



MONTESSORI of LADERA RANCH

November 2018 Newsletter



Joy, feeling one's own value, being appreciated and loved by others, feeling useful and capable of production are all factors of enormous value for the human soul.

Dr. Maria Montessori

News from the Office

It was wonderful to have so many of you participate in our annual Costume Parade and Potluck. Thank you for your support! It has been a tradition at our school to celebrate special occasions with a potluck lunch. I am sure that if Maria Montessori were around today, she would appreciate the lessons learned during this type of celebration. The children are actively involved in the preparation of the meal by bringing in an offering to share with their fellow students, teachers, and parents. It affords the parents of our preschool and elementary students, (the toddler students are not yet ready for a disruption of their daily schedule), the opportunity to share in their child's school experience. It has always served as a wonderful opportunity to bring our families together as a community to share a meal and spend a little time socializing with the children, teachers, and other parents. Thank you again for celebrating with us, I am sure it will be a memory your children will cherish.

November is now upon us! Can you believe it? We have a few closed school holidays occurring in November, a few fundraising events, and all-around lots of holiday fun. Please read on and see our special fundraising section for notes on when you and your family can help raise money for our school, and also enjoy some awesome family fun! 😊

Important Dates for November

CLOSED - Fri 11/2 for Parent Teacher Conferences
(open for conference daycare only)

CLOSED - Mon 11/12 for Veteran's Day

CLOSED - Wed 11/21 to Fri 11/23 for Thanksgiving Recess



Upcoming November Events

📅 **Parent Teacher Conferences** will be held on Friday, November 2nd. School will be closed. Daycare will be provided during your conference time only. This will be an opportunity for parents to ask questions about your child's progress and review the materials in the classroom. Please watch for the sign ups on your classroom's door!

📅 **Veterans' Day**, Friday November 12th, the school will also be closed.

📅 Our annual **Harvest Feast** will be held on November 15th. Please watch for a potluck sign-up on your classroom door. All families of preschool and elementary students are invited to join us.

The times for the potluck will be...

Preschool: 11:30-12:00

Elementary: 12:00-12:30

📅 During **Thanksgiving Recess**, MOLR will be closed from Wednesday, November 21st through Friday, November 23rd. Please put these dates on your calendar!

📅 **Parents Night Out** will be held on Friday, November 30th! Sign up in the office! As always, the night will begin at 6pm and the fun will end at 10pm. Come in your pajamas for dinner, a movie, and games!



Fundraising Opportunities!

Second Harvest Food Drive

Please bring in your food drive items October 22nd through November 19th!

Minted.com Holiday Cards

Will begin November 1st! Please use promo code "FUNDRAISEMOLR" at minted.com to save 15% on all of your holiday cards!

Treats for Troops: Operation Gratitude

Troops love candy!

Bring in those Halloween leftovers on November 5th!

Selma's Pizza Fundraiser

Eat dough, raise dough

ALL DAY Thursday, November 8th!

See's Candies Fundraiser

Look out for those order forms in files and cubbies.

Turn those order forms in from November 12th through December 3rd!

A Few Reminders!

Brrr! Cold weather is around the corner – please make sure your child comes to school with a jacket or sweater daily. Also, please label all items with your child's name!

The flu season is here! We have had several children (and staff members) fall victim to the stomach flu. Please **DO NOT** send your child to school if he/she has a fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or colored mucus. In addition, he/she must be free of these symptoms for a *complete* 24 hours before returning to school. Please notify the school of any illnesses, and if your child will be absent. Your child must be picked up in a timely manner should he/she become ill at school. We understand that this can pose a problem for working parents; however, we don't have a separate facility where a sick child can stay for an extended period of time. Now is the time to make alternative pick-up arrangements if you are prevented from leaving work.

Please keep in mind that late arrivals to school are not only difficult for the late child arriving to a class that has already begun, but it is also a distraction to the children who are already participating in circle time. Also, please keep in mind that the teachers have prepared lessons

and activities for all of the children. When there are constant disruptions after class has started, it makes it difficult for all of the children to settle into their school day. An "on time" drop-off will help eliminate confusion, tears, and sad good-byes.

