

Fountain Valley Montessori

April 2022 Newsletter



Important Dates:

Friday, April 8th
Egg Hunt & Potluck

Monday, April 11th
- Friday, April 15th
School Closed for
Spring Recess

Friday, April 22nd
Earth Day
Celebration



Egg Hunt & Potluck: Our annual egg hunt will be held Friday, April 8th. The children will be searching for eggs filled with goodies on the playground. Each class will be hosting a potluck on the same day of 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 11:30. 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 are dropping them off early. All children with food allergies should have a 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.**
- If you have someone other than yourself dropping and picking up your child, they must be on your child's authorized pick-up list.
- Throughout the year, reasons do arise when you may need to have someone who is not on your "authorized pick-up list" pick-up your child. Email the office with the person's full legal name and the date they are picking up your child. They will need to show their ID to the office staff when they come in. Children will not be released to anyone without your prior permission.

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.)



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Room 1- Ms. Gassia & Ms. Cynthia

That naughty leprechaun left our room in a total mess! His shenanigans turned our classroom upside down!! A special thanks to Ms. Jahaira and Ms. Vicky for helping make St. Patrick's Day memorable for all the children at FVM.

The children will be planting their own grass and sweet pea seeds on Earth Day. 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 is such an interesting way to show the children that some vegetables can be regrown instead of throwing them away.

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!

We will hop on our airplanes and travel to 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. The children will have the opportunity to recreate their own beautiful Saharan sunset painting and their masterpieces will be displayed outside the classroom. Children will also learn about African musical instruments and will make their own African spirit shakers to take home.

Spring is finally here! The sun is shining, the flowers are blooming, butterflies are flying, and the baby chicks are hatching! We will be learning about the life cycle of a hen and making a fun craft project. As part of our Spanish lesson this month, children will learn numbers 1 to 10.

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



Hello parents,



That naughty leprechaun left a mess in our classroom! However, the children were joyous to have a green/gold coin to take home. I want to thank everyone who was able to donate to Room 2's WAGS box in honor of 'Sunny the Bunny.' Your help and kind gesture are greatly appreciated!

This month the children loved learning about the seasons, made a hat for Dr. Seuss's birthday, painted the African sunset art, and explored parts of a frog and its life cycle.

It's time to travel to North America to learn about the beautiful continent we all live on! We will learn about the countries, explore famous monuments, and talk about the people and their culture. We will listen to magnificent voice of the queen of soul, the famous American singer, song writer, Aretha Franklin. We will work on one of Georgia O'Keefe's floral art paintings and make our own masterpiece. We will also book the next rocket trip to explore the solar system and learn about planets.

As spring has sprung, we will be learning about butterflies and their life cycle. I have no doubt they will enjoy the art projects I plan to introduce. On Friday, April 8th, we will go on a spring egg hunt, looking for the hidden eggs and bunnies! It will be a fun-filled activity. In observance of Earth Day, on April 22nd, we will discuss the importance of recycling. Plastic bottles will be recycled in our room, which you may practice at home! We will be planting broad beans and will keep them in the classroom for observation. Ms. Juliana will begin her lesson on shapes for Spanish class.

We are looking forward to a month full of fun, excitement, and learning. Ms. Juliana and I wish you all a fabulous Spring Recess!



Room 3 - Ms. Bea and Ms. Linh



Hello parents,

We had an exciting month of March in Room 3! The children enjoyed making fun 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 health and nutrition and about foods that help us keep our bodies strong and healthy. We visited Africa and the children enjoyed learning about the animals found on the continent. We watched an informative documentary about the Hippopotamus, Giraffe, and the African Elephant. We also enjoyed reading some popular Dr. Seuss books such as "Green eggs and Ham" and "Cat in the Hat". Thank you to the children who shared their Dr. Seuss books with us this month.

April promises to be yet another exciting month in Room 3. We will continue to travel across the globe and visit the continent of Australia. We will learn about some of the unique animals native to Australia, such as Koala Bears, Tasmanian Devils, Wombats, and Frilled Dragons. We will also visit some of the important landmarks of Australia. We will be recreating special Aboriginal Art, unique and traditional to Australia. We will also listen to the beautiful sounds of Aboriginal music. We will be learning about Community Helpers and their importance in our community. The children will work on a special art project about their favorite Community Helper! We will learn about Parts of a Butterfly and the Life Cycle of a Butterfly for our zoology lesson. "Rectangulo, Cuadrado, Diamante, Circulo" these are just some of the shapes we will be learning about in Spanish class!

We will plant broad beans to honor Earth Day on April 22, and I hope to be able to see little shoots starting to germinate in a few days. We also have a fun spring egg hunt planned for Friday, April 8th. I have no doubt the children will enjoy it! Looking forward to an exciting month with your children.

Have a nice Spring Break!

Ms. Bea and Ms. Linh



Room 4 Lower Elementary- Ms. Yasmin



Hello Parents,

Happy April! We are so excited to welcome the Spring season to our classroom! It warms my heart to see the children working independently, making great progress socially and academically and being friendly and helpful to each other!

