



# Fountain Valley Montessori



## March 2022 Newsletter

### Important Dates:

Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

Parent/ Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> &  
Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>

Spring Photos!

Room 1, 2, 3 & 4- Wednesday,  
15<sup>th</sup>

Rooms 5, 6 & 7- Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

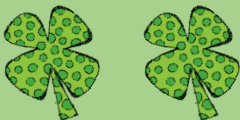
Re-Enrollment Forms Due

Happy Birthday...

Ms. Ana – 8<sup>th</sup>

Ms. Gassia – 11<sup>th</sup>

Ms. Juliana - 18<sup>th</sup>



**Re-Enrollment:** Re-enrollment will be taking place for the upcoming summer and the **2022-2023 School Year** between **Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> - Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**. We offer placement for summer and fall to existing students and siblings first before we open to our wait list. We will be emailing the enrollment packet out.

Please make sure to return your re-enrollment forms no later than **Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

If you require morning or afternoon daycare for your child, this must be pre-arranged with the office. **We do offer occasional daycare at the rate of \$20.00/hr., which will automatically be billed to your account if your child is dropped off before 8:45 or picked up after 3:15pm.** However, we do require that you call ahead and let us know, so that we can make sure that we are within ratio.



## Room 1- Ms. Gassia & Ms. Cynthia



February was a month full of love! Thank you for your enthusiastic participation! The children shared love and friendship with each other. Ms. Cynthia and I would like to thank everyone for the sweet cards, flowers, and chocolates! You are so thoughtful and generous. Thank you PTU for our Rice Krispies treats, strawberries and pizza party for Valentine's Day! The children had fun on Lunar New Year Day, as they watched the dragon parade by the Elementary class. They enjoyed learning about Asia, its countries, and animals.

This month we will be traveling across the continent of Asia into the beautiful coral reef of Australia! We will be exploring the animals, landmarks, and the culture of the continent. Children will be picking their favorite animal and create their own masterpiece using the aboriginal art technique. We will also listen to aboriginal music from Australia. For Spanish class, the children will review colors and shapes. They will learn about parts of a frog and its life cycle for their zoology lesson.

The children and I are hopeful to find the pot of gold left by the leprechaun on St. Patrick's Day. We will be watching out for his shenanigans! Please have your child wear green on Wednesday, March 17th. We will be making a cute art craft to decorate our room and welcome our little green friend.

As you all know, the greatest children's books author, Dr. Seuss's birthday is celebrated worldwide on March 2nd. I encourage the children to bring his books to share and read throughout the month. This is also a great opportunity for us to practice our rhyming word skills! Please be sure to write your child's name on the book they bring.

I look forward to seeing you all on Friday, March 4th for parent teacher conferences. We can also have a phone conference if you please.

## **Room 2 - Ms. Marian & Ms. Juliana:**

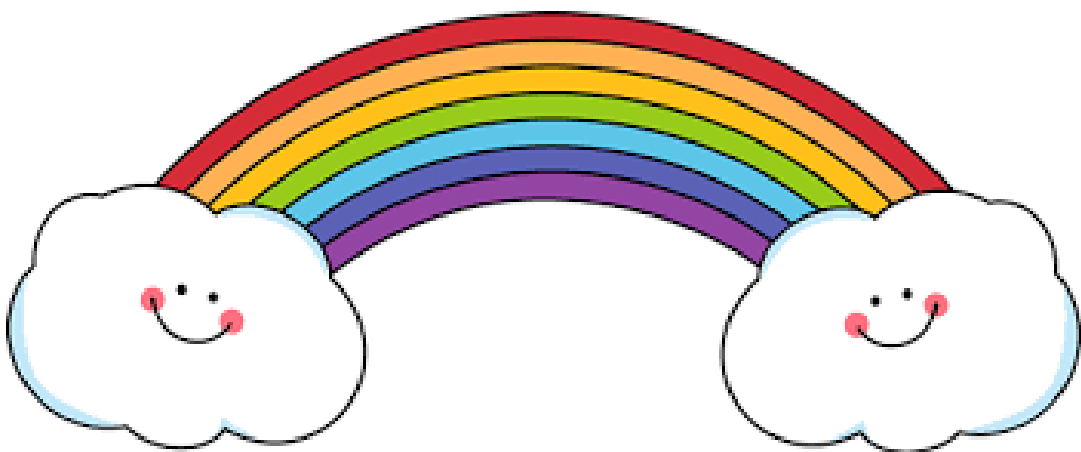
Thank you for making February such a special month! It was certainly filled with love and plenty of sweet treats! We enjoyed discovering the parts of a frog, a tree, and a fish. We also explored the continent of Asia and learned about the Lunar New Year and the customs and celebrations associated with it.