Heads up for your December planning!

School will be closed for **Winter Recess** from Monday, December 24th through Friday, January 4th. Daycare will be provided to those who sign up ahead of time.

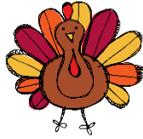
Please fill out the sign-up sheet and return it to the office no later than Monday, December 3rd with payment if you are interested in childcare.

Tuition Reminder: The yearly tuition is divided into 10 equal monthly payments for your convenience. Payments are equal regardless of the number of days school is held during a particular month. There are no reductions for holidays, illness, and family vacations.

Our Teachers of the Month for November are ... Ms. Karen and Ms. Diana!

Ms. Karen is a founding member of MOLR. She has been here since day one, November of 2002! She has been teaching two-year-old children for the past twenty-two years and many refer to her as the toddler whisperer. Not only is Ms. Karen a world-famous toddler teacher, she is also our music teacher. She has trained and continues to mentor many of the teachers on staff and is a valued member of our administrative team. I guess you can say Ms. Karen does it all, which may be the reason that her fellow staff members #1 comment about her is, "she is great!"

Ms. Diana has been working at MOLR for the past nine years. During this time, she has worked with the toddler and preschool age children and has taught Spanish class. Ms. Diana was a much-desired assistant teacher because of her kindness and work ethic. She has taken over this year as a lead teacher and it seems as though she has been leading a class for years. Her love of Montessori and the children is evident in the beautiful environment she has prepared and, in the happiness she exudes at all times. Her fellow teachers recognized her hard work and cooperative attitude when nominating her for teacher of the month.



Room 1

Ms. Karen
Ms. Jocelyn
Ms. Yoko
Ms. Gladis

We had so much fun in October, we really did! The songs and the fingerplays are so intriguing to the toddlers that one can literally hear a pin drop during circle time. However, November brings its own collection of delights as we segue from “Five Little Pumpkins sitting on a gate” to “Five Little Turkeys sitting on a fence”! The children will also enjoy turkey tweezing, a Pilgrim nesting doll, and one of our favorite stories for the Book of the Month: Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin Jr. and Eric Carle. This beloved story will be read aloud (by teachers and children alike) and presented as a felt story (by teachers and children alike). We will also focus on our Color of the Month (brown) with art projects and other activities throughout the classroom.

Our Song of the Month for October was an unprecedented hit! The children really enjoyed the objects highlighted in “The Good Ship Lollipop” (I mean, who wouldn’t love a chocolate bar, right?). I’m certain they will equally enjoy “Over the River and Through the Woods” (written by Lydia Maria Child in 1844). I remember singing this song when I was a youngster....which was a very long time ago. The song will be introduced in circle and then a basket of objects will be placed on the shelf for self-singing.

Remember to sign up to chat with me during our first Parent/Teacher Conference on Friday, November 2nd.

Since we had such a great time feasting at our Halloween potluck, guess what? We’ll be hitting you up again for contributions to our Harvest Feast and Stone Soup extravaganzas! Details to follow!

Happy Birthday wishes to John and Riley!

Don’t forget to set your clocks back an hour on November 4th. Thanks for your continued support of our program and do take the time to enjoy your own Harvest Feast with your family and friends on Thanksgiving Day.



Room 2

Ms. Jasmine
Ms. Shafa

We made it through the month of October! We learned about the seasons and how the weather changes. In science, we studied the life cycle of a pumpkin, became familiar with the parts of a bird. The children had fun making pumpkin bread and making their rice pumpkin art! Thank you all for making the Halloween Parade and our Potluck a fun time for the children! They all enjoyed themselves.

In November, will become familiar with the farm. The children will be exploring the animals on a farm as well as what kind of plants/food can be grown on a farm. In science, I will introduce the parts of a bird and the life cycle of a pumpkin. The children will also be exploring magnets.

Our artist of the month will be Paul Klee and our composer of the month will be Bach. During work time we will be listening to Bach’s music. Our cooking project this month will be Stone Soup. In Geography we will be talking about the United States of America so the children will become more familiar with the country that they live in. Some things that we will touch base on are the landmarks, monuments, and culture.

