

Fountain Valley Montessori

June 2011

"One test of the correctness of educational procedure is the happiness of the child itself." ~ Dr. Maria Montessori

Important Dates:

"Fun in the Sun" Picnic (11:00am - 2:00 pm)

Saturday, June 11th

Fathers Day Breakfast (8:00am - 9:00 am)

Friday, June 17th

Kindergarten Graduation (6:00-7:30pm)

Wednesday, June 22nd

Elementary Graduation (6:00-7:30pm)

Thursday, June 23rd

Last Day of the Academic School Year

Friday, June 24th

* **We are open June 27-30 for those children attending our summer program.**

Happy Birthday...

Ms. Dilusha... June 27th

Teacher Appreciation Week: Thank you to the PTU and all our parents for their support and contributions during our Teacher Appreciation Week. The teachers and staff truly felt appreciated! A very special thank you to Theresa Ho and Jennifer Urian for planning Teacher Appreciation Week 2011. Thank you to Melissa Marsh for catering our Wednesday luncheon and Cali Fraser for offering her esthetician services on Thursday of our Teacher Appreciation Week.

2011 Graduates: Wow how time flies! We are so proud of all of our graduates! We will miss those children that will be leaving FVM and we wish them success and continued growth as they continue their educational careers.



Kindergarten and Elementary Graduation: All Kindergarten students will be honored in a Kindergarten graduation ceremony planned for **Wednesday, June 22nd** from 6:00-7:30pm on the basketball playground. Our Elementary students will be honored in an Elementary Graduation and Promotion ceremony on **Thursday, June 23rd** from 6:00-7:30pm in Room 1 Please look for more details as the dates approach.

Summer Program: Just a reminder that we will be closed for summer set-up on Friday, July 1st. We will be closed on Monday, July 4th in honor of the holiday. We wish all our families a happy and safe 4th of July! The first day of our summer program will be Tuesday, July 5th. Our theme for the summer will be "Around the World in 8 Weeks".

A Reminder of Our Illness Policy: An ill child will not be allowed to enter the classroom. If a child becomes ill at school, a 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. The child must stay home the following school day.

Children may not attend school or will be sent home if:

- They have a fever.
- They have diarrhea or have been vomiting.
- They have a persistent cough and/or nasal drainage that is colored.
- They have an infectious or communicable disease without a doctor's release. (please see your parent handbook for more information)

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From the Executive Director: As the Executive Director, I have the pleasure of spending two days a week at Fountain Valley Montessori and two days a week at our sister school, Montessori of Ladera Ranch. I have truly enjoyed being a part of so many children's lives. I am so very proud of the achievements the students from both schools have made with the guidance of such a loving and dedicated staff. Thanks to strong administrative teams at both schools, my time is largely spent developing curriculum and team building opportunities to compliment the premier programs at each school. I look forward to continuing to lead both schools in our tradition of preparing children emotionally, socially, and academically to take their places as the future of our communities. Thank you for your support and dedication! I wish everyone a wonderful summer and looking forward to seeing you in the fall. For those of you who will be moving on, know that your family will be sorely missed.

Room 1- Ms. Riza and Ms. Jessica: What a busy month May was! It was a pleasure to see all the moms at our annual Mother's Day Breakfast. Your presence and smiles were heart-warming. Thank you to all the students and their families for making us feel very special during Teacher Appreciation Week.

Yes, it is the end of the 2010-2011 school year, but before we say "adieu", here are some final reminders and important events that you won't want to miss:

1. **Science Fair:** Science Fair will promptly start at 10:00 a.m. and will end at 11:30 a.m. on June 2nd. Parents, guests, and students are welcome to check out our thought-provoking experiments. As for our young scientists, this is your time to shine, so relax and enjoy this moment!

2. **Father's Day Breakfast:** FVM will celebrate Father's Day on June 17th. Breakfast will be served from 8:00-9:00 a.m.

