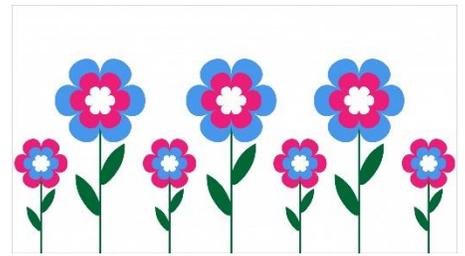


FOUNTAIN VALLEY MONTESSORI

MAY 2022 NEWSLETTER



Important Dates:

Monday, May 2nd -

Friday, May 6th

Teacher Appreciation Week

Thursday, May 5th

Mother's Day Breakfast

Thursday, May 12th

Open House (8:00-9:30)

Monday, May 30th

School Closed in honor of
Memorial Day



Happy Birthday...

Ms. Lindsay – 5th

Ms. Enoka - 11th

Ms. Alicia - 14th

Ms. Erika – 24th

Teacher Appreciation Week: May 2nd – 6th is Teacher Appreciation Week! It will be filled with lots of fun and sweet gestures for our teachers. Let's show our teachers how much we love and appreciate them!

Mother's Day Breakfast: We invite all moms and mother figures to join us on Thursday, May 5th from 8:00 – 9:30am for a special Mother's Day breakfast. We'll be celebrating you and all that you do! Come enjoy breakfast with your child in their classroom!

Open House: On May 12th, we will be hosting an open house for all FVM families. Please come in and see what the children have been up to! Open house will take place at 8:00 and end at 9:30 am. We look forward to seeing everyone!

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 from 8:45 am – 9:00 am. Please note, keeping your goodbyes short and sweet are always requested.

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 picked up after 3:15pm or dropped off before 8:45.** However, we do require that you call ahead and let us know, so that we can make sure that we are within ratio.

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Hello Parents,

I hope everyone had a good spring break. Ms. Cynthia and I had a relaxing time, and we are happy to be back with our precious children in Room 1!

This month we will be traveling to the home of fascinating and deadly creatures such as electric eels, flesh eating piranhas, poison dart frogs, jaguars, and some seriously venomous snakes. This is the Amazon rainforest located in the continent of South America! We will explore the layers of the rainforest and the amazing landmarks such as Machu Pichu, La Mano, Punta Del Este, Tierra del Fuego national park and Tutelar figures located in Chile. We will also be making our very own toucans to decorate our classroom. The children will watch a short documentary depicting the lush landscape and the unique flora and fauna of the region.

I will be introducing the life cycle of a butterfly as we observe our caterpillars turning into beautiful monarch butterflies. For our botany lesson, we will learn about the life cycle of a plant. We will be listening to Latin dance music based on popular dance routines such as the Salsa and the Tango. We will also watch a video of these dances and I hope to be able to teach some moves to the children! We will be making mirror art inspired by a traditional art form and I look forward to displaying them on our art wall outside the classroom! The study of the tropics is incomplete without the mention of tropical fruits. We will make our own popsicles using fruits and I have no doubt the children will relish them! Please be on the lookout for more details regarding this project.

We are extremely excited to celebrate Mother's Day this year and I look forward to seeing all the moms join us for breakfast on Thursday, May 5th from 8:00 am to 9:30 am. The children will be working on a writing project, will make cards and have a special gift for moms in honor of this special day!

Please email me at gkailajian@fvmontessori.com should you have any questions.

Thank you



Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed your Spring Break! A special thanks to our PTU for making the egg hunt such an enjoyment for the children.

April has been full of fun music lessons, P.E, and trips to the library. The students had fun traveling to North America, learning about some of the landmarks, animals and about the flags of the countries. They also liked learning about the life cycle of the butterfly and exploring the solar system.

We are going to be busy with work through the month of May! The students will now be traveling to South America to learn about its countries, the people, and their culture. We will learn about the animals, their habitats and will also talk about the extreme climate throughout the continent. The children will learn about the layers of the rain forest, and they will be watching a movie about the Amazon rainforest, found in countries of Brazil and Ecuador. We will listen to popular music from the continent, and I will introduce some musical instruments from the region. Ms. Juliana is super excited to teach them some Samba dance moves! We are working on a unique art project this month. We will walk around the school and the children will be taking black and white pictures of objects, trees, plants.....anything that catches their attention. I will print their favorite picture and it will be displayed on the art wall outside the room. I am sure the children will have fun exploring!

