

MONTESSORI OF LADERA RANCH

OCTOBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



“Education is a natural process carried out by the human individual, and is acquired not by listening to words, but by experiences in the environment.”

- Dr. Maria Montessori

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Welcome to the second month of the new school year! We have an exciting next few weeks prepared and lots of spooky fun headed your way. Halloween will be on Sunday, October 31st but we will be celebrating the Friday before on October 29th. Please read on for lots of important info!

PICTURE DAYS ARE COMING!

Montessori of Ladera Ranch will be having fall pictures this month! Please see the following for when your child will need to be ready for their picture days:

- Wednesday, October 13th : Room 1 and Room 2
- Thursday, October 14th : Room 3 and Room 4
- Friday, October 15th : Rooms 5, 6, and 7

After Picture Day, parents will be able to purchase their orders after registering online via a link that will be emailed and texted out. You will be able to self-register prior to your child's picture day, and your orders will arrive directly to your homes. We are looking forward to all these adorable pictures!

IN-HOUSE COSTUME PARADE!

This year, we are pleased to announce that our traditional and annual Halloween Parade is back on! The Costume Parade will occur bright and early at 10:30 am on Friday, October 29th! This is the first time in over a year that we have been able to celebrate this fun MOLR tradition, and we are so excited. Your children will walk with their class around the sidewalk in our plaza to trick-or-treat at all of the locations and stores within! Parents are more than welcome to come watch (with masks on!) but please do not enter the building while the parade is going on. Please have your child come to

IMPORTANT DATES FOR OCTOBER

WEDNESDAY 10/13:

Picture day for Room 1 and Room 2

THURSDAY 10/14:

Picture Day for Room 3 and Room 4

FRIDAY 10/15:

Picture Day for Rooms 5, 6, and 7

FRIDAY 10/22:

Elementary Field Trip to Irvine Park Pumpkin Patch: Rooms 6 and 7 only!

FRIDAY 10/29:

Halloween costume parade @10:30 am



school already dressed in their costumes, with regular clothing on underneath for easier changing. We can't wait to see all the ghoulishly fun costume ideas!

When getting those costume ideas ready, please keep a few things in mind: MOLR strongly discourages costumes that may be scary or offensive to others. Also, please do not allow your child to bring a mask or weapons of any kind.

Following the parade, your child may choose to change out of their costume if they desire. Please have your children wear their clothing under their costumes for easier changing.

We would greatly appreciate donations for our trick-or-treaters! Any time this month, please feel free to bring in stickers, small toys, candy, or any other fun spooky snack that can easily be passed out so our students can have an extra special time during parade.

ELEMENTARY FIELD TRIP TO THE PUMPKIN PATCH!

Rooms 6 and 7 will be going to the Irvine Park Pumpkin Patch on Friday, October 22nd! We are so excited to have a field trip for the first time in almost 2 years!

Please check in with Ms. Michelle and Ms. Indigo for more information about what time the bus will be departing, permission slips, and pricing.

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

Sign in/out Reminder – It is a mandatory STATE requirement that each child's daily arrival and departure be noted either through the parent's app or through the tablets located in the office lobby. Please **do not** allow your child to check themselves in or out. This is a legal document and must be treated as such. In addition, please inform us if anyone other than the parent will be picking up your child from school.

Absence Reminder - If your child is absent due to illness, vacation, or any other reason, please notify the office the morning of.

HEADS UP FOR YOUR NOVEMBER PLANNING!

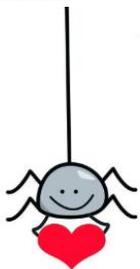
Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Friday, November 5th. School will be closed. This will be an opportunity for parents to ask questions about your child's progress and review the materials in the classroom. All parents will be able to sign up via our website. We will announce when that will be available.

Veterans' Day on Thursday, November 11th, the school will also be closed.

During **Thanksgiving Recess**, MOLR will be closed from Wednesday, November 24th through Friday, November 26th. Please put these dates on your calendar! We will have a short week this week with school only on Monday and Tuesday.



NEWS FROM MS. KAREN



I am so delighted to be back teaching Music Class for the 2021-2022 school year. September was great fun as we welcomed many new students to our weekly group classes and began to explore the sounds that define MOLR Music. If you are new to our school, you may not know that we have our own anthem, written by a

former parent, Junichi Semitsu, and set to the tune of "The Brady Bunch". It's called "The MOLR Bunch" and is sung in each class with great enthusiasm! Warm-ups in September

focused on man's best friend, the puppy dog, and you might have been hearing the strains of "High on Puppy Mountain" at home. It is a new addition to our repertoire and is quickly becoming a favorite. We also revisited an old favorite, "How Much is that Doggie in the Window?" and just started with "My Dog Rags". We use a multi-sensory approach to music (which is the basis of Montessori) by incorporating visual and tactile cues to our songs. These include props that the children can hold, as well as flash cards which give cues to the lyrics.

In October, we will be giving equal time to our feline friends with our Black Cat Warmup (complete with meowing and hissing) and a new counting song "Little Black Cat Named Halloween" which includes some excellent props, including green slime. I will also dust off my witch's hat for the month. I take any excuse to dress up!



ROOM 1

Ms. Jocelyn
Ms. Yoko
Ms. Zayra
Ms. Lidija

October is here and I do so love this time of year! We have a lot of fun activities planned for this month! The Color of the Month is, of course, orange and the Book of the Month is a MOLR 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. 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. We also have so much fun in Room 1 with our seasonal finger plays and art projects! For those parents new to our school, if your child wants to wear a costume on Friday, October 29th, they are more than welcome to do so. We look forward to seeing how cute all the toddlers look in their costumes! Please put their regular clothing on under the costume. Also, please do not FORCE your child to wear a costume and refrain from masks or head coverings. We will have a cooking project on that day and make pumpkin pie for a spooky treat! Our school year is off to a smashing start. Please remember that I am always available if you have any questions!

