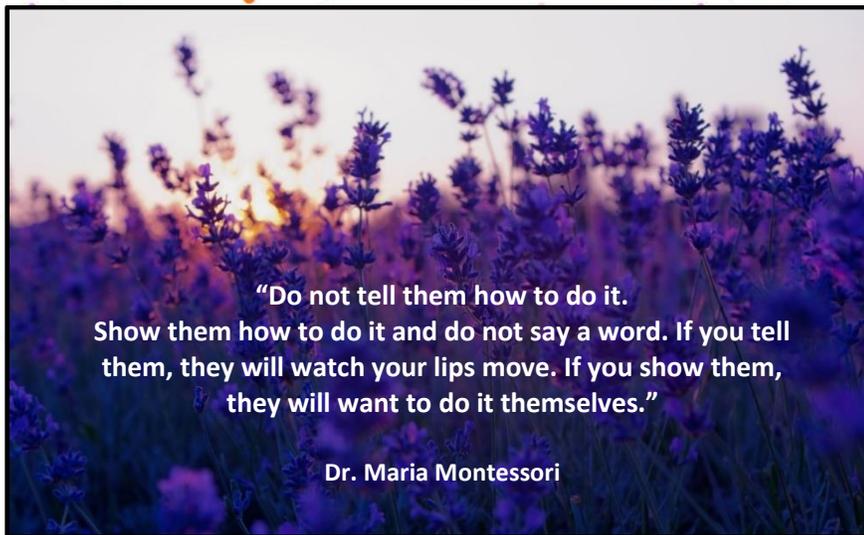


# MONTESSORI of LADERA RANCH

March 2021 Newsletter



**“Do not tell them how to do it.  
Show them how to do it and do not say a word. If you tell  
them, they will watch your lips move. If you show them,  
they will want to do it themselves.”**

Dr. Maria Montessori

## Important Dates for March

Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> :  
Parent / Teacher Conferences  
Sign up via our website at  
<https://montessoriofladeraranch.com/parent-teacher-conferences/>

Week of March 8<sup>th</sup> – March 19<sup>th</sup> :  
Scholastic Book Fair!

Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> :  
**RE-ENROLLMENT PAPERWORK DUE**

Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> :  
**SPRING RECESS FORM DUE**

## News from the Office

### **Parent / Teacher Conferences**

All conferences will be held on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. School will be closed on this day. Daycare will not be provided per Licensing instructions, as we still are unable to have adults and children together in the building at this time. Please sign up for the conference time you would like with your child's teacher on our website at: <https://montessoriofladeraranch.com/parentteacher-conferences/>

### **Re-Enrollment**

Re-enrollment forms will be going out Monday, March 1st and will be due by Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

We will be offering enrollment to EVERYONE, including those outside of MOLR that wish to attend, after March 17<sup>th</sup> so be sure to get your paperwork in before this date. In order to guarantee placement for the 2021-2022 school year, all forms and payments must be turned into the office before this date.

**Your spot may not be guaranteed if your paperwork is turned in later than March 17<sup>th</sup>!**

### **Tax Time!**

If needed for your tax records:  
Tax ID #26-0043117  
Montessori of Ladera Ranch  
2101 Corporate Drive, Ladera Ranch, CA 92694

### **Spring Break**

Spring Recess will be the week of Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. During this week, school will be closed. However, daycare will be provided for your convenience by advance sign-up only. The cost for daycare is \$40/per day. All Lead Teachers and Administration have this time off and our Assistant Teachers will oversee the classes. Our hours will be 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Sign-up sheets will be sent home soon. **These will be due on Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>.**

## All Reminders

### **Illness Policy Reminder**

An ill child will not be permitted to enter the classroom. If a child becomes ill at School, the parent will be contacted to arrange for the child's care. The child must be picked up by the parent or authorized person within 30 minutes of notification. Any child who has been sent home with a fever, diarrhea, persistent cough, and/or discolored nasal drainage will not be allowed to return to school until the child is symptom free for a complete 24 hours. Also, any child who has contracted an infectious or communicable disease, will be required to submit a doctor's release in order to return to school. Please make sure we have all of your contact numbers up to date.

