

Montessori Fun Time

March Newsletter



Can't believe March is already here! It seems like the months are flying by much too quickly. February was a flash and we are sure summer will be here in the blink of an eye. We are delighted with the progress of all our children at this point. Our staff feels so fortunate to have such delightful, bright and beautiful children. We also appreciate all of our parents' effort in our behalf. Your participation and communication makes our job so much easier!!

We would like to thank all the parents for making our Valentine's Party a special day to remember. The children had a wonderful time. The pictures are on Picasa for you to see!!!


March presents another fun filled and busy month in our programs. We will continue to fill the student's days with a combination of learning, activities, educational games and many other events.

- **Dr. Seuss's Birthday:** **Read Across America Day** You would not, should not, want to miss a celebration such as this. **March 2nd** is Dr. Seuss Birthday and we will be reading LOTS of Dr. Seuss that week. Don't forget to read to your children at home. Also please bring in to school any Dr. Seuss books that you have at home to share with your friends in circle time that week!
- **St. Patrick's Day:** **We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day on Monday, March 14th.** **Mobile Gymnastics program will be at Montessori funtime.** Don't forget to dress your little ones in **GREEN** for St. Patrick's Day. Feel free to pack green snacks for your child or for the whole class. The teachers will make this an exciting day for all the children. We will celebrate with lots of fun games and green things☺. Of course we will have a great St. Patrick's Day complete with the "gold-hunt". The children love this adventurous treasure hunt! This is **Kids only event** at their regular schedule and session day.

- **Changing weather:** All children should bring a sweater or jacket with them each day since the weather is so unpredictable. **Make sure that your child's name is clearly labeled on the tag of the garment.**
- **Daylight Saving Time:** Don't forget *Daylight Savings Time* starts this year on Sunday **March 13** at 12:00AM. Did you know that the change to Daylight Saving Time allows us to use less energy in lighting our homes by taking advantage of the longer and later daylight hours? So set those clocks ahead one hour to remember!! **"Fall Behind, Spring Ahead"**
- **Enrollment for September:** We are already looking into our next school year. Many kids will be graduating from Montessori Funtime to KG program. We will have a graduation ceremony for our graduates in June. We would like to know if your child will be continuing our program in summer (July, August) and afterwards for 2011-12.
- **BIRTHDAYS:**

Happy Birthday to Alexander on March 2nd!
Happy Birthday to Sean on March 8th!

*** Please remember that if you would like to celebrate your child's birthday in the preschool, please talk with the teacher one week in advance of the day you would like to have the Birthday. She will provide with more information.(We have a **NO NUT POLICY** for Potlucks and Birthdays due to children allergies).***

- **Drop off and pick Up times:** Please at drop off, be **punctual** as it can be disruptive to the children doing their regular Montessori jobs. A quick goodbye will ultimately make separation much easier! So please also be there on time for pick up.
- Always **Sign in and Out** your child from the school. This is a **requirement** for the preschool. It is also very important for us to keep track of your child's attendance days and hours.
- **Lookig Ahead**  **Easter Party:** Our students will celebrate Easter in the school with Egg Hunt, a special potluck snack, and pictures with Mr. Bunny!!

In this month, along with the regular Montessori curriculum, children will learn about:

Spring, St. Patrick, Shamrocks, Ireland

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| Practical Life | Use of Forceps |
| Sensorial | Smelling Bottles |
| Language | Sounds of the Letters Ongoing Reading Level 1 books |
| Math | Concept of Numbers, Tracing Numbers Decimal Tray |
| Science | Germination of a Seed |
| Geography | Ireland |
| Art | Quatrefoil and Clover, Rainbow, Gold pot projects |
| Botany | Seeds we eat and seeds we don't eat Shamrock |
| Zoology | Frogs and Parts of Frog |
| History | Daylight Saving |

****Events in Orange County:**

Festival of whales: March 5-6, 12-13, 2011

At Dana Point Harbor, Dana Point, Tel: 949-472-7888.

For more info, visit:

<http://www.dpfestivalofwhales.com/home.html>

St Patrick's Day Festival: March 13, 2011

9 am - 4 pm in Orange County Market Place, Costa Mesa, CA

For more info, visit:

<http://www.ocmarketplace.com/pdf/2011%20St%20Patrick's%20Day%20Festival%20Flyer.pdf>