Who doesn't like popsicles? We will make healthy class-made popsicles using tropical fruits and juice. Yummy!

We will have our own butterfly habitat and that will give us a chance to observe the life cycle of a butterfly by watching the little eggs turn into beautiful monarch butterflies! We look forward to releasing them back in nature. The spring season is also the perfect time to learn about the little critters! We will review the parts of an ant and learn about the life cycle of the hen. For our Spanish lesson, we will learn the names of insects in Spanish.

I look forward to seeing all the moms for our Mother's Day breakfast on Thursday, May 5th from 8:00 am to 9:30 am. The children are busy making something special for your special day.

Please email me at marian@fvmontessori.com if you have any questions.

Thanks





Hello Parents,

I hope everyone had a nice and restful Spring Break! April was an exciting month the children had lots of fun during the Spring egg hunt!! They also enjoyed the delicious Spring Potluck. We celebrated Earth Day by planting our own lima beans. It was a good learning experience to watch the germination process. The children also enjoyed learning about Australia, the animals, and the landmarks.

We will continue our journey around the world as we make our stop in the world's fourth largest continent, South America. Did you know that South America has the second longest river in the world? It is the mighty Amazon River. We will learn about the abundant flora and fauna of this tropical continent, about its beautiful countries and some ancient landmarks. Giant Ant Eaters, Sloths, Armadillos are some of the unique animals of South America that the children will be learning about. Our art shelf will be filled with materials and the children will be excited to make butterflies, toucans, and lady bugs to decorate our room!

Our study of the continent will include learning about the layers of the rain forest, and we will also taste and enjoy some tropical fruits as we make popsicles in class. Please be on the lookout for information about our cooking project.

The Spring season and blooming flowers inspire us to learn about parts of a flower and the life cycle of a flower. This season is also our inspiration for recreating a beautiful masterpiece by Georgia O'Keefe. "La Mesa", "El Sillon", "La Silla", are just some of the names of furniture that we will be learning for our Spanish lesson. We will be listening to Latin dance music based on popular dance routines such as the Salsa and the Tango. We will also watch a video of these dances and I hope to be able to teach some moves to the children!

To celebrate Mother's Day, the children will be busy making cards and presents for the moms and we look forward to having you join us for a special breakfast on Thursday, May 5th from 8:00am to 9:30 am.

Have a great month ahead!

Ms. Bea and Ms. Linh





Hello Parents,

Happy May! I hope everyone had a great Spring Break and enjoyed the great weather. We are excited to be back, and I look forward to seeing the children achieve further milestones.

As we move on to the month of May, we will be touring the continent of South America. We will learn about the physical location, the physical features and learn all about volcanoes. We will focus on the countries of Colombia, Brazil, & Chile and learn about the tropical zones that make South America so interesting. For zoology, we will learn about the toucan, a bird with an exceptionally large and brightly colored beak. We will work on a monart drawing of the same and I am sure the children will enjoy making it. For Botany, we will take a tour of the Amazon Rain Forest. The layers of the rainforest and the different plant species in the ecosystem will be our focus. In addition, we will also be learning about South America's most popular and unique flower, the orchid. I am sure the children will love recreating orchid bouquets as part of practical life. We will also work on story starters based on the famous sport of the continent, soccer. In honor of a very important tradition of celebrating Mother's Day, the children will work on a writing project based on their favorite memories with mom. I am excited to introduce the artwork of Salvador Dali and watch the children recreate a fun surrealist painting based on his style of work. I will be introducing different music from South America, and I cannot wait to make instruments like the maracas with all the children.

Please be on the lookout for details regarding the upcoming Mother's Day breakfast celebration on Thursday, May 5th from 8:00 am to 9:30 am. I hope to see all the moms enjoy their special day.

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

Thank you so much for all the support.