Please review our COVID-19 illness policy and statement for instructions on how we are preventing the spread of this

illness and what you can do to support our school and community.

### Medication Policy Reminder

Children who are taking prescription medication must have a written authorization from their doctor detailing the exact dosage to be given. Non-prescription drugs will not be administered at school.

The medication must be presented to our office staff in the original container and it must state the child's name and required dosage. The parent must then give the school written authorization to dispense any medication to the child.

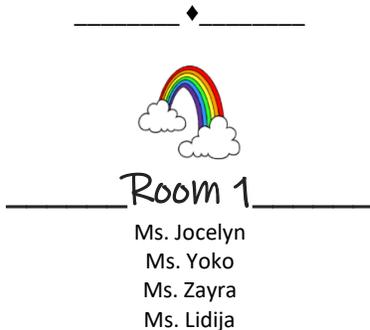
Please never allow your child to come to school with medication in their lunch box or backpack. There is great danger in sending medications to school without our prior notification.

### Tuition Reminder

Please remember that tuition is due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month for the following month. All payments received after the 25<sup>th</sup> will be assessed a late fee. If you have not already done so, please consider signing up for Tuition Express. We can debit your account on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month and you can cancel at any time.

### Check In/Out Procure Reminder

Please...Please... remember to check your child in and out daily via the Procure Connect app or the tablet located outside our front doors. Also, a reminder that school starts promptly at 8:45 AM for elementary or 9:00 AM for toddlers and preschool. Please have your children here on time!!!



February was fun and full of love! 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. 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 is 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. On that day, no lunchbox will be needed! However, please remember to provide a morning and afternoon snack.

I know many of you have questions regarding your child's transition from the toddler program into the preschool program. How fortuitous that we have Parent/Teacher Conferences scheduled for Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>! This time will give us a chance to sit down and discuss future plans and current progress. If you have not signed up for a conference yet, please do so through the website: <https://montessoriofladeraranch.com/parentteacher-conferences/>

Happy Birthday wishes to Dolly, Emma, Grace, Niko, and Josephine!



Welcome to March! This month we are lucky enough to get to all be together once again! We will be enjoying all the colors of the rainbow as we learn about the color wheel through color mixing and primary and secondary colors.

We will be giving some extra special attention to taking care of our environment this month. Learning about recycling, types of trash, composting and water preservation. Coupled with this, we will also be getting some red worms to aid in our composting venture for our classes garden box.

We will be learning about the continent of Europe this month, while learning about some of the customs and traditions, and rich cultures of the countries within. These countries will include Ireland, Scotland, England, and Iceland.

This month brings some magic to the classroom, as well as a bit of mystery. We will be hearing a story about a mischievous, and sassy leprechaun who likes to come in and make some silly messes in the classroom. Be prepared to learn what our leprechaun is doing in our classroom leading up to St. Patrick's Day!

Our cooking project this month will be green eggs and ham. We will be reading though quite a few Dr. Suess books throughout the month to acknowledge his birthday on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March.

As always, I will keep you updated throughout the month as these fun things come up. Have a magical and lucky March!

Happy birthday to Emmie, Victoria, and Alistair!



## Room 3

Ms. Jasmine  
Ms. Abby

Welcome to the month of March! The children loved the Valentine's Day celebration and were so excited to hand out their cards and treats to all their classmates.

This month for March, we will be exploring the continent of Africa. We will be learning about the landmarks, animals, and the different cultures within the continent of Africa. We will also be discussing the idea of "sink or float" and the parts of a fish. Our music this month will be African drums. In honor of Dr. Seuss month, we will be making Green Eggs and Ham. This goes perfect with our green theme for the month. Oh, and do not forget to wear your green on St. Patrick's Day, which is Wednesday, March 17th!