3. **2nd Lower Elementary Promotion and Commencement Exercises:** On Thursday, June 23rd, all elementary students are required to attend our annual Promotion and Commencement Exercises. The ceremony will begin at 6:00 p.m. but assembly time is 5:45 p.m. All participants are requested to come on time and will assemble in the hallway by Rooms 2 and 3. In addition, candidates for promotion (1st and 2nd Grades) will dress up in their "Sunday Best" and all candidates for graduation will wear their graduation cap and gown. To the parents of a graduating student, please coordinate with me in regards to ordering your child's cap and gown. Thank you! We are all looking forward to this wonderful and inspirational night!

4. **Final Tests:** Please take note of the final test schedule for each grade level. Pointers for review will be sent home one week prior to the test to give everyone ample time to prepare. If by any chance you don't get the review sheet, please don't hesitate to contact me or ask for a copy.

5. **Progress Report, Portfolio, Notebooks, Etc.:** On Friday, June 24th please don't forget to pick up your child's Progress Report, portfolio, notebooks, extra clothes, and other personal belongings. Ms. Jessica and I will assemble their things to take home together, just bring a bag as there will be plenty for your hands to carry.

Finally, our sincerest gratitude to all of our WONDERFUL STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND FAMILIES, for making this school year memorable, enjoyable and fantastic! I especially would like to thank Theresa Ho for all the help she has extended to me and our class as our room parent this year.

We love you all!

Sincerely,
Ms. Riza & Ms. Jessica

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Room 2- Ms. Stephanie and Ms. Kieu: May has come to an end but not without many fine memories! A huge thank you from Ms. Keiu and I to all of you for the wonderful appreciation we felt during Teacher Appreciation Week. The Mother's Day breakfast was a great morning; the children seemed to enjoy having you there for that special day! Thank you to all the families that came to our open house! It was an amazing time for your children to share with you what their favorite jobs are at school and it was a lot of fun. Last but certainly not least a big thank you to Christie Cho (Benjamin's mom), our room parent this past year. She has helped organize our potlucks and much more! Thank you Christie for all your time and hard work you put into helping our class out this year.

Well, June is here and wow what a wonderful school year it has been! We are wrapping up our discussions on the rainforest along with our country share projects. We had so much fun learning about all the different countries! Thank you parents, for all your support and for helping your children with their projects. They all did a fabulous job! In our final month of school we will be blasting off into outer space. We will learn about the planets, constellations, space travel, and more! On the 17th we will have our Annual Father's Day Breakfast. Hope to see all our dads there! In Spanish we will be reviewing all the words we have learned over the school year. In music we will listen to the smooth sounds of jazz.

This year has been an amazing year. I feel so honored to have been part of your child's early learning experiences. I will deeply miss all our friends that will be leaving us on Friday, June 24th; I'm also looking forward to another fantastic school year with all of our returning friends.

Have a great summer!

- Ms. Stephanie and Ms. Kieu

June Birthdays

Jaylee- 5th Emily- 8th Nolan- 25th

Room 3- Ms. Kellie and Ms. Angela: WOW! Can you believe that June is here! It has been a memorable year full of learning, laughs and love. I would like to thank the families of Room 3 for your trust and support towards Ms. Angela and I. I would also like to give a heart-filled thank you to our PTU room parent Ellen Juge. You have been an asset to our class and we are ever so grateful for all the time you took out of your day to come and help. Thank you! Ms. Angela and I would also like to thank everyone that contributed to our Cinco de Mayo party as well as the love we felt during Teacher Appreciation Week. You will always hold a dear place in our hearts.

So let's end the 2010-2011 school year with a SPLASH! For the month of June, our unit of study will be Sea Life. We will learn about the parts of a fish, whale and shark as well as how they live. We will also discuss how important it is to keep both our beaches and oceans clean and protected for all of the animals and plants that inhabit there. Along with Sea Life, we will be ending our continent of study with Australia. Our composer of the month will be Raffi and for Spanish Ms. Angela will be teaching the children how to say the different names of some sea animals in Spanish.

As we bring this school year to an end, Ms. Angela and I would like to wish the children who will be leaving preschool to move onto Kindergarten the best of luck and the most success in the future. Remember, this isn't "goodbye"; it simply is "see you later"! As for the children that are returning, have a wonderful summer and enjoy having "fun in the sun!"

