Ms. Kaitlyn

Hello November!

It is finally starting to feel like fall outside! Last month was very productive and we could see the children engage in activities throughout the classroom. We are happy to say that we have been building relationships with your children and are making connections! This is helping us discover their amazing personalities.

This month we will be extending our studies on North America with emphasis on the United States of America. We will also learn about the culture and traditions followed by the people and the distinguishing landmarks found here. We will talk about the most popular sports and food items; football, basketball and baseball and hot dogs and burgers, that the entire country enjoys. We will learn the 'fifty nifty' song and will try our best to remember the names of all the states. We will continue to learn about the formation of a lake and an island as we learn about the formation of water bodies and landforms. I am looking forward to introducing parts of a leaf and our study of zoology will focus on parts of a turkey. The children will be learning the names of the Days of the Week in Spanish class.

In addition to our monthly cultural unit, the students will be creating their own fall art masterpieces inspired a Brazilian neo pop artist Romero Britto. The composer for November will be the "King of Rock and Roll" Elvis Presley. We will watch a music video of one of his iconic songs so the children can see his unique dancing style.

We have a unique tradition here at FVM! We will be reading the book "Stone Soup" in class. It is a European folk story in which hungry strangers convince the people of a small village to each share a small amount of their food to make a soup that everyone enjoys. The moral of the story is to teach the value of sharing. The children will pick a food item they would like to bring, and we will make our very own soup in class! I will put up the signup sheet with your child's ingredient of choice on the classroom door. We will prepare the soup on Monday, November 23rd and will make it on Tuesday, November 24th. They will be able to enjoy the soup with their own lunch from home! Please let me know if you do not want your child to participate. We will also have our annual Friendship Feast potluck on Friday, November 20th.



If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at kinnari@fvmontessori.com



Room 4U: Ms. Neranja & Ms. Erika

A Season of Gratitude, Discovery & Growth

As November begins, our classroom continues to flourish with curiosity, creativity, and meaningful learning. Students are strengthening academic skills while developing independence, confidence, and responsibility. This month, we will explore the history of life, early humans, science, and artistic expression while celebrating gratitude and kindness. Our individualized Montessori approach encourages every child to progress at their own pace.

LANGUAGE & MATHEMATICS

1st & 2nd Year Students — Reading fluency, comprehension, spelling, handwriting, and sentence construction remain central. Montessori Grammar Symbols and The Farm introduce prepositions, conjunctions, and interjections according to readiness. In mathematics, students explore skip counting, multiplication, bead chains, the Multiplication Bead Board, squared numbers, and Decanomial activities.

3rd & 4th Year Students — Students deepen grammar, sentence analysis, comprehension, vocabulary, paragraph writing, and editing. Mathematics emphasizes multiplication, division, factors, multiples, squared numbers, and multi-step word problems using the Short Bead Frame, Checkerboard, and Decanomial. Geometry includes classification, area, and perimeter.

CULTURAL STUDIES & HISTORY

Our studies explore the Timeline of Life, early humans, adaptation, tools, and the Fundamental Needs of People. Students will investigate world geography, family heritage, and cultural traditions. Older students will research connections among geography, resources, and early civilizations. During Native American Heritage Month, we will recognize the history, diversity, and living traditions of Native American communities.

SCIENCE, BOTANY & ZOOLOGY

Young scientists will investigate the Six Kingdoms of Life, cells, microscopes, classification, fungi, plants, and animal adaptations. Younger students focus on observation and identification; older students extend their learning through microscope work, scientific recording, cellular studies, and independent research.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH: GUSTAV KLIMT

Inspired by Austrian artist Gustav Klimt and his Tree of Life, students will create artwork featuring swirling branches, autumn colors, gold accents, geometric shapes, and decorative patterns

PRACTICAL LIFE, STEM & CREATIVITY

Weaving, sewing, and sculpture will nurture concentration, coordination, and independence. STEM challenges encourage engineering, creative design, teamwork, and problem-solving. Older students will also explore computer graphics and leadership opportunities.

GRACE & COURTESY: THE GIFT OF GRATITUDE

Through reflections, thank-you cards, and classroom activities, students will practice kindness, respect, appreciation, and thoughtful actions.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

As Thanksgiving approaches, we sincerely thank our wonderful Room 4 families for your trust, encouragement, and partnership. It is a privilege to guide your children as they learn and grow. Wishing you a beautiful Thanksgiving filled with love, gratitude, and togetherness.