### Just a few friendly reminders for the month of March:

- Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. Please do not forget to sign-up via our website.
- Please label all jackets, masks, and bedding
- Spring Break will be April 5<sup>th</sup>-April 9<sup>th</sup>. Daycare will be provided at an extra cost. You can sign-up with the office.
- Please no water bottles at school. We provide fresh water and disposable cups for the children daily.
- Please no toys at school and no toys for Share Day. If your child brings in a toy, then they will not be able to share it.

Happy birthday this month to Dawson!



## Room 4

Ms. Isabelle  
Ms. Sofia

March is here! February was a short month, and it flew on by. The children loved the Valentine's Day celebration. They had fun decorating their Valentine's Day bags and loved handing out their cards.

During the month of March, we will be exploring the continent of Europe. They will be introduced to parts of a root, and the frog life cycle. Our artist of the month will be a wonderful painter close to my heart and from my hometown, Abel Leblanc. The children will be listening to Wolfgang Amadeus during work time. During the month, we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday by making our own green eggs and ham. The leprechaun might come for a visit the week of St. Patrick Day, and might work his or her magic. Remember to wear your green on Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> for St. Patrick's Day!

A friendly reminder that our Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have not already done so, please sign up for a conference time with me.

Happy birthday to Isabella!



## Room 5

Ms. Shafa  
Ms. Veronica

Hi, Room 5!  
Thanks for letting us share our love with Valentine cards and gifts with our friends. We learned about South America and the life cycle of butterflies last month for February.

Let us say "Welcome!" to our new season Spring, and the new month of March. This month we will learn about the continent of Europe and the parts of the frog. Our cooking project for this month will be eggs and ham.

### Friendly reminder:

It is almost time to have the second Parent-Teacher Conference on March 5<sup>th</sup>! During the conference time, we will discuss the difference in their progress between the first semester to now. Please sign up on our website for either an in-person or phone conference time.

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Do not forget to wear green on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup>!



## Room 6

Ms. Michelle  
Ms. Jade

Welcome to March!

We will begin our tour through Europe this month. There is so much to learn about in this beautiful continent, and we are very excited to get started. We will also be continuing our daily routine of math, language, writing, reading and grammar lessons.

Be looking for an email from Ms. Megan regarding Parent/Teacher Conferences! They will be held on Friday, March 5th. Please note that there will be no school or daycare on this day.

For our cooking project this month, we will be making a lovely green Saint Patty'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.

Birthday wishes go out to Jaxson, Scarlett, and Alejandro this month. Have a wonderful March!



## Room 7

Ms. Indigo  
Ms. Elissa

Welcome to the month of March. February was a short month and just flew on by. The kids loved the Valentine's Day celebration and were so ecstatic to hand out their cards to all their classmates. Last month the students were exposed to American history learning about the states and Presidents.

Thank you so much for everyone participating in the timelines. They turned out amazing and I personally loved seeing how each student has grown over the years.

This month, the children will be listening to folk music during work time to help spark the magic of St. Patrick's Day and the tale of the leprechaun. This month we will be visited by the leprechaun. Like the 'Mensch on the Bench' or the 'Elf on the Shelf', this is a perfect opportunity to let our students' imaginations run wild. I love using their imaginations to spark interactive activities for creative writing, themed language, and math activities. The leprechaun will be visiting the classroom the week of St. Patrick's Day, leaving clues and riddles for the students to practice critical thinking, reading comprehension, and group participation. Please allow your child to fully immerse their imagination of the magic of the leprechaun.

A friendly reminder that our Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have not already done so, please sign up for a conference time through our school's website. If the day or times do not work for you, we can arrange a phone conference for a day during the week of conferences.

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

Happy birthday to Gabriel, Mia, Isla, and Cameron!