On a final note, I would personally like to take this time to say a very sincere thank you to Ms. Angela! She has given the children so much love, kindness and patience as well as supporting me 100% over the past three years. Thank you dearly Ms. Angela ☺

June Birthdays: Caden- 3rd Max- 14th
Luke- 23rd Zoelle- 27th

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Room 4- Ms. Paula and Ms. Gloria: We have many heart-felt thanks to express for the month on May. Our favorite day in May was honoring the marvelous mothers at our Annual Mother's Day Breakfast. Also, all the sincere gratitude and appreciation expressed to all the parents, PTU and the administration in acknowledgement of Teacher Appreciation Week. Open House was a great success and it was great to see everyone!

June is the sixth month of the year. Some people say that June was named for Juno, the Roman goddess of marriage. In the northern half of the world, summer begins on June 20th or 21st. In the southern part of the world, this is when winter starts. In our Kindergarten class, Room 4 is where we complete our journey.

In September, we started with the solar system and traveled the seven continents. We will wrap up this fantastic year with "All About Me". This will be the finale of our cultural curriculum. Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, June 22nd for Kindergarten Graduation. As we pass out your child's diploma we will be passing on brilliant light of all the future stars! Each day in June is so precious as we continue we get smarter and smarter and bask in our hard earned accomplishments from this incredible year we've shared. It's "unbelievable and inconceivable" how in a blink of an eye the year has soared by.

In Spanish, we will learn about family members and review everything that we have learned this semester. Our composer of the month will be The Beatles! Thank you to our room parent Minal Mehta. We are grateful for all you have done this past year.

We look forward to seeing all the fathers for our Annual Father's Day Breakfast from 8:00 am to 9:00am on Friday, June 17th. The last day of school for the 2010-2011 school year will be Friday, June 24th.

As always, thank you for sharing your most precious commodity with us.

- Ms. Paula and Ms. Gloria

Our birthday baby dolls in June are...

Talia on the 4th shares her special day with George III (1738), King of Great Britain.

Lucas on the 11th shares his special day with Jacques-Yves Cousteau (1910), French marine explorer.

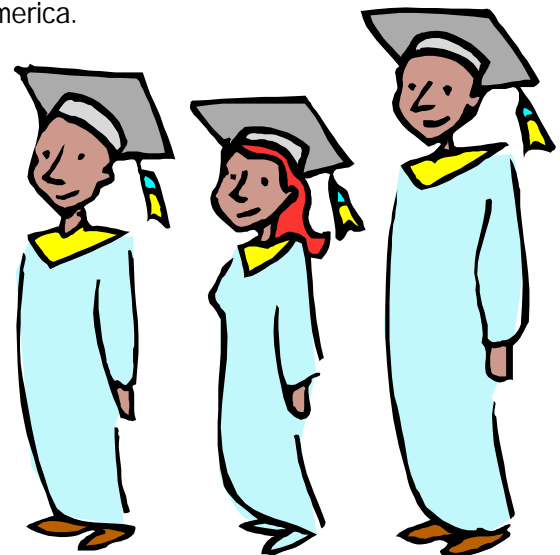
Mitchell on the 14th shares his special day with Eric Heiden (1958), American Olympic speed skater.

Sarah on the 17th shares her special day with Charles Gounod (1818), French composer of operas.

Malia Empremsilapa on the 19th shares her special day with Lou Gehrig (1903), American baseball hero.

Nathan on the 20th shares his special day with Lillian Hellman (1905), American playwright.

Michael on the 21st shares his special day with Daniel C Beard (1850), an early leader of the Boy Scouts of America.



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Room 5- Ms. Leah and Ms. Lindsay: We had a magnificent month of May full of fun activities and learning! We enjoyed hearing from everyone who presented what they want to be when they grow up. We have some great professionals coming to the career world soon! A very special thank you goes to Dylan Summer's parents for making Career Day such a hit by bringing in the ambulance. The children were so excited to learn all about what an EMT does and what is in a real ambulance. We also turned in our first round of recycling and raised \$3.45 for our recycling fund! Thank you to everyone who attended our Open House. It was great to see you all!