We will be getting right back into the swing of things in March. We will be learning about seasons, and we will visit the continent of Africa. I look forward to introducing the landmarks, the unique animals and talk about the people and their traditions. The children will listen to various musical instruments and to traditional music from Egypt. We will explore the parts of the flower and learn about the life cycle of a frog. The children will be introduced to the unique painting style of Tingatinga, an art form from Tanzania. They will recreate their version of the African sunset.

You can be sure that a little leprechaun will be visiting our class and will be up to some shenanigans this March! Although we never seem to catch him, they always leave a little something behind! 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.

Please make sure to sign up for parent teacher conferences coming up on Friday, March 4.

Looking forward to meeting with you all!



**Room-3 Ms. Bea and Ms. Linh**



February was an enjoyable month in Room 3! We continued to explore the continent of Asia, visited some of the important landmarks and learned about some of the animals that live there. We also learned about volcanoes, and I presented an experiment so they could watch the process of eruption. 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, treats and cards. Thank you 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 learn about some of the special landmarks, the animals and about the people and their traditions. The unique animals of the continent are sure to fascinate the children! We will be talking about Health and Nutrition. We will learn about the different food groups and their role in keeping our bodies strong and healthy. I will ask the children to help me recreate our food group pyramid to display in the classroom. Please be on the lookout for my email with more details. We will be making beautiful Igbo masks, to go along with our study of Africa. We will also be listening to the beautiful sounds of the African drums. We will learn about the life cycle and parts of a frog. Our Spanish lesson will be based on "Frutas y Vegetables" or Fruits and Vegetables.

March will be exciting as we decorate our room with some special St. Patrick's Day art to make our room look green and festive! We might even have a special small green person visit our room! Looking forward to the month ahead with your children.

Ms. Bea and Ms. Linh



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. 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! Our study of biology will be focused on classification of vertebrates, and we will learn about parts of a seed for botany. We will continue our study of landforms and will be making our own books.

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. We will also learn about the famous abstract artwork of Wassily Kandinsky. 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.

I encourage all children to bring items such as pictures, trophies, medals, or books for share day 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 me at [yasminc.fvm@gmail.com](mailto:yasminc.fvm@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like to share information regarding your child.

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

**Important Dates:**

Birthdays: Lauren 3/16, Lynn 3/16,

St. Patrick's Day Celebration- March 17th (Thursday)





## Ms. Neranja & Ms. Erika

*“May the sunshine all day long, everything goes right and nothing wrong. May those you love bring love back to you and may all the wishes you wish come true.” – Irish Proverb*


March always brings the anticipation of spring and quickly reminds us of how fast the end of the school year is approaching. We will start the month by venturing out into various literacy activities to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday which falls on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Not only do Dr. Seuss's imaginative stories make reading and learning fun, but they also spark lively discussions about subjects as varied as conservation, racism, greed, perseverance, and self-discovery.

### Cultural Units

- Cultural Geography: Australia/ Culture /Monuments and Country research
- Physical geography: Types of Weather/ Astronomy Concepts/ Types of Islands/ Reefs
- Botany: Parts of a seed/ Anatomy of a Deciduous Tree/ Anatomy of a Trunk and Dendrochronology/ Types of Barks and Patterns of nature
- Zoology: Life Cycles/ Parts of an egg/ Anatomy of a Bat/ The Animal Underground/ Beaver Dam and lodge
- Creative Writing - Dr. Seuss writing projects/Legend of Saint Patrick/ Limericks.
- Biology: The Nervous System
- History: Ancient Egypt
- Science: Forces of Motion
- Computers: Typing and Publishing
- Peace Education: Polite Ways to Disagree/ Opinions vs. Facts
- Art: Melting Crayons on Canvas

On Friday, **March 4th**, we will be closed for Parent-Teacher Conferences. This is an opportunity for us to discuss how your child is progressing in class and goals for the remainder of the school year. Please be sure to sign up. Our class is going to have a very fun month and we hope you and your family have a magnificent March!

Happy Birthday to Nathaniel Kho-Vigil and Katherine Kim 8<sup>th</sup>, Daniella Mounir 13<sup>th</sup>, Isha and Rudra Butta 20<sup>th</sup>, Jackson Coppin, and Lawrence Renna 30<sup>th</sup>.



