



NEWSLETTER MAY 2017



School Calendar

- May 1 Tuition Payment Due
- May 9 Board of Directors Mtg. (7:00 PM)
- May 5 Sharing Day
Deadline to submit returning packets
- May 26 Parent-Teacher Conferences- **No school**
- May 29 Memorial Day Holiday - **No school**
- June 2 End of Year Family School Picnic at **Portal Park** (9AM-12PM)
- June 7 Ice Cream Social (7PM-8PM)
- June 8 Last Day of School
- June 10 Parent Clean-Up Day (8AM-completion)

Parent-Teacher Conferences

On May 26, 2017 the school will be closed for Parent-Teacher Conferences. The children will not have class on this day. The length of the spring parent-teacher conference will be 15 minutes due to the fact that there is only one day for conferences. If additional time is needed, another meeting can be arranged with the teacher.

We will send a sign-up sheet to parents electronically on the morning of Wednesday, May 3, 2017. Please sign up for a date and time using **your child's name**. If you are unable to attend your scheduled conference, please contact the office at admin@villamontessori.net.

Parent Participation Hours

Thank you to those of you who have fulfilled your parent participation requirement at Villa. For those families who still have hours to complete, there will be another opportunity to complete your volunteer hours on Saturday, June 10, 2017, for our annual Parent Clean-Up Day. Work will begin at 8AM and continue until we are finished. Please send an email to admin@villamontessori.net to sign up.

If you would like to know how many hours you have outstanding, please see Mrs. Taam in the office. If you are unable to complete your hours, you may buy out your hours at \$50/hour. Thank you for your cooperation.



End of the Year Family School Picnic

Our annual end of the year family school picnic will be held on Friday, June 2, 2017, at Portal Park. On this day only, the AM and PM and school day sessions will attend at the same time from 9AM-12PM. **Parents are responsible for watching their child(ren) during this event. Please note that it is a public venue, so please accompany your child(ren) at all times.**

We will meet at Portal Park and dismiss from there.

There will be no school after 12PM.

Portal Park is located at 10299 N Portal Ave, Cupertino, CA. There are two play areas and a lot of open space for the children to play. Please bring a sack lunch for you and your child and a picnic blanket. Parents are encouraged to attend and spend time with other Villa students and their families.



Science Fair!

Thank you to the many parents who participated in our science fair by either making exhibits, demonstrating them, setting up and cleaning up after the fair. A special thanks goes to all the parents for their help in making this a fun and successful event.

This is the first time we held a science fair and hope that you and your children had fun.



To the many families who made monetary donations in honor of their children's birthdays and for the books about Chopin, Mozart, Bach, Handel & Beethoven and the working cash register. Your gifts have been used to enhance the children's learning materials and we thank you for your generosity.

Teacher's Corner

It is hard to believe that another school year will soon be over—it seems like only a few months ago we sent you our first newsletter about what the children will be learning at Villa. We are struck by how much they have grown and how much they have learned in the last eight months. With the school year coming to the end, our teaching does not stop. We are finishing our planned lessons in the areas of language, math, science, geography, botany and entomology.

In addition to these topics, the children are still working on their individualized plans and we continue to emphasize the repetition of newly acquired knowledge and activities. Part of the Montessori Method is the opportunity for repetition. It is through repetition that a child will grasp everything they need to know from the activity. As the school year winds down, this may be the last opportunity they have to work on these activities.



Room 1 - AM Class

Can't believe May is here! Since the weather is changing, we see lots of bugs and insects in our environment. With this in mind, we will teach the kids about the life cycle of the butterfly and introduce the parts of a plant, leaf and flower. In June, we will prepare the children for the end of the year picnic.

Room 1 - PM Class

The school year is about to end. As teachers, we enjoyed working with your children and watching them learn and grow. All of our students learned a

lot and gained confidence. Big thanks to the second and the third year students who helped us with training the younger ones. During the remaining weeks of the school year, PM students will learn about artists, composer and children's authors. The children will be introduced to different ways of making art and will look at different artists' paintings. We will also listen to music composed by Beethoven, Mozart and others. Children will read books written by Eric Carl, Leo Lionni, Norman Bidwell and Marc Brown. In the first week of June, we will review our lessons and play some fun indoor and outdoor activities.

Room 2

During the month of May, Room 2 children will learn about butterfly and plants. At the beginning of the month, we will talk about butterflies; their life cycle and body parts. Throughout the month, we will learn about the parts of the plant and what plants need in order to live. We will take a closer look at the different parts of the plants including the root, leaf, stem, flower and fruit. We will learn about the function of all the parts and observe real plants.