Please mark your calendars for the following dates! Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on November 2nd, sign-ups are on the door of the classroom if you have not done so already. School will be closed that day, but daycare will be available during your conference time if needed. There will be no school on November 12th in observance of Veteran’s Day. Also, our Thanksgiving Feast will be held on November 15th, I will be posting a sign-up on the classroom door. This year, Thanksgiving Recess (No School) will be Wednesday, November 21st – Friday, November 23rd.

Friendly Reminders:

- Class begins PROMPTLY at 9 A.M.
- Please no water bottles or sippy cups. Fresh filtered water is provided daily.
- No toys at school as it may cause distraction to your child and the other children in the classroom.



Happy Birthday!

Mila- Nov. 5th

Sarah- Nov. 18th

Julia- Nov. 28th

Zaid- Nov. 18th



Room 3

Ms. Nataly

Ms. Linda

We have ended our month of pumpkins, spiders and ghosts—now it's time to jump into November filled with turkeys and Thanksgiving roast!

Thank you for all your help making the Halloween Potluck and Parade a special celebration for the children. The classroom looked wonderful and the children had so much fun trick-or-treating in their costumes!

This month we will begin our travels around the world, starting with North America. We will be discovering all the different monuments, foods and famous cities of Canada, United States and Mexico. Each month we will explore a new continent—you may begin to hear our catchy "Continent Song" and understand the continents as specific colors. In addition, the study of the Mayflower, Pilgrims and Thanksgiving will lead up to our *Stone Soup* story and cooking project near the end of the month.

In Science, we will be learning about the Parts of a Turkey. In addition, we will be doing an "On the Farm" unit including: farm animals, life cycle of a chicken, and the lifestyle of a farmer.

With our Thanksgiving potluck at the end of the month, we will be talking about what we are thankful for and why all throughout November. This is a special lesson as it teaches the children about the different things they can appreciate and are fortunate to have.

The artist of the month is Jackson Pollock. We will be creating abstract art using a drip style with paint.

Friendly Reminders: Conferences take place Friday November 2th. Keep in mind school is closed, however, daycare is provided per your time slot. November 12th our school is closed for observance of Veterans Day.

November 15th is our Harvest Feast—a potluck sign-up sheet will be on our door and parent's we'd love to have you join! School will be closed November 21st through 23rd for Thanksgiving break. Enjoy the long weekend!

Happy Birthday to Emma O. !
Have a wonderful November 😊



Room 4

Ms. Diana

Ms. Isabelle

Happy November! Thank you so much for all the support and help making the Halloween Potluck and Parade so special for the children! They had a great time. This is the time of beautiful autumn colors, harvest, feasting, festivity, and changing weather. As we begin November and enter a busy holiday season, we will learn about the true meaning of thanksgiving. We will also allow the children to express in their own words what they are thankful for. With this theme, we will learn about the Mayflower, Pilgrims and their friends the Native Americans. We will also learn the parts of a turkey, including their origin and their significance. We will talk about how the first Thanksgiving came about. We will be learning about seasons and discussing the characteristics of each season, becoming familiar with the appropriate clothing for each one.

In geography, we will continue to talk about North America. We will go over North American animals, the buffalo, squirrel, and moose in particular. We will also be discovering the different monuments, landmarks and foods. Our unit of study is going to be the farm, how crops grow, and the machinery that farmers use. We will make several projects to go along with the unit of study.

We will introduce the children to different American musicians including Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra, Johnny Cash. Our outside wall will display artwork inspired by our artist of the month, August Macke.

We have a few special days to keep in mind for this month:

Parent/Teacher Conferences are on Friday, November 2nd. There is a sign-up sheet on the door of Room 4. We hope to see each of you there. To observe Veterans'



Day, school will also be closed on Monday, November 12th.

