

MONTESSORI OF LADERA RANCH



2017



Thank you to all parents who attended our **Back-to-School Night**. Now that you understand how and why we do what we do, we are certain we will be able to work together to educate and care for your children. If you missed this special night, please note that we will have Parent/Teacher conferences on November 3rd. Look for the sign-up sheets posted in front of your child's classroom two weeks prior.

Tuition Reminder- Please keep in mind that tuition is due between the 15th and 20th for the following month. For example, November's tuition is due between the 15th and 20th of October. A late fee will be assessed to all

payments received after the 25th.

MOLR Costume Parade/Potluck Party – Tuesday, October 31st. It's time to preview those Halloween costumes before All Hallows' Eve! Please send your child dressed in their costume in the morning with their clothes on underneath. The school strongly **DISCOURAGES** costumes that may be scary or offensive to others! **Please** do not allow your child to bring a mask or weapons of any kind. Preschool and elementary parents are invited to attend our annual Parade and bring their cameras. Any parent who can volunteer to assist with the Parade and Potluck is most welcomed. Please see your room parent to sign up to be a volunteer in your child's classroom. Following the Parade, the children will change out

of their costumes and enjoy lunch in their classroom. Please watch for more information from your child's teacher.

Medicines at school: We do administer medication; however, proper procedures must be taken. We will only administer **prescription** medication to children who have been free of symptoms for 24 hours. All medications must be clearly labeled and taken home each day. The medication log must be completely filled out by the parent in the office. When listing the "time" to give medication, please do not write "as needed." Our licensing agency dictates that you have to be specific as to when and why the medication should be given to your child. Medication is only given at 12:00 noon and 4:00 PM. Please do not leave your child's

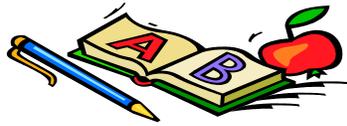
medicine in the lunch box. Thank you for your cooperation.

It is a mandatory State requirement that each child's daily arrival and departure be noted in the *Sign In/ Out Keypad*. *Please do not allow your child to check themselves in/out. This is a legal document and must be treated as such.* Please inform us in writing if anyone other than the parent will be picking up your child. Also, if you are not reachable at a number that we have on file, please make sure you notify the office in the morning.

Absent children -if your child is going to be **absent** due to illness, vacation, or for any other reason, please notify the office in the morning.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held Friday, November 3rd. School will be closed on this day. However, daycare will be provided during your conference time. This is an opportunity for parents to ask questions about

your child's progress and also review the materials in the classroom. Please watch for the individual sign-ups.



Upcoming Events:

Veterans' Day Recess
Friday, November 10th
School Closed

Thanksgiving Feast
Thursday, November 16th
(All preschool and elementary families are welcome to attend.)

Thanksgiving Recess
Wednesday,
November 22nd, school
closes at 3:00 PM
Thursday and Friday,
November 23rd and 24th
School Closed



News from the PTU
Kristin Taylor

Hello and happy October!

Halloween is here and the PTU has been busy at

work planning a fun and exciting month for our kids! Our Halloween Parade and Potluck will take place on October 31st; sign up sheets for potluck items will be posted the week before. Also this month, we'll be partnering with Operation Gratitude to share some Halloween treats with our hardworking troops overseas. Your room parents will follow up with more details soon.

It's time to open the library! If you're interested in signing up to be a library volunteer, please use the sign ups posted on your classroom door. There will be plenty of opportunities to volunteer, and we hope you're all able to enjoy this part of the classroom experience with your child.

Mark your calendars with a big pizza emoji for Tuesday, October 17th! MOLR and Selma's Ladera Ranch are fundraising, and 20% of all MOLR purchases come back to the school, including carry out orders. If you're a pizza fan (who's not a

pizza fan!)) plan to have dinner with Selma's and support our school.

It was wonderful seeing some of you at Back-to-School Night. As mentioned, our first PTU meeting is Wednesday, October 4th, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in Room 7. Childcare will be provided and we'll be discussing our upcoming holiday parties and choosing room parents. We hope to see you there.

And finally, don't forget that Fridays are School Spirit days! Please send your child to school in their Montessori of Ladera Ranch tee.

If you have any questions at all please don't hesitate to reach out to your room parents, or me at: ptu@molschool.com.

Room 1
Ms. Karen, Ms. Perla,
Ms. Isabelle, and
Ms. Jocelyn

First of all, thanks for your attendance at Back-to-School Night. It was

swell chatting with everyone!

