



# August - September 2018

## Welcome Back to School Edition

Dear Villa Families,

We warmly welcome you to 2018-19 school year! We are off to a great start! Children (and some parents 😊) have settled in from teary eyes to cheerful smile filled faces!

We appreciate those of you who sent personal thank you note to express how impressed you are with your child's comfort at Villa! It means a lot to us when we hear the hard work we have put into making your child feel welcomed and be at ease has quickly paid off!

We are honored to be part of your child's journey this year!



Again, Welcome and Thank You!

**HAPPY NEWS!** We are so thrilled to welcome a new addition to our Villa community! Parmida was born last week and Parmys is super excited and adorably calls her baby sister, "Artemis!" Mother, father, Parmys and the baby are doing fine! Congratulations! We can't wait to see Artemis at Villa! 😊

Teachers are glad to see that children brought in required items to school including plant, a backpack, lunch box, water bottle, and spare set of clothes! If you still need to send in some of these items or forms back to the office please do so as soon as possible. Please continue to **LABEL everything** you send to school.

Children are doing an amazing job at school! They are practicing daily routines. They are learning how to care for themselves, their environment, their belongings, and nurturing of their plant. They are beginning to master the order of steps used for cleaning plants and caring, folding each towel differently, using polite words like please and thank you, following the line procedures and transition activities including *Silence Game*. Encourage your child to practice these new skills with you at home! Let them be the teacher! They will love it!



August was a very busy month for children while learning the routines of the school. In September, Practical Life and Sensorial area lessons will be the focus for the month as these two areas set the foundation for Montessori classrooms.

**Practice Drills** we conducted last week for fire and earthquake went smoothly! Children learned about being safe and how to quickly move away from danger. One of our students shared his personal story to show how important it is to be careful near fire. It was a very meaningful connection for our children. Thank you, Adrien!

**Birthdays** are special events at Villa! If your child's birthday falls in September, please contact your child's classroom teacher for further details. During your child's birthday month, you have an option of bringing in a book for the classroom library, or gift cards used toward purchasing teacher's classroom wish list items. If you are interested to donate to Villa on behalf of your child for his/her birthday, please contact the office. No sugary treats, cakes, or goody bags are distributed during birthdays.

**Backpack size** is important. Please send a bag that would not damage the edge of papers/projects that your child worked so hard in the classroom. Please check your child's backpack for its dimensions and change it to slightly larger than the standard folder size: 12 inches (L) x 10 inches (W). Thank you!



**Napping** schedule: Some children are struggling to fall asleep or stay asleep during nap hours. Some are resisting to rest and some request to take a nap and rest even if they are not scheduled to nap. Please chat with your child about resting in school, or not, and work with the child and teacher to give the best physiological comfort that your child currently (developmentally appropriate) needs.

**Sun lotion/sticks** must have your child's name on the stick and on the sealed bag it is brought to school with. **Hats and caps** must be labeled. Kindly send hats that are breathable, that does not make your child feel too hot and sweat while playing!

#### **Reminders:**

**Tuition due** first of each month. Drop your checks in the small gray box near the office front door. Write your child's name and the month of tuition you are turning in.

If you have not yet submitted **missing paperwork**, acknowledgment receipts, physician forms, immunization records please turn them in as soon as possible. If you have questions please contact Manjula in the office at [admin@villamontessori.net](mailto:admin@villamontessori.net).

Check your email for late pick up fees, after school program fees, or drop in fees as calculated for services provided during the month of August. Office admin will send this email to you very soon.

**Traffic Safety:** We have received complaints from our neighbors who observed that Villa parents are continuing to park in the neighbor's parking lot. We see parents speeding at more than 5 mph, letting children walk without holding hands, and chatting near the parking spaces while children are running around cars that make it unsafe to reverse or park cars. These are serious concerns shared with us. We sincerely request you to follow safety rules in our parking lot every day, each time you drop off or pick up your child. Do not talk or socialize while keeping car doors open, or allowing children to hover around the parking spaces. Instead visit a nearby park and let children have fun while you mingle. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.



**Upcoming Events:**

**RAINY DAY PRACTICE DRILL FOR PARENTS** will be held on **Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup>**. You and your child will enter through the front door, walk down the hallway together, sign in near the classroom door, drop off your child with teacher, and you will walk out the back door.

When you come to pick up your child you will enter school from the back door, sign out your child near the classroom door, pick up your child and you both will walk out through the front door. We will help regulate the flow of things inside the hallway. All you have to do is to pretend it is a rainy day! 😊 Drive safe! Walk carefully! Wipe your feet on the mat several times before entering the hallway. Wear a poncho, rain boots, coat, and bring an umbrella if you like some props to go with the practice run! 😊



**September 8<sup>th</sup> - Saturday,** 'Parents only' Montessori Workshop from 9-12p. Please

join us and enjoy being the student for the day! You will learn methods, presentation, learning styles, philosophy, and principles of Montessori classrooms. Teachers have worked so hard and set up many hands-on exploratory lesson and projects for you to try and learn that day! See you on Saturday! RSVP at [admin@villamontessori.net](mailto:admin@villamontessori.net).

**September 12<sup>th</sup> Wed 7 pm Board Meeting:** If you are interested to serve on the Board, this meeting will provide you with information on open positions and responsibilities. Please join us!

**Big Thank You to 2018-19 Villa Room Parents:** Mrs. Anu Murthy, Mrs. Kalyani Raravikar, Mrs. Ellen Cruz! We appreciate your efforts! Room parents will send you an introductory email shortly. It will provide more details on how you can team up and support the events planned for the school year!

**Movies @Villa! September 14<sup>th</sup> Friday 6 pm**, our landlord New Life New Church is inviting Villa families to join their Family Movie Night on campus. Movie will be shown either in an outdoor theater in the grassy area or inside the auditorium with snacks, popcorn, drinks and fun filled pre-movie games for children! We are trying this movie nights partnership with NLNC for the first time mainly to provide opportunities for our Villa families to mingle and form friendship! Please RSVP your attendance to [admin@villamontessori.net](mailto:admin@villamontessori.net). Movie considered for this night: Moana Sing Along!!!



**September 21<sup>st</sup> - No School** for children. Villa staff in-service day.

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>** - First day of Autumn!  
Remember to change spare clothes at school to warm clothes!



**Sneak Peek into October:**

Friday Sharing activity begins. Themes for sharing items will be sent home at the end of September. Yoga class begins! More details to follow on Halloween at Villa.

With Warm Regards from all of us,

Yours Kindly,

Team Villa!

**We're Going Back To School**

