

MONTESSORI of LADERA RANCH

March 2022 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

News from the Office

Parent Teacher Conferences

All conferences will be held on Friday, March 4th. School will be closed on this day. We are closed for teaching on this day. We do offer childcare, but during your conference time only, not for the day. 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 for Summer 2022 and Fall 2023

Re-enrollment forms will be going out Tuesday, March 1st and will be due by Friday, March 11th.

We will be offering enrollment to EVERYONE, including those outside of MOLR that wish to attend, after March 11th so be sure to get your paperwork in before this date. To guarantee your child's placement for the 2022-2023 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 11th!

Tax Time!

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

Important Dates for March

Friday, March 4th:
Parent / Teacher Conferences

Week of March 7th to March 11th:
Scholastic Book Fair!

Friday, March 11th:
RE-ENROLLMENT PAPERWORK DUE
Elementary Whale Watching Field Trip!

Wednesday the 16th to Friday the 18th:
Spring Pictures!

Friday, March 25th:
SPRING RECESS FORM DUE
Parent's Night Out from 6pm to 10pm!

Spring Break

Spring Recess will be the week of Monday, April 4th to Friday, April 8th. 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 25th.

Spring Picture Days

Spring Pictures will be as follows:

- Wednesday, March 16th: Rooms 5, 6, and 7
- Thursday, March 17th: Rooms 3 and 4
- Friday, March 18th: Rooms 1 and 2

Whale Watching Field Trip

Our elementary classes in Rooms 6 and 7 will be participating in the whale watching field trip on Friday, March 11th! Please keep an eye out on your emails from Ms. Indigo and Ms. Michelle for updates!

Parent's Night Out

Parent's Night Out will be on Friday, March 25th from 6pm to 10pm. Sign up at the front office!

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 15th of each month for the following month. All payments received after the 25th 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 15th of each month and you can cancel at any time.

Check In/Out Procure Reminder

Please remember to check your child in and out daily via the Procure Connect app or the tablets located in the hallway. 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!!!



Music News from Ms. Karen

I will miss singing the songs of love we explored during the month of February but I'm sure they'll continue to make an appearance. I mean, who could possibly keep "Skinnamarink a Dink a Dink" out of the rotation.

Onto the month of March! We will simply have to add "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" to the repertoire, as well as a few little ditties celebrating St. Patrick's Day. We do an extensive vocal warmup each music class that includes an homage to cats and dogs. Anyone who has seen "The Sound of Music" (and for those who haven't seen it, see it) is familiar with the elements of Solfege which is another favorite. We use the syllables Do-Re-Mi-Fa-Sol-La-Ti-Do to sing the major scale complete with hand motions. It really resonates with the children. And me. We always sing our school anthem with great enthusiasm. The goal is to be heard throughout the neighborhood 'cause MOLR is "the most awesome school in all Ladera Ranch".

Enjoy your month!



Room 1

Ms. Jocelyn
Ms. Yoko
Ms. Zayra

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! 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'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! Date to be announced.

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 4th! This time will give us a chance to sit down and discuss future plans and current progress.

Happy Birthday wishes to Teddy and Gracie!



Room 2

Ms. Emma
Ms. Vivian

Welcome March!

This month we are lucky enough to get to all be together once again! We will be enjoying all of the colors of the rainbow as we learn about the color wheel through color mixing of 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 class's garden box.

We will be learning about Europe this month! We will learn about some of the customs and traditions of some of the culture-rich countries within, including Ireland, Scotland, England, Iceland, and Greenland.

This month brings some magic to the classroom and 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 will be green eggs and ham! We will be reading through quite a few Dr. Seuss books throughout the month to acknowledge his birthday on the 2nd of March.

As always, I will keep you updated throughout the month as these things come up.

Have a magical and lucky month of March! Happy birthday to Victoria, and Emma!



Room 3

Ms. Jasmine
Ms. Sofia

Welcome to the month of March!

The kids loved the Valentine's Day celebration and were so excited to hand out their cards and treats to all their classmates.

This month 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!

Just a few friendly reminders for the month of March:

- Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Friday, March 4th. Please do not forget to sign-up online!
- Please label all jackets and bedding.
- Spring Break will be from Monday, April 4th to Friday, April 8th. Daycare will be provided at and extra cost. You can sign-up with the office.
- 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.
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Happy birthday to Niko, Massimo, and Grace!



Room 4

Ms. Isabelle
Ms. Kaitlyn

March is here! February was a short month and did fly on by. The children loved the Valentine's Day celebration and had fun decorating their bags and handing out their valentine cards. We celebrated the Chinese New Year, and we made our tiger masks to celebrate the year of the tiger! We had the opportunity to learn about volcanoes, and the children had the chance to erupt their own volcano!

During the month of March, we will be exploring the continent of Europe. The children 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 from my hometown, named Abel Leblanc. The children will be listening to Wolfgang Amadeus during work time. A friendly reminder that our Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Friday, March 4th. If you have not already done so, please sign up for a conference online via our website. During the month of March, we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2nd by making our own green eggs and ham!

The leprechaun might come for a visit the week of St. Patrick's Day and might work his or her magic. Remember to wear your green on March 17th for St Patrick's Day!

Happy Birthday to Josephine, Dolly, and Sloane!



Room 5

Ms. Abby
Ms. Veronica

Springtime is here! It's March!

February was full of love and learning, but we are so excited to welcome March with all new work on the shelves and new units of study! Because we are headed into Spring, we will be learning about the parts of a flower in Botany, and the life cycle of a butterfly in Zoology! Our geography unit for the month will be Africa.

We will also be celebrating Dr. Suess' birthday on March 2nd by making green eggs and ham! Speaking of green, we will also be celebrating St. Patrick's Day! We will be making green pancakes and maybe if we are lucky, we can even catch a leprechaun. What a fun month we have coming!

As a reminder, please make sure that your child's nap items are small enough to fit into their cubby! We do this to ensure that they are independently able to pull out and put away their nap items on their own. Thank you!

Happy birthday, Kai!



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 lessons on math, language, writing, reading and grammar. Don't forget to sign up for Parent Teacher Conferences. They will be held on Friday, March 4th. Please note that there will be no school on this day, however, we will be providing daycare during your conference.

For cooking 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. Happy birthday wishes go out to Isabella this month!

Have a wonderful March!



Room 7

Ms. Indigo
Ms. Lidija

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.

This month we will be exploring the life cycle of a butterfly. The children will be learning about different phases the butterfly experiences, along with watching this process happen in real time.

The children will be listening to Irish folk music during work time. Hopefully bringing in Irish music will entice the leprechaun to visit our classroom this year!

A friendly reminder that our Parent Teacher Conferences will be held Friday, March 4th. 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. Please email me if you are unable to make it on March 4th and we can arrange a different date.

I also wanted to ask all of you to please walk the children straight to the playground 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 or daycare in the morning so our initial entrance into the classroom will truly be a surprise!

This month it is very important to arrive on time. We usually walk into the classroom at 8:30 am and this is when the magic will happen. We would love if all the children arrive this month at 8:30 am instead of 8:45 am so no one will miss out. 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!

Happy birthday to Jaxson!