

Ventura Montessori School

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MONTESSORI NEWS

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Welcome New Students!

Sienna and Luka Mody

Jack Nelson

Aakash Sihota

Leo Wilde

Mrs. V.J.'s Corner

Specially for parents:

Please remember, lessons start promptly at 9:00am. You do not want your child to miss out on the daily presentations and instructions. Quite a few of the students walk in anywhere from 9:00 to 10:30. When children walk in late it is a disruption to many of the other children who are trying their best to stay focused, besides making your own child nervous and lost. Please respect this situation and make sure your child is in the classroom at 9:00am or before. I would very much appreciate this. Thank you.

Please remember to sign in and out your child every day. I have noticed there are a few who neglect to do this in spite of the notice that is up on the Bulletin Board as a reminder. Please comply with this state regulation. We do not want to be cited for this violation. Thank you. Lunch/Snack: As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we would be very glad to warm up any food that you pack for your child, but please do not send food that needs to be cooked in the microwave. You could pre-cook and pack in a thermos or in a microwavable container, so we can warm up. Also please remember to pack two napkins, preferably cloth, plus necessary utensils. Thank you.

General Hygiene: Many children forget to wash hands after using the toilet. Please reinforce this habit at home as well. Thank you.

Please allow your children to feel good about their accomplishments, like carrying their lunch boxes, hanging their own jackets and sweaters, dressing themselves, tying shoe laces and putting away and cleaning up after themselves. Best gifts you can give your child:

Show them respect

Show them responsibility

Allow them to be independent

And let them grow up!

Little Beginnings have Great Impacts in Life.

Mrs. Brunger's Corner

November is a time of giving thanks and appreciating what we have. We will be discussing what we are thankful for and how we can help others. We will be learning about the First Thanksgiving and making some fun holiday projects.

We are continuing to work on classroom etiquette and personal hygiene. Please reinforce this at home.

The holidays are almost here. It's time to start practicing for our annual program. You don't want to miss this fun event. It is such a special night for everyone.

I would like to thank all the parents and students for all the thoughtful cards and gifts for my birthday. It was a very special day.

Best wishes to all of you; and your families during this holiday season, and a healthy, happy New Year,

Peace on Earth☺



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Madison Lopez – November 7
 Thatcher Eaton – November 14
 Cassie Crisp – November 21
 Calvin Thomas – December 4
 Maisie Hatler – December 29

Congratulations to Cassie and the entire Crisp family on the newest addition, Tristan Crisp



EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

It is imperative that parents keep the school up-to-date with current phone numbers (work, home and cell) where parents/guardians can be reached at all times. Remember, your child is counting on you!

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU CONTACT THE SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY IN THE EVENT OF A CHANGE OF ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT FOR ANYONE LISTED ON THE EMERGENCY FORM.

PLEASE BE SURE TO KEEP THIS INFORMATION CURRENT!

NO-TOYS / SHARE DAY

Please instruct your child that the school does not allow toys of any kind to be brought to the classroom. Each child is given the opportunity to share items from home. We encourage sharing of educational materials such as books, CDs, travel souvenirs, or science and nature items. Children may bring a pet (please clear ahead of time with the teacher). All items should be labeled with your child's name.

RECOMMENDED READING FOR PARENTS

It is highly recommended that parents of children enrolled in the Ventura Montessori School familiarize themselves with the general Montessori philosophy in order to produce a total environment which corresponds with the natural development of the children. Two books are highly recommended for parents: *The Secret of Childhood* and *The Absorbent Mind* by Maria Montessori. Check with your local library for these and other books relating to the Montessori method.

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES –

November 17, 18, 21

In November of each year we conduct parent-teacher conferences. Conferences are scheduled for 15 minutes for each child. We feel that the parent-teacher conferences are invaluable aids for parents as well as the teachers and this type of communication between home and school is beneficial for the children. We would appreciate it if you sign up immediately when the time arises. It is the policy of the school that conferences are held with parents at scheduled times twice a year AND at any time that either the school or parents feel a conference is necessary. In order to have a successful conference, it is important to meet with your child's teacher without any children present. These days are half-days and pick up is at noon.

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OCTOBER FUN

Halloween Parade and Party



Pumpkin Patch Field Trip



Family picnic at Arroyo Verde Park in September



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Open House

December 8th at 9:30 am



Only 8 More Open Spots in Ventura Montessori School!

If you know families interested in Ventura Montessori, this is a great opportunity for them to see what the school is about – please invite them!

Thanksgiving Celebration

Tuesday, November 22nd

Each year, VMS students and teachers celebrate Thanksgiving on the day before Thanksgiving break. This year it is Tuesday, November 22nd - this day is also a half-day.

Traditionally, each family contributes food and drinks to this celebration. Look for a sign-up sheet soon!

Winter Holiday Program

Friday, December 9th at 7:00 pm

In the Church Sanctuary

Please invite your extended families and friends to enjoy this fun evening!

A DVD of the Holiday Program will be available for purchase.



Fundraisers

The annual budget includes a fundraising goal to help meet the projected annual expenses. Families are encouraged to actively participate in all areas of fundraising, donating cash, giving of time and energy and providing creative ideas for fundraising events. In addition, we are a non-profit organization and your family and friends may make a tax-deductible donation to our school. Please contact a Board member for more information about tax-deductible donations.

Employer-Matching

Some companies offer a matching option to employees that donate to charities of their choice. If you are eligible for any corporate match, or are able to give through your employer, please consider Ventura Montessori School.

We are a non-profit. Our tax EIN# is 95-2671590

Thank you for your generous contributions.

Fresh & Easy Shop for Schools Fundraiser

January 16th, from 4-8PM, is our school's Fresh & Easy shopping night. 5% of the total sales from our local Fresh & Easy store at 5101 Telegraph Rd go to Ventura Montessori School. However, to be eligible to receive the donation, we must have 5 parent volunteers helping at the event.

Every year between September 15 and December 31, we will receive \$1 for every \$20 spent at a Fresh and Easy store. Please collect your receipts from purchases made at ANY Fresh and Easy store.

Parents' Coffee Social

8:45am-10am

November 16

December 2

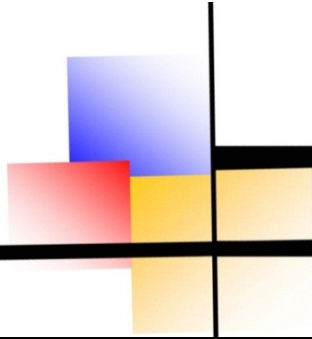
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