Ms. Gloria & Ms. Vivian

I would like to begin by thanking you for showering us with sweet treats and love for Valentine's Day. As we leap into March, our ship is sailing to the Land Down Under! Yes. We are visiting Australia, learning about the country, the people, the unique animals and the life and art of the aborigines. I am sure children will be sharing fun stories with you at the end of the day! Do you know how many teeth a platypus has or how long it takes a Tasmanian Devil to eat a whole chicken? Your child will be able to give you all this information once I give the lesson! We will conclude our unit of study by watching an educational video about Australia. We will listen to Aboriginal music and work on a fun art project inspired by the animals found on the continent.

The children enjoyed studying about various animals last month. We will take this study to another level by learning about Ocean animals. We will also learn their Spanish terms in class on Thursdays.

With Spring around the corner, the children will learn about the life cycle of a hen. We will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2nd. Please feel free to send your child's favorite Dr. Seuss' book any day of the month since we will be reading and sharing with the class at circle time. This is a fun series which teaches and introduces the child to rhyming words. During March, our classroom will be decorated with shamrocks, and we hope to see the leprechaun this time on the 17th, St. Patrick's Day!

I would also like to remind parents that Friday is our Share Day. Children have fun sharing as they experience speaking to a group. Kindly send an item (not a toy) they can show and tell. A share can also be in the form of a skill such as showing a martial art move, singing, dancing, a trophy or talking about a holiday experience. This helps the children build confidence and overcome the fear of public speaking. Allow him/her to place their item in the share basket and kindly write your child's name on it to avoid confusion.

Please note that Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up on Friday, March 4th. Please reserve a time to speak with me in person or by phone. If this day does not fit your schedule, kindly let me know so we can reschedule for another day. I look forward to speaking with you.

Birthdays: Nicolas - 3/11; Emma 3/14; Frank 3/21



Dear Room 6,

The month of February went by so fast! Although it was a short month, we had fun celebrating the Lunar New Year and Valentine's Day.

We will continue our journey through the continent of Asia as we move on to the month of March. Children will learn about the Himalayan mountains, the Great Wall of China, the Taj Mahal, and we will learn about the countries of the Middle East. We will learn about their geographical location, the life of the people, their culture, and explore the wildlife found in these regions.

For our botany lesson, children will learn about the parts of a flower. We are going to dissect a flower and look through a magnifying glass to see the different parts. For our zoology lesson, we are going to learn about the parts of a horse.


The artist of the month is Vincent Van Gogh. We will learn about his work, and I will read to them a short story based on incidents from Van Gogh's life. I look forward to seeing the children recreate their version of the famous sunflower paintings.

We won't forget to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17th! We'll learn about the story of St. Patrick's Day and talk about shamrocks, leprechauns, and rainbows. We also hope to catch the leprechaun before he escapes again this year! The children will learn to mix primary colors and make secondary colors as they paint their own rainbows. Let's hope the rainbows lead us to the pot of gold 😊

Hope to see you all on Friday, March 4th for our parent-teacher conferences.

Thank you!

Mrs. Enoka





**Room 7 - Ms. Alicia, Ms. Michelle, Ms. Lindsay, and Ms. Ana**

Hello Parents,

February was a month full of love! Thank you everyone for showering us with sweet treats, cards, and love. You are all so thoughtful and generous. The children had so much fun in February! They enjoyed passing out Valentines to all their friends and making heart shaped artwork. They loved the book "I Love You Just the Way You Are!" They also had fun painting with the colors red and white to make pink!

We will be going green this month of March. I will fill the shelves with green objects, bowls, baskets and much more for the children to get a concrete, hands-on experience. There will be green everywhere! The children will be making fun artwork, they will be making Lego prints on a shamrock using green paint. How fun is that! They will also make a rainbow collage with colored tissue paper. I am excited to introduce lots of new work this month and I am sure the children will enjoy working with sifting, sorting, and counting... all green of course! Our book of the month will be "Pete the Cat-The Great Leprechaun Chase" and we will talk about rainbows, leprechauns, and shamrocks. I will present the songs "Five Green Shamrocks" and "Rainbow What Do You See?" We will learn the "Rainbow Song" and we will learn about the shape of a rectangle throughout the month.

I look forward to speaking with you for Parent Teacher Conferences on Friday, March 4.

Thank you,

Ms. Alicia

