

# MONTESSORI OF LADERA RANCH

March 2018 Newsletter



Reminders from  
the office.

## IT'S TAX TIME AGAIN!

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## Re-enrollment

Re-enrollment forms were due back by February 24<sup>th</sup>. In order to guarantee placement for the 2018-2019 school year, all forms and payments must be turned into the office as soon as possible. We held open enrollment for new families on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Parent/Teacher Conferences March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Parent/Teacher Conferences are a great opportunity for you to

learn about your child's progress. All conferences will be held on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. School will be closed on this day; however, you are welcome to bring your child with you during your scheduled conference as we will have staff available to watch children during their parent's conference. Please see the sign-ups posted outside the classroom doors for your scheduled time.

## Spring Break

School will be closed for Spring Recess -- April 2<sup>nd</sup> through April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. However, daycare will be provided for your convenience by advance sign-up only. The cost for daycare is \$30/per day. All Lead Teachers and Administration have this time off and our Assistant Teachers will be in charge of the classes. Our hours will be 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Sign-up sheets will be sent home soon.



## Room 1

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

February was fun (has your child sung "I Love You a Bushel and a Peck" to you yet?), but the hearts and flowers have been packed away to make way for green. You will also spot some shamrocks here and there and one of our seasonal favorites -- a nesting doll which is actually a pot 'o gold containing small leprechaun figures. We will be singing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" as our Song of the Month and, as enthusiastic as some of our toddler singers are, we are sure to outshine even Judy Garland's rendition of this lovely tune. As an accompaniment to our song, I've also procured a beautiful book, which illustrates the lyrics of this timeless classic.

Our *Book of the Month* is What Makes a Rainbow by Betty Ann Schwartz and Dona Turner. This is a charming book featuring lovely watercolor illustrations with a unique little twist. It's also a mini science lesson.

For our cooking project this month, we will be having a "Green Lunch." The menu will be posted later in the month along with a sign-up sheet, if you would be willing to donate some items towards our efforts! On that day, no lunchbox will be needed! Yeah!

Thank you (in advance) for filling out the re-enrollment forms (placed in a *green* folder, by the way) and I know many of you have questions regarding your child's transition from the toddler program into the pre-school program. How fortuitous that we have Parent/Teacher conferences scheduled for Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>! This time will give us a chance to sit down and discuss future plans and current progress.

Happy Birthday wishes to Ryan, Ava, Ashlyn, Blakely, Lucy, Lilah, and Grace. Holy cow. I need to get started making birthday crowns!

Remember to "Spring Forward" your clocks on March 11<sup>th</sup>!



**Room 2**  
**Ms. Zyerie and**  
**Ms. Jade**

We have successfully completed the month of February! The children enjoyed learning about nutrition, the continent of Asia, and becoming familiar with the Parts of a Horse and Parts of a Flower. They had a blast making love bugs with Finn's Mommy. Valentine's Day was a success. The children had fun distributing their Valentines to their peers and enjoyed their pizza party! As surprising as this may sound... March, here we come!

Our unit will be DINOSAURS! We will be learning the names of a few dinosaurs, along with some fun

facts. We will also be classifying herbivores, omnivores, and carnivores. The children will be introduced to the Parts of a Volcano, I will be doing a classic science experiment with the children to visualize a volcanic eruption.

We will also be exploring the continent of Africa by becoming familiar with popular animal, landmarks, and the different cultures. During worktime we will be listening to Traditional African Folk Music. The children will be practicing the pointillism technique.

I look forward to meeting with you on March 2<sup>nd</sup> for conferences! As a reminder, there will be no school on this day and childcare will only be provided for the 20-minute conference.

On Thursday March 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a Spring Potluck at 11:30 A.M. There will be a sign-up sheet posted on the door as we get closer to the date.

Happy Birthday Grant!

Happy March!

**Room 3**  
**Ms. Nataly and**  
**Ms. Linda**

Hello March! What a wonderful month February was! Thank you for participating in the Valentine's Exchange. The children had such a fun time sharing their treats and cards! Ms. Linda and I appreciate all your involvement and support!

This month we are traveling abroad to the wilds of Africa. We will become familiar with many of the countries, the different flags, and beautiful landmarks. We will discover different animals and explore different cultures and languages.

Through Zoology, we will be studying the Life Cycle of a Frog. The children are doing so well being able to identify the different parts for each of our Units. Keep in mind this subject for our weekly Share Days!

With spring arriving and our changes in the weather, we will be exploring rainbows and how they are made. This will also tie into

our St. Patrick's lesson and journal writing for the month. "At the end of a rainbow I wish for..."