October is here and I do so love this time of year. It's time to dig out the wristwatch with the jack o' lantern face and put batteries in my light-up spooky handbag. We also have so much fun in Room 1 with our seasonal finger plays and art projects. The Color of the Month is, of course, orange and the Book of the Month is a perennial favorite called The Big Pumpkin by Erica Silverman. It comes with a sing-along CD and is a charming operetta focusing on cooperation among various Halloween creatures, resulting in a party complete with pumpkin pie. And even though we have a no-sugar policy, we'll satisfy our sweet tooth with a blast from the past as we introduce *On the Good Ship Lollipop* (Lyrics and Music by S.Clare/R.Whiting) as our Song of the Month.



For those parents new to our school, we have a costume parade on Halloween. In the past, the children in Room 1 did not wear costumes for a variety of reasons including difficulty with potty training someone in a dinosaur suit, princesses tripping on their tutus on the playground, and the fact that many young children simply don't like to dress up or are frightened of their peers and/or teachers in a costume. However, if your child wants to wear a costume on Tuesday, October 31st, go for it. Put street clothing on under the costume because it will be removed mid-morning. Please do not FORCE your child to wear a costume and refrain from masks or head coverings. And please don't wear anything scary. I'm old and I frighten easily. All the Room 1 children will watch the preschool and elementary costume parade (allowing us enough distance for those children who might be a little uncertain of the whole process). We will also have a potluck lunch

on that day and more details will follow closer to the end of the month.

Our school year is off to a smashing start. Please remember that I am always available to chat via phone or email if you have any questions/concerns.

Happy Birthday to Sienna!

Room 2

Ms. Zyerie and Ms. Jade

We had an amazing first month of school! It was great seeing you all at Back-to-School Night. The children enjoyed the unit "All About Me." They also showed great interest learning about the apple, especially tasting the delicious mini apple pies they made. Their splatter painting was a first work of art of which to be proud. Ms. Jade and I are excited to continue our learning exploration this month.

The unit will be Seasons. We will discuss the characteristics of each season and become familiar with the

appropriate clothing for each one. For Botany, we will be learning about the Life Cycle of a Pumpkin, as well as its parts. The children will have an opportunity to try pumpkin pie after learning about the pumpkin.

Our adventure around the world will begin with our Golden State, California. Famous monuments and popular animals will be introduced.

Our composer of the month will be Mozart. Our outside wall will display artwork inspired by Van Gough.

I can't wait to see all the children in their costumes on Halloween (please, no props). I hope you can join us for our trick or treating event and potluck!

Friendly reminders:

- Bring a potted plant
- NO water bottles

Happy Birthday to Krithik, August, and Oliver.



Room 3
Ms. Nataly and
Ms. Linda

Happy Fall! It has been so wonderful getting to know you and your child. Thank you for attending our Back-To-School night. Ms. Linda and I really appreciated you taking time to be there.

As September came to an end, we finished up with our *All About Me* Unit. We learned about the different parts of the body—where they are and what their function is, as well as personal physical traits. The children are continuing to become normalized in the classroom and are doing a fabulous job using their manners and respecting

their environment, peers, and themselves. I am so proud of each student for working so hard this first month back to school!

We have a very fun-filled month ahead of us. We will be starting our study of Geography as we learn all about *Where We Live*. This is different than our North America unit, as we are focusing in on our state, county, and city. We will learn to recognize California's State Flag, Flower, Bird, and the State Seal.

With Halloween this month, our Botany study will include the Life Cycle of a Pumpkin. We will be dissecting a pumpkin to understand the different parts, use our senses to explain what we smell, feel, and even taste after we bake the seeds and taste pumpkin bread. We will be decorating pumpkins that will be picked from our MOLR Pumpkin Patch, and doing a lot of fun art projects to transform our classroom into a *fall frenzy!*

The artist of the month is Edvard Munch. We will be recreating *The Scream*, using watercolors and pastels. Be sure to acknowledge your child's masterpieces on the outside classroom wall. They work so hard all on their own creating them!



October 31st will be our Halloween Potluck and Parade. We do encourage your child to wear a costume! Please refrain from bringing any props to school, and please have your child dressed underneath their costume. Information regarding the potluck and a sign-up sheet will be posted on our door. In addition, we will be reading the favorite story among the children, Big Pumpkin by Erica Silverman.

Please keep our Unit of Studies in mind when allowing your child to choose a share for Share Day. It is a great learning experience when we can tie in the object to our lessons. Books, of course, are always a favorite and read to the class during circle. Belongings are only to be brought in on Share Day; anything brought outside of this day, will be kept outside of the classroom as they become a huge distraction.

As the weather is changing and cooling down, please remember to send your child with a jacket. Sick season is already among us, so let's prevent as many colds as possible!

Thank you all for participating in our monthly snack sign up. If you did not get a chance to make it out to Back-to-School Night and have any questions regarding the material and/or daily routine, please don't hesitate to ask!

Happy birthday to Nicholas! We'd also like

to welcome Dylan to Room 3!