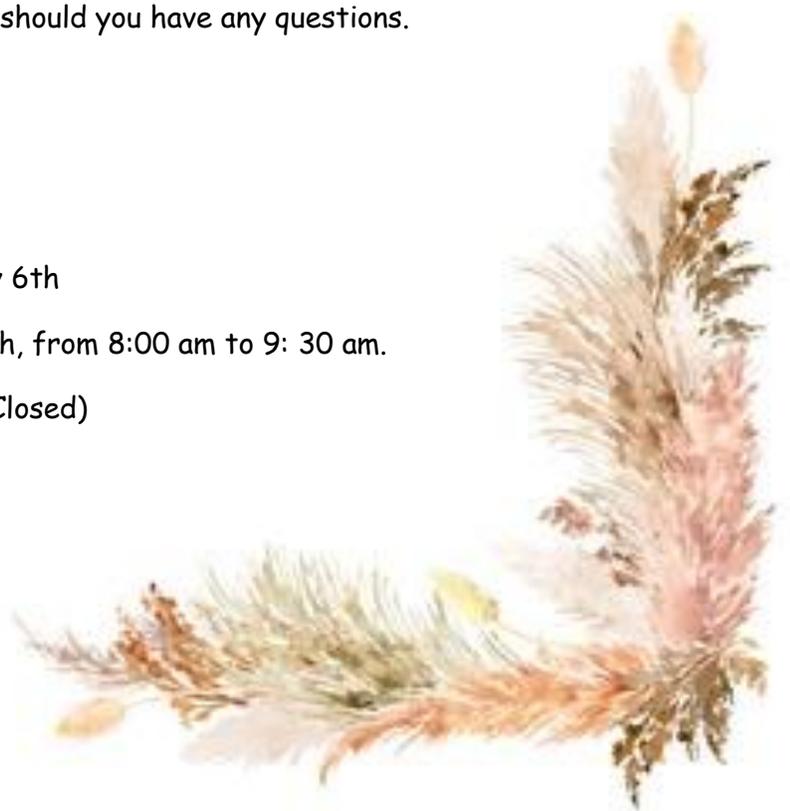
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Memorial Day - Monday, May 30th (School Closed)

Birthdays: Aubrey N. 5/22



May Newsletter: Room 4 Upper Elementary

Happy May! I hope everyone had a good spring break.

April was a busy month, and the children had a wonderful time learning about Earth Day. It was also wonderful to see the young poets in action. The poetry they wrote were so beautiful and unique!

Cultural Units for the month of May:

Geography: To instill awareness of the importance of Latin America and the role it plays in our worldwide globalization, economic and cultural factors in the world.

Creative Writing: My Bucket List activity is a sure-fire way to get kids' pencils flying! Creating lists and then writing from those lists is a tried-and-true inspiration technique that writers have used for ages.

Biology: the digestive system

Botany: Botany impressionistic charts will be continued

Layers of the Rainforest: understand that rain forests have four distinct layers/ study the different animals and plants that live in each layer/ create a class mural showcasing the distinguishing features of each layer in the rain forest.

Art: Life-Sized Keith Haring Art

Performing Arts: Speeches and presentations

PE: Relay Races

Month of May Birthday wishes would go to Madison Huynh 7th, Thien Nguyen 28th, Ella West 23rd and Ms. Erica 24th!

Please be on the lookout for the calendar events for the month of May.

Have a magnificent, and a marvelous May!

Ms. Neranja and Ms. Erica



Room 5 - Ms. Gloria & Ms. Vivian

April showers...bring May flowers! Room 5 is adorned with so many flowers! We are hoping our paper flowers will not wither until Mother's Day! During the month of May, we will be touring the continent of South America, cruising through the Rain Forest, learning about the animals, the countries and about the rainforests. We will discover the layers of the Amazon Rain Forest and watch the magnificent toucans with our binoculars. Our travels will range from Machu Pichu (Peru), Iguazu Falls (Argentina), East to West and South to North. We will learn that the 60% of the Amazon Rain Forest covers the nine nations (Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Bolivia, Guyana, Suriname, and French Guiana). Our art will be focused on the Monart method, and we will be making our own toucans. The children will learn about Ansel Adams, the still life photographer, and his work. We will be looking at objects through the camera lens to capture some photographs involving nature.

Insects, insects, and more insects...We have already started our insect hunts and the children love to observe rollie pollies, (Common Pill bug) during recess. The children will observe the life cycle of a butterfly when some butterfly larvae visit Room 5 soon. The fully grown butterflies will be released back in nature. We will learn the parts of a butterfly and make an art project on its life cycle. They will also learn about the life cycle of the frog during this month. If you hear your child, say the word "predator", do not be shocked as he/she learned it at school 😊. The children will learn about "prey" and "predators" as part of the study of animal lives. The children will be introduced to life saving natural tactics (defense mechanism) some insects have, such as: rolling into a ball, hiding under the shell, the smell of the stink bug, light of the firefly, etc. They will also learn about defense tactics they use to avoid detection (playing dead, camouflage, masquerade, looking a dead leaf).