As always, we like to keep things fun and exciting for the children, so this month we will be having special visits from the leprechaun up until St. Patrick's Day. Remember, our leprechaun is sneaky so we wouldn't want to spoil the surprise for the children!

Our art of the month will be in relation to our African study, with an inspiration of Frida Kahlo. We will be using tissue paper to create flower crowns for our animals of the Sahara.

This month we will also be celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday, reading many of the classic stories, and making our own green eggs and ham for snack time.

Happy Birthday to Dylan and Leo!

Ms. Linda and I look forward to another great month. Please let me know if you have any questions.

**Room 4**  
**Ms. Megan and**  
**Ms. Diana**

February was a wonderful month, and I want to thank all of the parents who helped make our Valentine's Day party a success! The children really enjoyed sharing their Valentines with fellow classmates. The children also, of course, *loved* the pizza!

Heading into March, we will continue our exploration of the seven continents. The children loved learning about Asia and I am pretty confident that they will not forget it is the most populated, the largest, and, oh let's not forget, the yellow one on our globe ☺.



March will bring us to our exploration of Australia! We are excited to take this trip down into the Southern Hemisphere where we will be exposing the children to a number of

exciting topics. We will explore the Great Barrier Reef and all of the fascinating animals that surround it. This will include learning the Parts of a Sea Turtle. Furthermore, we will be studying the many peculiar land animals such as the Koala, Kangaroo, and Duck-Billed Platypus. The children will learn what a marsupial is and what makes it unique. We will examine some of the different buildings in Australia, such as the Sydney Opera House. I look forward to this unit, and feel that the children will continue to enjoy learning about their world.

Our Artist of this Month will be Pablo Picasso. We will also be listening to the music that comes from the didgeridoo.

Because St. Patrick's Day is in March, our shelves will be equipped with green work and festive St. Patrick's Day materials for the children.

Happy Birthday to Juliette!

Just a little reminder, Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please come speak to me if any of the allotted times do not work for you, and we can set something up. Thanks so much!

**Room 5**  
**Ms. Indigo and**  
**Ms. Veronica**

Welcome to the month of March. February was a short month and just flew on by. The children loved the Valentine's Day celebration and were so ecstatic to hand out cards to all their classmates.

This month, we will be exploring the continent of Africa. The children will be learning about different African animals. They will also be introduced to Parts of an Elephant and we will study about roots. The children will be listening to the Blues during work time. The children will also be exploring the concept of what sinks and what floats. We will perform a group experiment by making our own boat and seeing which group's boat floats or

sinks. Finally, for our Artist of the Month, the children will be working on art from Henri Rousseau.

A friendly reminder that Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you haven't already done so, please sign up for a conference. If the day or times do not work for you, we can arrange a phone conference or an in-person conference on another day. Please email me to make arrangements.

I also have a big favor to ask during the week of St. Patrick's Day. The leprechaun will be visiting the classroom all week and he needs time and privacy to work his magic. Please walk your child directly to the playground in the morning, so our initial entrance into the classroom will truly be a surprise! If you can keep a secret, parents are invited to place lunchboxes in cubbies after drop-off. But please be careful! That leprechaun can be a sneaky guy!



I hope everyone has a wonderful month and don't forget to wear your green on St. Patrick's Day!

**Room 6**  
**Ms. Michelle and**  
**Ms. Jasmine**

Welcome to March! We will be continuing our tour through Asia this month. There is so much to learn and explore in this magnificent continent that one month was just not enough. We will also be continuing our daily routine of math, language, writing, reading, and grammar lessons.

On Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be going whale watching at Dana Point Harbor. This is a very fun field trip and parents are welcome to join us. I will be sending out a letter with more information soon.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will begin on

Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> through Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please note that there will be no school on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup>. I have posted a sign-up sheet on the front door. If you would rather have a conference over the phone, please let me know as to when and I will call you. I can't wait to meet with all of you and brag about what a wonderful job your children are doing in class!

For cooking this month, we will be making a lovely green Saint Paddy's Day salad that is sure to be a hit and we will be listening to some Irish songs, as well as a bit of country.

Have a wonderful March!



**Room 7**  
**Ms. Bre and**  
**Ms. Sarah**

Welcome to the month of March! Last month, the children enjoyed sharing their Valentines

with their friends. The pizza party was a big HIT and they all had an amazing time.