As we move on to the month of April, we will be touring the continent of Africa. We will learn about the physical location, the physical features and the unique flora and fauna prevalent here. We will also learn about the vegetation zones of Africa. In addition, the students will learn about the clothing with beautiful patterns and fabrics used by the people, their food, and the types of houses, especially the ones found in the equatorial countries of Africa. For zoology, we will learn about the largest mammal on Earth, the magnificent African Elephant! As we learn about the animals of the continent, I will be grouping the children into small groups of 2 to 3 and each group will work to research an animal. They will be given a choice of Zebra, Okapi, Hyena, Wildebeest and Cheetah. This will be our first attempt at a group project, and I am excited to see the results! For Science, we will learn about the planets and the solar system. I'm sure the children will love our presentations and science experiments! For Botany, we will be planting our own seeds as we learn about parts of a seed and understand the process of germination. In addition, we will be learning the Hydrologic cycle with science experiments on evaporation. We will also work on story starters based on the Solar system. The children will learn about the artwork of Tingatinga as they recreate his art, and I will introduce them to sounds of a Djembe and Mbira.

Please email me [at yasminc.fvm@gmail.com](mailto:yasminc.fvm@gmail.com) should you have any questions.

I wish everyone a happy spring break!

Thank you so much for all the support.



Important Dates:

Spring egg hunt: Friday, April 8

Spring Break: Monday, April 11- Friday, April 15

Earth Day: Friday, April 22

Spring Break: April 11-15



April Newsletter

This school year has been flying by and we are so excited that springtime is here at last!

Shouldn't we celebrate poetry all year round, not just in April? Yes! We encourage the year-round, life-long reading of poetry. In April, we will be celebrating the National Poetry Month. We will be highlighting the extraordinary legacy and ongoing achievement of American poets. We will be also working on reading/writing Poem- A - Day activities. Save the date for Poem in Your Pocket Day which will be held on April 29. On Poem in Your Pocket Day, people throughout the United States select a poem, carry it with them, and share it with others throughout the day. More details to follow!

Cultural Units:

Botany: Study of Trees with botany impressionistic charts/ Exploring the properties of different soils/ observe a prepared slide of an onion cell through a microscope, Evolution of Birds

Physical Geography: Studying oceans as a part of the Water Cycle/ tectonic plates and the ring of fire.

Geography: Africa country study/State Reports

Biology/ Zoology: Investigating the Respiratory System,

History: Earth's changing Continents/ Ancient Greece

Art: Botanical Illustrations on canvas, acrylic painting on Canvas

Performing Arts: Spoken Poetry

Practical Life: Woodwork

Grace & Courtesy/ Peace Education: Taking Care of the Earth/ Virtues, morals & character

Happy Birthday: Lillian Kim 4/8

Please be on the lookout for the Calendar events for the month of April and have a wonderful Spring Break!

Ms. Neranja & Ms. Erika





The month of March has been a fabulous month as we discussed about Shamrocks and Leprechauns for St. Patrick's Day! We also made a "Cat in the Hat" hat to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and discussed the importance of reading. Thank you to all the parents who met/spoke with me for parent/teacher conferences.

It is time to get off the backs of the camels and climb upstairs on a "Double Decker". Yes, we are travelling to Europe! First stop is 'The Big Ben' as we sightsee on the London bus, moving along The London Bridge, across the river Thames, as we reach Buckingham Palace. Watching the change of guards will be so much fun! Did you know that they change every two hours and cannot move their bodies during that time at all? We will then hop on to the ferry or travel through the Channel Tunnel as we go to the magnificent city of Paris. We hope to climb to the top of the Eiffel Tower and bring home pictures and memories! While discovering the beauty and the world-renowned architecture of The Coliseum and The Leaning Tower of Pisa, we will send you postcards from Europe. What an exciting, fun filled journey it will be! We can hardly wait! Towards the end of the study, we will watch a documentary on Europe, reviewing the places of interest. Please give me your feedback on what your child's dream summer vacation in Europe is!

Our artist of the month will be Van Gogh as we recreate his famous sunflowers! The children will be introduced to Opera Music, which originated from Greece (Europe) when a group of artists and musicians decided to recreate storytelling of Greek drama through music. The children will be learning about parts of a flower for their botany lesson. We would love for you to send any kind of flower from your backyard for everyone to observe. The children enjoy looking at it through a magnifying glass.

Old McDonald had a farm E-I-E-I-O... We will study about farm life and learn about farm animals in Spanish class.

On April 8th, we will go on a spring egg hunt, looking for the eggs the spring bunny has hidden! It will be a fun-filled activity.

In observance of Earth Day, on April 22nd we will discuss the importance of recycling and plant seeds to watch its germination. Plastic bottles will be recycled in our room, which you may practice at home!

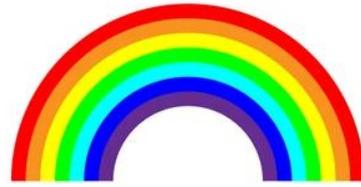
We look forward to a month full of fun and excitement while we learn, and Ms. Vivian and I wish you all a fabulous Spring recess!

