



2019 Newsletter Hello Villa

Dear Villa Families:

Spring has sprung! The air is filled with joy and cheer! Birds chirping, flowers blooming and children's faces filled with laughter! We are very happy to invite Villa family members to our annual Family Day on April 26th Friday. Family Day schedule for AM and PM program will be from 9:00 am to noon.

Thank you to Daniel and family for sharing a butterfly cup with the classrooms. Children will enjoy hands on lessons on life cycle of a butterfly. Children will create special projects honoring Earth Day on April 22nd.

Jovial Update: Villa will no longer provide credit card payment option on Jovial. You may continue to use ACH payment options as described below. If you have further questions, please do reach us. We will help you make the payment option switch as smooth as possible.

- Personal Bank Option: Payment via ACH directly setup through your bank. This is a traditional option that you can setup in the beginning of the year or now to automatically pay every month.
- Jovial ACH Option: You can also opt to pay through Jovial, which has a nominal fee of \$2 per transaction by connecting your bank account to Jovial. You can set this up to recur automatically.

Please Note: Starting from September 2019, Villa will not accept personal checks or cash payment toward tuition charges from school. We request that you enroll in the auto payment services provided by your bank as soon as possible. Thank you for your support!

Tuition: From Parents' Survey results we understand that we must clarify the notion of Villa's tuition schedule. **Villa does NOT collect tuition during school closures.** No tuition is collected during school closures occurring in November, December, February and April, and on Staff In Service days. If you have further questions about tuition schedule please do not hesitate to reach us.

Important Events:

April 9th: Children enjoyed making no-bake brownies. Thanks to Uma's dad for the wonderful recipe!

April 12th: An Egg Hunt for children will be arranged by our lovely room parents.

April 13th: **Message from New Life New Church.** *You are invited to a FREE Community Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 13 on the front lawn of New Life Church. There will be petting animals, bounce houses, activities, snacks, family photo booth, and age specific egg hunts. Activities will run from 10:00am until 12pm with the egg hunts starting at 10:30am sharp. More information at WeLoveCupertino.org.*

April 22nd: Earth Day.



April 26th: **Annual Family Day.** All children will arrive to school at 9:00 am. Both AM and PM program children will leave at noon. School Day program will continue for regularly scheduled hours. We look forward to having you with us on this special occasion! We have arranged a Magic Show for all to enjoy and a hands on keep sake project for you and your child to create at school! We will see you soon! 😊

Thank You...to Isshana's family for the book about ART, Hinato's family for the book about PEACE, Daniel's family for butterfly cup, Uma's family for children's snack recipes, and Harper's family for the Moveable Alphabet. We especially thank our room parents for their tireless efforts in arranging great activities that children and staff enjoy doing! Thank you to Elaine's mom for her help in arranging Family Day treats!

Every Friday is Sharing Day! April curriculum topics listed here will help your child bring a sharing item that is related to the curriculum focused each week.

4/1 - 4/5 AM: Insects; **PM:** Composer (Ludwig Van Beethoven and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart)

4/8 - 4/12 AM: Family Day practice and art projects. Author (Eric Carle and Dr. Seuss); **PM:** Family Day practice and art projects. Author (Leo Lionni, Norman Bidwill and Marc Brown.)

4/22 - 4/26 AM: Earth Day; **PM:** Different kinds of instruments

4/29 - 5/2 AM: Parts of ladybugs; **PM:** Transportation (train, boat/ship and airplane)

Montessori Practical Life: "Walking on the Line"



Dr. Montessori pointed the way to developing academic and intellectual abilities through muscular coordination exercises. According to Dr. Montessori and other great psychologists, mathematical concepts can only be developed in young children through gross-motor movements. In their words, **"A young child cannot be taught with words and pre-math concepts, they must experience and learn through their movements in space with their own bodies."** One of the most successful, and efficient exercises to set up in a classroom is known as **"Walking on the Line"**. The purpose of this exercise is to aid the children in establishing perfect equilibrium and to help coordinate movements. This will help the development of attention and will.

Walking on the Line – Variations to try at home:

- Carrying one flag - eyes focused on flag
- Carrying two flags - eyes focused on both flags
- Walking with tray - eyes focused on tray which should be held straight
- Walking with vessel on tray - eyes focused on tray which should be balanced on tray
- Walking with water in vessel on tray - seeing that water does not spill
- Walking with bell - avoid letting bell ring
- Walking with heavy object at end of string - seeing that object does not swing too much
- Walking with tray or basket on head - control of head
- Walking with object on head and in each hand - control of head and hands
- Walking in rhythm with the music - seeing that correct beat is kept in gait.



We look forward to seeing you all at our Annual Family Day event! Wishing you a wonderful spring season!

Warmly,

Team Villa!