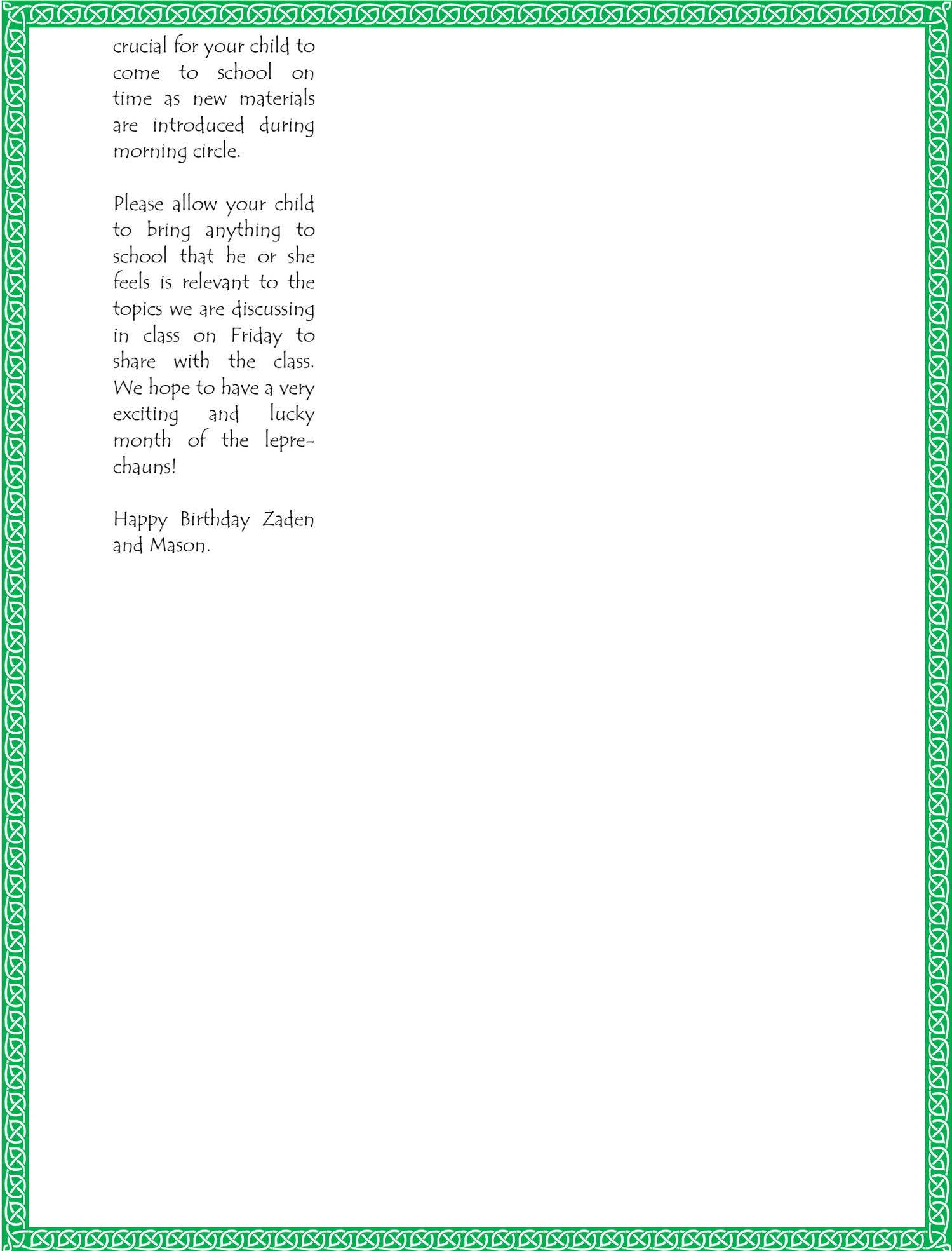
March is definitely going to be a very exciting month for the children, as they will be looking for clues to catch the sneaky leprechaun. With St. Patrick's Day around the corner, we will also be learning about Ireland and its rich culture.

Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be going Whale Watching. More information will be sent via email. We hope you can join our class for this fun trip!

This month, we will be exploring the continent of Asia. Ms. Sarah and I will continue working on grace and courtesy.

Our second Parent/Teacher Conferences will be on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Be sure to sign-up if you haven't done so already. We look forward to meeting with all of you to discuss your child's progress.

Just a friendly reminder, class begins promptly at 8:45 AM. It is



crucial for your child to come to school on time as new materials are introduced during morning circle.

Please allow your child to bring anything to school that he or she feels is relevant to the topics we are discussing in class on Friday to share with the class. We hope to have a very exciting and lucky month of the leprechauns!

Happy Birthday Zaden and Mason.