Stone Soup will be made on Monday, November 19th. This is a MOLR tradition. After reading the story Stone Soup, we will discuss the importance of sharing and coming together. The children will bring ingredients to make their own stone soup and enjoy it together. We will also be having a Harvest Feast potluck, and we are more than happy to have you as our guests! Please check your child's cubby for changes of clothing with the weather being very erratic at the moment. The children should have clothes for all weather. Please ensure that your child has a jacket at school, clearly marked with their name.

Happy Birthday to Lucia, Henry, Tallulah and Andrew! We would also like to welcome Sarah and Mirabella to Room 4! Have a wonderful month!



Room 5

Ms. Indigo
Ms. Veronica

The month of November is here, as we sadly say goodbye to the spooky month of October. This month will be full of exciting lessons. We will be learning about North America, its famous landmarks, and North American animals. We will be discussing the seasons and appropriate attire for each season. As Thanksgiving approaches, we will learn the parts of a turkey and how Thanksgiving came to be. Our artist of the month is Paul Klee. This month the children will be listening to Country music with an emphasis on stringed instruments to help them during work time and provide a rhythmic environment.

To go with the Thanksgiving theme, MOLR will have a school-wide stone soup day. Each classroom will create their own stone soup, where each of the students bring a different food item to add. I will be sending home a slip with the ingredient that the child chose for the stone soup a week prior. If this slip is lost, I will have a list of what to bring from each child. The stone soup is only for the students, but we will have our Thanksgiving feast on November 15th, during which parents are welcome to come and spend time with their child.

As a reminder, I would also like to ask parents to please label all jackets, sweaters, and vests brought with your child. It would be greatly appreciated and also much easier to navigate whose jackets belong with whom as the weather becomes colder. During the fall and winter season, children lose their jackets and it is very difficult to find them without their names.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone that our parent-teacher conferences will be on Friday, November 2nd. I have a sign-up sheet posted on my door. If you cannot make any of the times available, you may schedule a phone conference with me.

Looking forward to the November festivities!



Room 6

Ms. Michelle
Ms. Jade

Welcome to November! I can't believe October is already behind us. We had such a wonderful time on our field trip to the pumpkin patch. The kids loved picking out their pumpkins, riding on the train and spending the day with their friends. Trick-or-treating and our party were both huge hits. Thank you all so much for the wonderful food and help. It was greatly appreciated.

We will be having our first parent/teacher conferences on Friday, November 2nd. We will not have school on Friday, but we will be providing daycare for your child during the conference.

We will also be closed on the 12th to observe Veteran's Day as well as November 21st – November 23rd for the Thanksgiving holiday. Our Thanksgiving feast will be held on Thursday, November 15th. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the door and you are all welcome to come and celebrate with us.

For our cultural subjects this month, we will continue our journey through North America, as well as talking about Thanksgiving and what it means to be thankful for the things in our lives. We will also be reading the story "Stone Soup" then making our own soup to share in class. All of the children will be able to bring in their favorite vegetable for this fun cooking project.



Happy Birthday wishes go out to Ethan, Ashlyn and Ninibeth this month and we would like to wish all of your families a happy and healthy Thanksgiving!



Room 7

Ms. Megan H
Ms. Sarah

The children had a fantastic time at the Pumpkin Patch. Thank you for all of the support and help making the Halloween Potluck and Parade so special for the children! They had a great time.

During the month of November, the children will continue to explore the continent of North America. We will be creating many fun holiday crafts and sharing Thanksgiving stories. To continue with the Thanksgiving theme, we will also be studying the Mayflower, the pilgrims, and Native Americans. The children will be exploring North America's diverse culture and natural geography. In botany, we will be discussing different plants that are native to North America. In zoology we will be studying invertebrates, and of course turkeys!

For share, please keep in mind our themes of the month. Be sure to sign-up for snack. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Friday, November 2nd. Ms. Sarah and I are looking forward to meeting with you all.

School will be closed on Friday, November 12th in honor of Veteran's Day. Our annual Thanksgiving potluck will be held on Friday, November 15th. Finally, school will be closed Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, November 21st, 22nd & 23rd for Thanksgiving Recess.

Happy Birthday to Blake, Enzo & Luca, Lainey and Liam!