Birthdays: Winnie - 4/7; Emi - 4/10



Dear Room 6 Families,

Happy Spring!



With the seasons changing, our classroom is getting busy with many topics related to spring. Last month, children learned the parts of a flower and its importance in our lives as well as on the lives of bees and insects. Children enjoyed looking at the parts of the flowers through the magnifying glass, dissecting flowers and drawing them.

This month I will introduce seeds. Children will learn the parts of a seed and how it germinates into a plant. I will introduce different kinds of seeds and dissect some seeds to find the embryo. I will also introduce the life cycle of a butterfly. Children will be painting butterflies and flowers for arts and crafts.

Our continent of the month is Africa. Children will learn about the fascinating animals that live on this vast continent. We are going to listen to music from Africa as we explore the vibrant life and culture of the people. We will be making Igbo masks for our art class.

We will not forget to our favorite springtime crafts, making beautiful paper eggs and flowers. I will also introduce the life cycle of the hen.

I am excited to introduce the layers of the Earth. This is often an exciting topic for the children. We will be experimenting with our own version of a volcanic eruption as they learn about lava and magma. We will learn about farm animals for our Spanish lessons for the month.

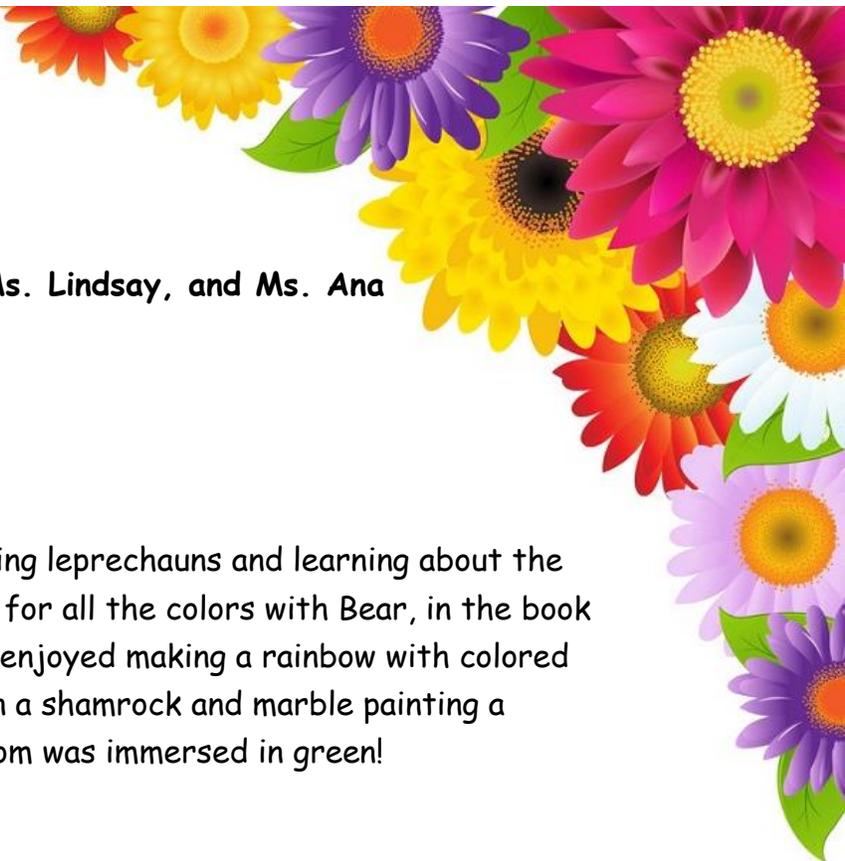
We will celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd by learning about the importance of taking care of our planet. We will talk about the ways in which we can help such as recycling and keeping trash out of our oceans and waterways.

As always, I appreciate your support and cooperation.

Thank you,

Mrs. Enoka





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

Hello Parents,

March has been a bright month of chasing leprechauns and learning about the colors of a rainbow. We had fun looking for all the colors with Bear, in the book titled "Bear Sees Colors." The children enjoyed making a rainbow with colored squares, painting green Lego imprints on a shamrock and marble painting a shamrock with green paint. Our classroom was immersed in green!

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 wonderful butterfly as we explore its life cycle. We will be singing the "Spring Song" and "The Fuzzy Caterpillar" all month and I will present the song "5 Little Butterflies" using felt butterfly cutouts. The children will make beautiful fluttering butterflies and cute bunnies for art. Be on the lookout for their beautiful creations! The Spring Bunny will spread the color purple throughout the classroom for our color of the month! The children will make their own purple by combining primary colors red and blue. How fun is that! We look forward to finding all the hidden eggs on the playground as we go egg hunting on Friday, April 8th! We will learn about the oval shape throughout the month. I am looking forward to an eggciting month ahead.

Have a safe and wonderful Spring Break!

Thank you,

Ms. Alicia