It was wonderful to see all the mothers attend our Annual Mother's Day Breakfast. Thank you Ms. Ashley for making the breakfast enjoyable and for making the school look so beautiful for our very special and deserving mothers. A special thank you to all our parents and students for making us feel so appreciated during Teacher Appreciation Week! The last thank you goes out to our room parent Jennifer Urian. Thank you for all your hard work over this past year.

For the month of June we will be learning all about the ocean and the life it holds! If the children have anything pertaining to the ocean, please bring it in during your child's share day. In Geography, we will be traveling to Antarctica for our last continent of study for the 2010-2011 school year. We will be learning the Spanish names for sea life and for music we will be ending the year by enjoying the sounds of Jack Johnson.

Thank you once again for sharing your precious little ones with us. We have truly enjoyed getting to know your families over the past year. We will miss the students who will be venturing on and we eagerly look forward to watching our continuing students grow. Have a happy and safe summer

Happy Birthday:

Alex- June 6th Kelsey- June 16th

Room 6- Ms. Dilusha and Ms. Maggie: The month of May was a busy and an enjoyable month for the children of Room 6. We had our Mother's Day Breakfast and the children seemed to greatly enjoy this special time with their mom's. Thank you Ms. Ashley for putting together our annual Mother's Day Breakfast! The children were also very proud to show off their work and their classroom at Open House. Thank you to all the families who attended. We learned all about community workers/ helpers and participated in discussions of what the children are going to become when they grow up. They also shared what their parent's role in the community is and they made their own community helper booklets. Thank you to Stewart Sherman who came in and did a presentation on Danny Elfman. We enjoyed the discussion and the items you brought in to share with the class.

The cultural unit for the month of June is nutrition. We will be studying the different food groups and how these food groups help our bodies. We will also be discussing the importance of eating healthy meals on a daily basis. The children will be making their own food pyramid in class and we would appreciate if you could send in pictures from magazines of different foods. This will help your child when they make their food pyramid. In Spanish we will be learning opposites and in music we will listen to the music of U2.

Dads, please remember to block your calendars for the morning of Friday, June 17th between 8a.m. and 9:00a.m. for our Annual Father's Day Breakfast.

A special thank you to our room parent, Joanna Lauer. You have been a great asset to our classroom this year.

Please make sure to keep a full set of extra clothing in your child's cubby.

It has been a great joy working with your children this year. We will deeply miss the children who are leaving on Friday, June 24th and we are looking forward to another great school year with the returning children.

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Room 7- Ms. Jamie, Ms. Roseanna, and Ms. Laura: May was fun-filled with exploring flowers and the many different insects that live around us! The children seemed to have fun marble painting bumble bees, making ladybugs and creating tulip handprints. The children also made beautiful butterflies. We enjoyed learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and watching them grow right before our eyes!

We want to thank all the wonderful mothers that joined us for our Annual Mother's Day Breakfast. The children were so excited for this day and worked very hard on their gifts for you. We hope you all had a great time. You definitely deserved it!

Thank you for making Teacher Appreciation Week a time we will always remember. You were all very generous and we really felt the love.

Open House was such a fun night and we hope you enjoyed seeing the children's artwork as well as the work they do each day.

During the month of June, our classroom will be exploring all the creatures that live in the ocean! The children will learn about sea animals. There will be many fun art projects as well as a few surprises for the children to enjoy. On Friday, June 24th (the last day of school), our classroom will be celebrating the end of the year with an "Under the Sea" party! To make our party even more special, we will be making t-shirts that the children will wear that day. The cost of the t-shirts will be \$5.00 per child and the money is due by Monday, June 6th. Please turn it in to the classroom teachers. There will also be a potluck sign-up for this special party.

We look forward to seeing all the fathers on Friday, June 17th for our Annual Father's Day Breakfast between 8:00 - 9:00 am. Our composer of the month will be Raffi and in Spanish we will be learning the names of sea life.

A special thank you to our room parent, Beanca Chu for all your help and support over this past year.

Reminders: Now that the sun is shining bright, please make sure your child has sunscreen for us to apply daily.

Happy Birthday: Emma V.- 1st Andrew C.- 19th