Happy birthday to Charlotte and Ms. Zayra!



ROOM 2

Ms. Emma
Ms. Vivian

Hello, Room 2 and welcome to October, one of my favorite months of the year! As we welcome fall, we will also be welcoming new classmates Liam and Patyon. We do have some amazing new units of study in the classroom! This month we will be focusing on North America for our study of geography. For botany, we will be learning about the life cycle of a plant, specifically the pumpkin which is so fitting for the month of October! We will have a special cooking project making pumpkin pancakes in class. For our art project this month we will be learning about the amazing painter Jackson Pollock, whose specialty was splatter paint. We will be having some fun with music in the classroom listening to some fun Halloween-themed songs as well as on jazz music. One of our favorite things to do during this season is read and listen to "Big Pumpkin" written by Erica Silverman. Our color for the month is orange, so if you would like to focus your shares for Share Day around that, it would be great, however not required. We will be carving pumpkins at the end of the month and roasting the seeds. There will be our very own pumpkin patch here at MOLR for the preschool classrooms. Halloween is this month therefore we will be having our special costume party and of course, the annual Halloween Parade on Friday, October 29th. This month will be very upbeat and fun, with only a touch of spooky!

Happy birthday to Alexander, and Clark!



ROOM 3

Ms. Jasmine / Ms. Melissa
Ms. Sofia

We have successfully completed the month of September! We learned about the importance of proper hygiene. The students were able to learn about proper hygiene and practice naming their body parts, and they also learned to identify their emotions. In science, we studied the parts of an apple, and became familiar with the lifecycle of a tree and an apple. The children had fun making mini apple pies and drawing their self-portraits.

The unit for this month will be the seasons. We will become familiar with how the weather changes and how the plants change with the season. In science, we will be learning the

names of different animals, and focus on the life cycle of a pumpkin. In geography, we will be studying North America and all its landmarks.

During work time, we will be listening to Blues and Halloween-themed music. We will be having our annual Halloween Parade on Friday, October 29th! We will also be doing a special cooking and pumpkin art project for Halloween. Our cooking project this month will be pumpkin pancakes.

Happy Birthday to Leeban!



ROOM 4

Ms. Isabelle
Ms. Kaitlyn

September has come to an end! During the last month, the children were able to become familiar with the classroom environment, learned about parts of an apple, enjoyed cutting their own apples, and focused on the seven continents.

During the month of October, we will be learning about the United States of America, and where we live (California). We will also explore parts of a bat, the life cycle of a pumpkin, and we will practice naming fruits and vegetables. Our cooking project for the month October will be 'Monster Eye Cookies'. The children will be listening to fun Halloween music throughout the month.

Reminders: For the parents who pick up their children at noon or 3 PM, please wait for me or Ms. Kaitlyn to open the door, as it is disruptive our classroom if the door is opened earlier. If your child needs to be pick-up early, please let the office know and they will be able to help you.

Happy Birthday to Nikki and Alexander!



ROOM 5

Ms. Abby
Ms. Veronica

Wow, what a great first month of the school year! The children learned about the parts of an apple, along with some fun apple art projects and a cooking project. They also learned about body parts through x-rays and naming parts of their face. We also focused on the classroom rules and how to treat ourselves, our friends, and our work.

This month, our unit of study will be naming fruits and vegetables. In botany, we will be studying the life cycle of the pumpkin. Our cooking project for the month will be Pumpkin Pancakes (which I'm sure the kids will love!) and we will also be learning how to draw a pumpkin to hang in our classroom. In geography, we will be studying North America and its landmarks.

September flew by and I am so excited for a new month! The children have been learning very quickly in the classroom and I'm excited for our new lessons in October.

Happy Birthday Finley!



ROOM 6

Ms. Michelle
Ms. Jade

What a great September we had in Room 6! The children have all adjusted to their new routine and have been doing such great work. They are all so kind and respectful to both their friends and their teachers. It's been a joy seeing all the new friendships form and how happy everyone has become.

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

On Friday, October 29th, we will be having our annual Halloween parade. Please have your child wear their clothes under their costumes so they may change later on if they choose to. 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 the parade where they can watch outside of the building.

We will also be going on our first field trip to Irvine Park's Pumpkin Patch on Friday, October 22nd. I have sent an email explaining our day along with a permission slip for you to fill out and sign.

If you have any questions or concerns, please send me an email and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Happy birthday to Kody!



ROOM 7

Ms. Indigo
Ms. Elissa

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 say thank you to all who read the Back-to-School packet that I passed out. I hope that you were able to understand the guidelines and structure of the environment that Maria Montessori has created and that we as teachers continue to follow!

October is one of our most popular holidays. We are pleased to announce that our traditional annual Halloween Parade is on and set for Friday, October 29th! Our classroom will be prepared to fit the Halloween festivities with fun Halloween themed work and class décor. Please refrain from bringing toys and full masks to school. A pair of extra clothes would be recommended for children to change afterwards, if not wearing their regular clothing underneath.

This month we will learn some history of where Halloween originated and discuss the life cycle of a pumpkin. We have a field trip planned for Irvine Park on Friday, October 22nd. All students are required to have a MOLR green shirt if coming on the field trip. If you do not have a MOLR shirt you can purchase one in the front office. The students will be able to bring home a pumpkin.

Happy birthday Riley, Landon, and Ms. Indigo!