



Hello Villa Newsletter 2019

Dear Villa Families!

Babies and Butterflies! Villa staff and I were so happy to see the extended family members join our annual Family Day! We congratulate Elliot, Harper, Hinato, Bodhi and Belle's families and warmly welcome the new babies into our community! We extend congratulations to the new parents to be Baha, Emma, and Mrs. Hatori's families!

Children had so much fun learning about the lifecycle of butterflies this season! They released the fully-grown painted lady butterflies into the garden on Family Day! We hope you had as much joy as we had as your host! We are eagerly looking forward to meeting you again at our annual picnic day!

Our special thanks go to Elaine, Nathan, Yeju, Belle, Hinato, Sougo, Christopher, Kaivalya, Aanya, Ethan, Joe and Nikhil's families for their immense support to make the event a huge success! Thank you so much!

Staff and I thank Grace's grandmother for her generous treats and kindness toward all of us throughout the year! Grandma Deb is also eager to present fun science lesson to the children!

Thank you to Sunny's father who presented a beautiful musical instrument lessons during PM circle time. To honor Prithvi's birthday family donated the Cosmic Series books to Villa and for Grace's birthday the family donated a monetary donation to Villa! Thank you very much! We thank ALL our wonderful parents and family members who stop by to help us in many different ways each and every day!

Important Reminders:

Jovial: Starting from September 2019 Villa tuition will be collected electronically using ACH payment option. No personal checks or cash will be accepted. We request you to enroll in your personal bank ACH or Jovial ACH payment option to pay for school tuition.

After School: Please make a note: No after school care will be provided on May 31st Friday due to picnic event and on June 5th Wednesday due to Graduation and Ice-cream Social event. After school program children will be dismissed at 4:00 pm. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Parent Participation: If you have not yet completed your volunteering requirements for the school year please sign up for cleanup day, picnic, social events or classroom presentations.

May 5th - Cinco de Mayo!

May 12th - Villa wishes all mothers and grandmothers a very **Happy Mother's Day!**

May 24th - Parent Teacher Conferences. No school for children.

May 27th - Memorial Day. No School.

May 31st - Picnic at Portal Park, Cupertino. Friday 9:00 am -noon. Arrival and dismissal will happen at the park. A parent/guardian must be present with the child at all times at the park. No after school care provided on this day.

June 1st - Tuition Due

June 5th - 5:45pm - 7:00 pm Graduation and Ice Cream Social at Villa. No after school care.

June 6th - Last day of school.

June 8th - Saturday 8:00 am until finish - Mandatory Campus Clean Up Day. Please sign up if you are still in need of Parent Participation hour credits for this school year. Thank you!



Classroom Material Request:

Thank you to all those who donated cardboard. We do not need cardboard anymore.

Glass Jar: Please send one GLASS JAR for the upcoming classroom project, not plastic bottle. Glass jar size can be similar to a jam or sauce bottle but not too big. **Please label the glass bottle and lid with your child's name.**

Montessori Sensorial Job: FABRIC BOX



Fabric boxes are included in Sensorial area of the classroom. Children refine their five senses by working in Sensorial area. Classrooms have more than one box containing different textures of fabrics. One box may contain squares of wool, cotton, silk, rayon, burlap, and fleece. Another box may contain fabrics made only of silk, like velvet, lace, taffeta, or chiffon. The boxes will include a set of each fabric, or rather two matching squares.



Here's an example of 5 different types of fabric >>>

This activity can be presented in two ways: First method is by feeling the fabric texture and match to the exact same fabric pieces. Second method is the child will be blindfolded; the sets of fabric are lined up in two columns. Each square of fabric on the left side has a matching square on the right. The child will start with the top left square, feeling the fabric intently. Then, starting with the top right square, he or she will feel each piece of fabric until locating the matching square. After setting this matching pair aside, the child will continue with each piece of fabric until all of them have been matched. To check for errors, the child will take off the blindfold and compare the matches visually.

The extension to this job will be by presenting texture names like soft, smooth, rough, etc. As they advance, they may also be given with the names of the fabrics, further increasing their vocabulary like silk, cotton, velvet etc.

Curriculum Focused in May:

- Introduction to Farm and Wild animals from different continents.
- Introduction to types of art, exploring art materials to create art pieces.
- Presentation of Science projects: sink & float, solid, liquid, gas, volcano, magnets.

Sharing:

- May 6-10 - AM: Farm animals/ PM: Mother's Day
- May 13 -17 - AM: Wild Animals/ PM: Artists
- May 20 - 31 - AM and PM may choose from Science Curriculum topics shared above
- June 3 -7 - Whole year Review - Child's choice of topics.

It is almost the end of school year! Returning families must complete next school year forms before we close for summer. Kindly complete and return the forms on or before May 20th. Office admin will send home these packets very soon. Please update your contact information, child's immunization records and let us know of any changes made to your child's health or emergency contact details.

Please join us as we celebrate and honor Cinco de Mayo, Mother' Day, and Memorial Day in May! We look forward to meeting you at our annual picnic! Once again, Thank You All!

Kindly,

Team Villa!

