



2019



Hello Villa!

Dear Parents:

It was a fun filled month at Villa! Diwali dance and the Halloween performances were successful! We are so thankful to receive your continuous support and engagement with school activities. When I asked children, "what was your favorite part of the day?" here are some of their responses: "both my mom and my dad came to see me sing" "I am so so so happy I don't know why" "I luvvvvvvvved picking punkins" "I get to sing all day forever" "I saw mommy dance today." Children's genuine happiness touched my heart. I share the same feeling with them and wonder, "why can't we sing and dance every day?" 😊 Photo sharing: Both the event pictures are now available for viewing. Room parents are sorting through options to share them with you because not all families have given consent to publish the pictures. Thank you for your patience.

**Time Sensitive:** We are nearing the end of first trimester. Teachers are eager to meet with you to discuss about your child's growth at school. **Parent Teacher conferences will be held on November 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.** If you have not signed up to attend the conferences, please do so immediately. If the above dates do not work for you, please discuss with your child's teachers and set up another date asap.

Congratulations to all the new Board Members! Villa is lucky to have dedicated parent volunteers serving on the board, as room parents, as photographers and event organizers! Thank you very much!

#### **Important Updates:**

**Jovial:** Jovial allows \$5,000 as the upper limit to pay in each transaction. If you prefer to pay tuition in advance you may choose to do so. If you have questions, please let us know. This option helps reduce the number of times you will pay nominal fees for each transaction.

**Summer Session Interest Form:** A separate email with the Summer Enrollment interest survey will be sent soon. Kindly let us know your thoughts to help us begin planning.

**Health and Safety:** Please dress your child in layered clothing and remind them to wear closed toe shoes to school. Kindly make sure children are fever free for at least 24 hours without medication before sending them back to school. If your child is unwell with severe cold, cough, vomiting or have fever please keep them home until they get well.

**Holiday Shopping options and Donation Matching Programs available to support Villa.** Amazon Smile is a great way to complete your seasonal shopping. When you sign up on Smile choose Villa Montessori Cupertino as your choice of charity organization. Benevity is a program that matches donors with organizations to show their support. You may sign up to join Benevity directly or through your company. Villa Parent volunteer hours and direct donations made to the school may also be matched directly by your company. Your company's HR department can share whether your company matches your contributions. We sincerely thank you for your continued support.

**Spirit wear:** If you are interested to purchase Villa logo t-shirts kindly send us an email. We will work with the fundraiser chair to coordinate the t-shirt order placement. Half sleeve, full sleeve t-shirts, and sweatshirt options were made available to order the last time.



## Upcoming Events and Reminders:

### November:

8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>: Parent Teacher Conferences. Please sign up using the links sent to you in an earlier email.



**NOTE: There will be NO Sharing Activity on these two Fridays due to PTCs.**

11<sup>th</sup>: Veteran's Day Holiday

12<sup>th</sup>: Cooking projects begin at Villa. Please sign and return the waiver forms back to school as soon as possible.

15<sup>th</sup> Friday Sharing Topic: Sink and Float

25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Break



### December:

6<sup>th</sup>: School resumes

20<sup>th</sup>: Winter performances followed by Parents Social. A Potluck sign up sheet will be posted next month.

### Thank You Corner!

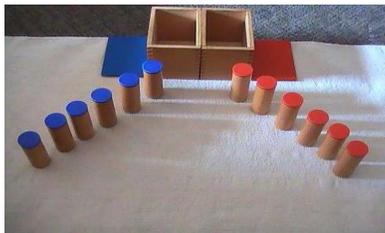
We extend our sincere gratitude to the Room parents Kalyani, Krithika, Erin, and Prithvi's mom, Yuveer's mom, and Isshana's mom, Hannah's mom, Rasheed's mom, Henri and Stella's mom for helping with Diwali and Halloween events. We thank Harper's dad and Ayansh's dad for taking pictures during the special events. We thank ALL of you for donating a pumpkin to the school. Children enjoyed the pumpkin picking event very much and it was made possible by your generosity!

Villa received a donation from an anonymous donor through Ebay! Thank you!

Villa thanks these families for their classroom donations in honor of their child's birthday. Rasheed's family for Michael's gift card, Benjamin's family for Cosmic Wonder Series Book set, Sunny's family for Movable Alphabet box set, and Emma's family for the Thoughtful Living Book set. Thank you all so very much!

### Montessori Sensorial Lesson: Sound Cylinders

This Montessori material helps a child refine his or her auditory senses in a controlled and engaging way. The material "isolates one difficulty" by making the cylinders identical to each other, except for the sound they make when shaken, ultimately practicing sound discrimination.



#### Materials:

Two boxes, each with a set of six cylinders. One set has red tops; One set has blue tops. The sounds in the red match their counterpart in the blue set.

Each cylinder when shaken makes a different sound, ranging from loud to very soft

**Extensions:** Using different kind of jars with different objects inside.



#### Games:

- Matching at a distance
- Grading from an extreme
- Grading from midpoint
- Guess what makes the sound



Warm Wishes  
from,  
Team Villa!

