

January 2022 Room 5 Ms. Gloria & Ms. Vivian

Welcome back! We hope that everyone had a restful and joyous time during the holidays! Can you believe that 2022 is here!! Ms. Vivian and I would like to wish everyone at FVM a happy and prosperous New Year! May the year 2022 be filled with joy, love, and peace throughout the year.

We like to start the year by being thankful to everyone for all the gifts and gift cards that we were showered with during the holidays. We are very appreciative of your love and generosity.

All aboard! We will be visiting Asia, discovering the magnificent Taj Mahal in India, the humongous Sigiriya Rock Fortress in Sri Lanka, the Great Wall of China, and the beautiful Japanese Cherry Blossoms in Japan. Being a native of Sri Lanka, I will give the children a presentation on Sri Lanka and watch an educational documentary about the island, animals, food, clothes, language, art, elephant orphanage and other interesting facts the country has to offer. It is amazing to watch the beautiful giants line up behind each other when they hear a clapping sound!

I am excited to work with the children on Rangoli Art that originated from India. Here is some information: "Rangoli is an art form originating in the Indian subcontinent, in which patterns are created on the floor or a tabletop using materials such as powdered limestone, red ochre, dry rice flour, colored sand, quartz powder, flower petals, and colored rocks". (Wikipedia)

Giddy up! The children will be learning about the parts of a horse and types of horses found around the world. Historically, they have enjoyed making mini booklets and I am hoping that this year is no exception. In Spanish, the children will learn about parts of the body. We will listen to musicians from Asia such as, Ravi Shankar on Sitar and Yo Yo Ma on Cello. The children will also learn about the philosopher, Dr. Martin Luther King. I will read them a story based on his life and work and they will make a bookmark which will encourage them to read. You may use the bookmark during story time at home when you read to your child each night.

To go hand in hand with the unit study of Nutrition, and to promote and encourage healthy eating habits, our children will be engaging in Physical Education weekly. We will perform basic stretches and movement-based exercises every Friday morning. If you would like your child to be excused from the activity, please let me know.

Your child's extra clothes were sent home in December so you may replenish with weather-appropriate, size-fitting clothes.

Thank you so much for entrusting your child's education and care with us. Happy New Year!

Birthdays: Ty -01/02; Cora - 01/25; Riley -01/14; Izzie 01/11