Room 5: Ms. Gloria & Ms. Navpreet

"The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence." — Dr. Maria Montessori

November is a time to reflect on gratitude, kindness, and sharing. This month, the children will share what they are thankful for through a turkey-shaped writing activity. We will also honor our veterans for their service. FVM will be closed on Wednesday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day.

Our Montessori Curriculum

- Cultural Studies: We will explore the United States, learn the Star-Spangled Banner and identify the 50 states using the song "Fifty Nifty," and discover California's landmarks, state symbols, flag, and U.S. currency. An educational documentary will conclude our North America study.
- Botany: We will explore the parts of a tree and observe different types of trees.
- Spanish: Shape vocabulary every Thursday.
- Music: Instrument exploration every other week, seasonal songs, and an introduction to different musical genres, instruments, and musicians. Our musician of the month is Aretha Franklin, with a look at Nashville's music heritage and the Country Music Hall of Fame.
- Art: Seasonal projects, including turkey portraits, and an Andy Warhol-inspired Campbell's Soup Can Pop Art activity using watercolors and cylinders.

Important Dates & Activities

- Parent/Teacher Conferences – Friday, November 6: The school will be closed. Please sign up on the sheet by Room 5 entrance. Choose a 20-minute in-person or telephone conference. Daycare is available during in-person conferences. Please speak with me if you need an alternative time.
- Harvest Feast – Friday, November 20: Please sign up to contribute to our potluck when the sheets are posted.
- Stone Soup Cooking Project: We will read Stone Soup, a European folk tale about sharing and community. Children will help prepare the soup by cutting vegetables on Monday, November 23, and enjoy it with their lunch on Tuesday, November 24. Please let us know if you prefer your child not to participate. Thanksgiving Recess: Begins Wednesday, November 25.

Ms. Navpreet and I would love to wish everyone a warm and happy Thanksgiving!
November Birthdays: Alinea: November 5, Keyin: November 9, Raya: November 10



Room 6: Ms. Enoka & Ms. Lindsay

Hello Parents,

With so many events, the month of October passed by very quickly! Children enjoyed all the fun fall /Halloween activities, especially the trick-O-treating, costume parade, and pumpkin carving events. I want to thank you all for the unwavering support given to us by volunteering and contributing in the various ways you did.

This month of November the children will continue learning about the season of autumn, autumn traditions like the harvest season and the harvest festival. I will be introducing the children to fruit & vegetables for our monthly botany lesson with the help of related Montessori materials. Our Zoology lesson will be about the parts of a bird, where I will be introducing the famous bird of the month, Turkey. The children will have a chance to work on various arts & crafts activities, and I am sure they will enjoy them.

For our Geography lessons the children will continue to learn about the continent of North America, with a focus on the abundant animal life and famous landmarks of the USA. Our artist of the month will be the famous American pop artist Andy Warhol. Children will learn about his famous pop art style and get a chance to create a piece of art of their own.

For our music lesson throughout November, we will be listening to native American music.

The Spanish lesson this month will also align with other learnings and focus on the names of fruits and vegetables.

We will continue having our PE lessons every Friday, with stretching, jumping, and running. For the safety of the child please make sure they wear appropriate covered shoes.



Room 7: Ms. Alicia

Ms. Ana, Ms. Maggie and Ms. Gurpreet

Hello Parents,

October has been such a fun and spooktacular month from our pumpkin patch to our Halloween parade! The children looked adorable in their costumes! We learned about the parts of a pumpkin: the vine. leaf, stem, seeds, and pulp. The children enjoyed singing "I'm A Little Pumpkin" and "Pumpkin Song." They had fun making spooky ghosts, creepy crawling spiders, and cute pumpkins. I thank all the parents for attending our Halloween Parade and for helping to set up and clean up for our Halloween potluck.

November brings Fall leaves and lots to be thankful for. Our book of the month is "10 Fat Turkeys." We will be singing fun songs such as: "I'm A Little Turkey" and "Autumn Leaves." I will present "5 Little Turkeys" using felt cutouts. Our color of the month will be brown. I will put out brown paint for easel painting, change practical life objects and line the trays with brown felt. The children will be working on fun art projects, making a turkey (gobble, gobble), and an owl (hoot, hoot) which they will be displayed inside and outside the classroom. A triangle will be our shape of the month.

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

We look forward to a fun filled month and we are so ready for fall fun!
We are thankful for being part of your little one's journey.
Have a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving!

