



2019



Newsletter

Hello Villa from Mrs. Sunder

Dear Villa Families:

March marks our entry into final trimester of the school year. Children have mastered routines and structures at school and are now immersed in learning complex concepts. Teachers have shared the curriculum designed for the rest of the school year. Last month we explained the sharing day procedures in detail. Yoga lessons by Adrien's mother is keeping children alert, nimble, and excited. We eagerly look forward to her classes every other week. Thank you!

Jovial: We want to thank our parents in advance for bearing with us as we adopt the Jovial system as a trial, with the goal of making your preschool payments and registration process more streamlined. Jovial is a well-respected service provider and a non-profit organization powered by a small team of dedicated experts, but we anticipate there may be small glitches during initial launch. During this adoption process, if you encounter any issues, please let us know and allow for at least 3-5 working days for Villa Montessori to work with Jovial in resolving your issue. We expect it to be robust by next school year. Thank you again.

Gentle Reminder of your payment options:

- 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.
- Personal Check Option: Payments via personal check are still accepted as before.
- *NEW 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.
- *NEW Jovial Credit Card Option: You can also opt to pay through Jovial via credit card, which has a market rate fee per transaction.

Important Updates on Campus:

Parking Challenges: New Life Church, Villa's landlord, has announced that campus parking spaces will be leased out to tenants who are commuters in the immediate community. This will affect Villa with limited open spaces available during drop off and pick up times. We are working with the landlord to figure out options to help families transition to new arrangement smoothly. I will discuss this further with the board members as well and figure out practical options to eliminate traffic hassle during pick up and drop off times.

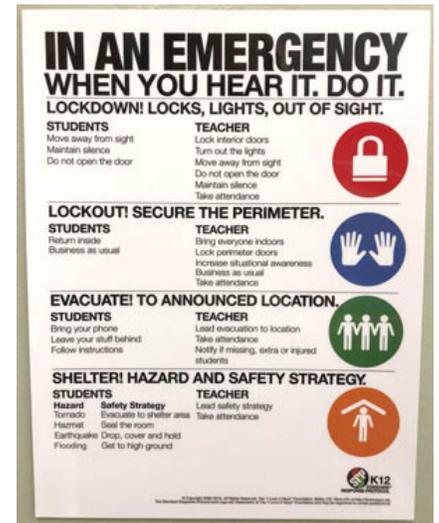
Soccer: We had mentioned in our earlier newsletter that with the help of Clark's mom we may introduce preschool soccer game skills to Villa children in March/April. Due to lawn and yard maintenance, the landlord is unable to grant permission to Villa to use the lawn for soccer. Clark's mom is considering teaching other fun learning experiences in lieu of soccer.

Portrait and T-shirt orders: Portraits and t-shirt orders were delivered and distributed. We hope you enjoyed the quality of these two products offered. Please do share your feedback to help us make it better in the future. Thank you!

Snacks at Villa: Uma, Joe, and Bodhi's parents are helping Villa in developing a much healthier snack option than that we currently provide. We are excited and look forward to this change. Thank you very much!

2019-2020 School Year Admissions: Last week, we sent out admission confirmation email for the next school year. If you have not received confirmation email for next school year please stop by at the office to update your information. NOTE: Villa families get first priority in enrolling their child for the new school year. However, if a space is forfeited after the confirmation period ends, it will be released to new families who are waiting in line to enroll in the same program. When and if such a situation occurs and Villa family wants to reapply for the spot they forfeited earlier, they will now be placed in the waitlist for the same program if there is no space availability. If you have questions about priority lists please stop by at the office we will help clarify. Thank you to all those who promptly responded and helped us process applications efficiently.

Safety First! Lockdown Drills: We will be training children for a lockdown drill. Teachers have talked to children about shoot out situations in an age appropriate manner. Children are practicing to stay quiet in a corner hidden from windows and doors and will follow teachers' instructions on how to stay safe during such undesired events. We will make sure that this drill runs as smoothly and calmly as possible without disturbing children's trust and confidence to being safe at school. If you are able to help us during the drills please reach your child's teachers to let them know your availability. Thank you!