The music of Tchaikovsky will be heard in our room through the month and the children will learn names of insects for Spanish class.

All the wonderful mothers of FVM are invited to "Mom and Muffins" on Thursday May 5th, 2022, between 8:00 am and 9:30am to celebrate Mother's Day. Also, please save the date and time to attend our Open House on Thursday May 12th between 8:00 am and 9:00 am. Your child will show you, will be giving you a lesson on his/her favorite work and be your teacher on that day!

With the temperature being warm, we will be applying sunscreen on children who stay with us for PM day care, after they wake up from nap time. Kindly provide us with new sunscreen and fill in the necessary paperwork at the office. I also suggest you send lighter blankets and bedding for the warm months ahead.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all the wonderful mothers of FVM a happy Mother's Day!

Thanks,

Ms. Gloria





Hello Parents,

Last month we learned about volcanoes, seeds, and butterflies. Children were thrilled to watch the Volcanic eruption experiment. We also had a very informative and enjoyable discussion about how to take care of our planet Earth.

This month we will be learning about germination of a seed. We are going to observe how this process unfolds, by germinating bean seeds in our classroom. As the spring is in full bloom children will be encouraged to plant some flowers and vegetables in school and at home.

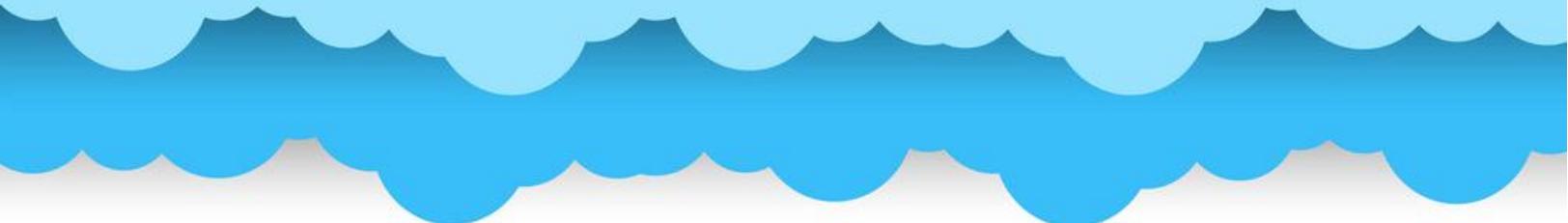
For our zoology lesson we are going to learn all about frogs. I will introduce parts of a frog, their food habits, and the difference between a toad and a frog. The continent we are about to explore is South America. This amazing continent with the rain forest jungle has many exotic and endangered species of plants. I will discuss how important it is to save this Amazon jungle for the people and for animals. Children will learn about the countries of South America and the landmarks.

We are going to celebrate our amazing mothers this month. Children are busy making something special for our mothers (it's a secret). I look forward to seeing all the moms join us for breakfast on Thursday, May 6 from 8:00 to 9:30 am. Our food prep work for the month will be focused on a healthy dish. I am going to make a spring salad with our children, so they can make it at home for their family. Our artist of the month is Henry Matisse. We will be recreating one of his masterpieces. We will also listen to popular dance music from South America.

To all our amazing, beautiful, dedicated mothers I wish you a "Happy Mother's Day". Thank you for all your support. Have a wonderful month of May!

Mrs. Enoka





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

Hello Parents,

April was a hopping month! The children had so much fun participating in our egg hunt. We learned all about "The Hungry Caterpillar" and how he turns into a beautiful butterfly! Our color of the month was a hit! The children are expert purple peepers by now as they can spot purple anywhere in the classroom!

The month of May brings flowers, insects, and the color yellow! The children will learn how flowers grow from a tiny seed and learn the parts of a flower. Insects, insects, and more insects! We will continue learning about different insects such as: ladybugs and bees to name a few. Our book of the month is "The Grouchy Ladybug." The classroom will be exploding with yellow for our color of the month! We will continue to sing our "Spring Song" and I will present the songs "Five Little Flowers" and "5 Little Ladybugs." The children will make colorful flowers, ladybugs and bees for art which will be displayed throughout the classroom. For our shape of the month, we will review all the shapes we have learned thus far, a circle, square, triangle, rectangle, and an oval.

Please email me at alicial@fvmontessori.com if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Ms. Alicia