Thanks and have a wonderful month!

Room 4
Ms. Megan and
Ms. Brittany

One month down! Thank you all for coming to Back-to-School Night! It was really a pleasure and we appreciate your support! Thank you, also, for your generous contribution of books to our classroom!

The children are really acclimating well and Ms. Brittany and I are so pleased with the progress from the students.

Like September, October will be filled with much excitement and learning! We will continue to discuss all the seven continents on Earth and where we live. Towards the end of the month, we will get started on studying the continent of North America. For Botany this month, we will be learning about the

Parts of a Pumpkin. We have materials for the children to explore the parts, as well as its life cycle.

Our Artist of the Month will be Vincent Van Gogh. We will also be listening to music by Beethoven.

On Tuesday, October 31st, we will have our Halloween Potluck and Parade. All of the children are invited to wear a costume to school.

Happy Birthday to Madison and Jonah!



Room 5
Ms. Indigo and
Ms. Veronica

The first month of the school year is now over and we enter one of my favorite months, October. We had a wonderful transition into the school

year and the children are now starting to show off their personalities and create great relationships with their peers. Before we start discussing all the fun things that will happen in the month of October, I want to thank all of the parents who attended Back-to-School night. I hope that you were able to understand the wonderful environment that Maria Montessori has created and that we as teachers continue to follow!

October is one of our most popular holidays due to our fun Halloween Parade and Potluck. In honor of October and Halloween, our classroom will be prepared to fit the festivities with fun Halloween-themed work and class décor. We will learn some history of where Halloween originated, discuss the Life Cycle of a Pumpkin, and listen to Michael Jackson's *Thriller*. We will be having a Pumpkin Day for the preschoolers to select their very own mini pumpkin to decorate and take home. In honor of spooky and slimy things,

we will be learning about Parts of a Frog. Also, we will be introducing planet Earth and discussing that we are citizens of the world. The artist of the month is Henri Matisse.

This month our Halloween Parade will be held on Tuesday, October 31th. The children get to wear their costumes and walk around the plaza to collect treats. A pair of extra clothes would be recommended. There will also be a potluck afterwards, where the parents are welcome to be a part of the celebration.

Happy Birthday to Ahana, Kane, Dylan, and Braydon

Room 6
Ms. Michelle and
Ms. Jasmine

It was so wonderful to see all of you at Back-to-School Night and give you a better understanding of what your child does throughout the day. They are all adjusting well and we have truly enjoyed spending our days with them. We

would also like to thank all of you who donated books to our classroom. We will enjoy reading them to the children and I know they will love all of the new stories.

As well as our continued work on math, language, handwriting, and reading, we will continue learning about the continent of Europe. We will be listening to beautiful jazz music, as well as some spooky songs thrown in here and there. For our cooking project we will be making pumpkin bread.



On Tuesday October 31st, we will be having our annual Halloween Parade and Potluck. Please have your child wear their clothes under their costumes so they may change later. Make sure the costumes are not scary and please no weapons of any kind at school. We will be providing goodie bags for

the children so it is not necessary for them to bring one. This is a fun-filled day and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. Rooms 6 and 7 are also planning a field trip to Irvine Park's Pumpkin Patch. If you have not filled out a permission slip for the field trip, please let me know and I will get one for you. We will be posting more information regarding the field trip, as well as the potluck, on our parent board later this month.

We would like to welcome Lilah to our Room 6 family and happy birthday wishes go out this month to Smith and Lilly.

Happy Halloween!!



Room 7
Ms. Bre and Ms. Sarah

Happy October everyone! We cannot believe that September has ended and

the first month of school is actually over! Thank you to all the parents who made Back-to-School Night. We really appreciate your support! We have also enjoyed seeing the children come to school wearing their Montessori t-shirts on Friday!

This month, we will be exploring the continent of Europe. During Cultural Subjects, the children will learn about animals that are native to Europe. They will also be learning about Europe's rich culture, famous European monuments, European food, and much more! The children will also be learning about plants that are found throughout Europe, and we will be exploring the Parts of a Pumpkin.

October is a month of sweet treats! We will be taking our first class field trip to the Pumpkin Patch on Thursday, October 26th. Please remember to fill out the field trip permission slip waiver and return it to me as soon as possible. I will keep you updated with further

information closer to the date of the field trip. The Halloween Parade and Potluck will be on Tuesday, October 31th. We are looking forward to seeing all of your children dressed up in their costumes.

We are so happy that September ended so smoothly and we are so proud of the progress that all of the children have made already! We are looking forward to another successful month. I insist that your children arrive promptly to school on time at 8:45 AM. It is crucial for our students to come to school on time, because new lessons are presented every morning. It is also distracting when students walk in late. If you are running behind, please allow your child to enter the room independently.

Have a Spooky October!!