Important Dates:

March 1 – Tuition Due

March 12th – Celebrating Dr. Seuss Cooking Project

March 13th PM – Lockdown Drill

March 14th AM – Lockdown Drill

March 17th – St. Patrick's Day

March 18th – Staff Learning Day. No School for children



Please Save the Date: April 26th –Annual Family Day. All children will arrive to school at 9:00 am on this day. Magic show and a fun filled hands on project will be arranged for this special occasion.

Sharing Themes in March:

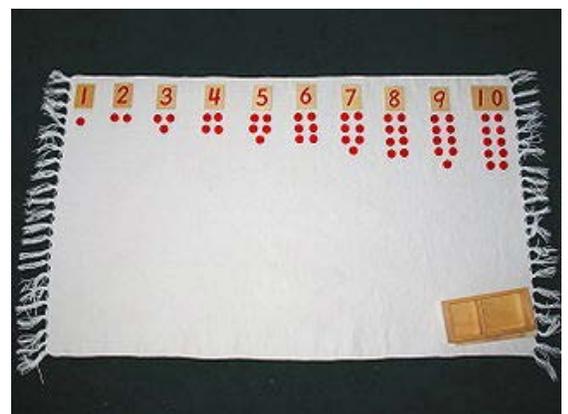
AM session- Africa 3/8, Europe 3/15, Australia 3/22, Life Cycle of Plant 3/29.

PM session- Food group carbohydrates 3/8, protein and fats 3/15, Introduction to Measurement 3/22, continue with Measurements 3/29.

Montessori Focus: Numerals and Counters

Numerals and counters are Math Montessori material in the classroom to introduce the child to numbers 1-10 and the quantity. There are 55 counters and the numerals 1-10. The control of error is in the material itself. If there are leftover counters in the box or not enough counters as the child reaches 10, the children will go back and correct by themselves.

The variation for this job is using different counters such as flowers, acorns, hearts etc. It is an easy activity that can be done at home with some cut out numerals and the counters of the child's choice.



The extension for this material is to introduce the concept of even and odd numbers.

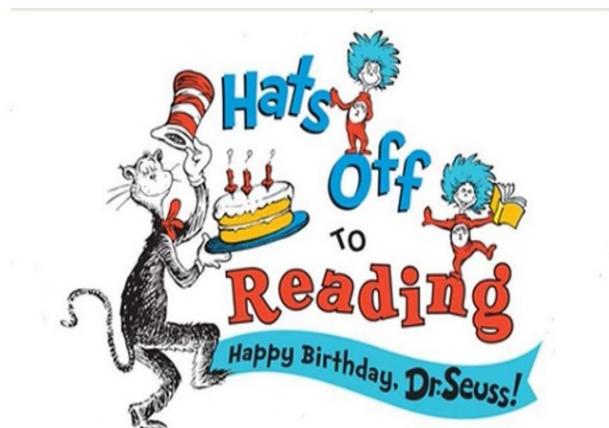
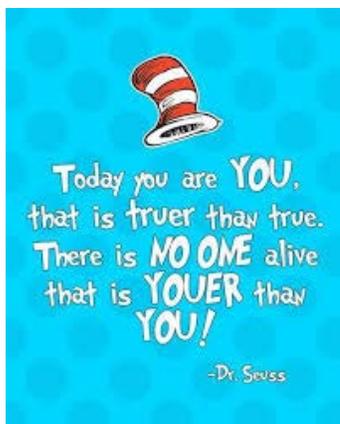


No summer school will be offered this year. You may use family directory and reach out to other families at school to organize summer activities that your children can enjoy together. Community members will also be helpful to find you alternate summer activities and camps for children during summer.

Thank you to all the families who contribute and encourage Villa's growth in a positive manner every day! We appreciate your input, suggestions and support. Board meeting is held on first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm. If you are interested to serve on the Board for next school year, please reach us anytime.

Kindly,

Team Villa!



A Brief History of School Safety Drills

