



**School Calendar**

- Nov. 1 Tuition Payment Due
- Nov. 1 Board of Directors Mtg. 7:30 PM
- Nov. 4 Sharing Day
- Nov. 11 Veterans Day – **No School**
- Nov. 18 Parent-Teacher Conferences  
**No school on this day**
- Nov 21-25 Thanksgiving Recess – **No school**
- Dec. 2 Parent-Teacher Conferences  
**No school on this day**



**Board of Directors Election**

**Results**

The parents elected Villa Montessori’s Board of Directors for the 2016-2017 school year.

The 2016-2017 Villa Board Members are:

- Venkatesh Paulsamy - Board President
- Eric Lee - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson
- Anca Ducea- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson
- Jyotirmayi Kavi- 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chairperson
- Kay Stewart- 4<sup>th</sup> Vice Chairperson
- Dolly Maruvada - Treasurer
- Deborah Lee- Comptroller
- Reema Das - Secretary

We welcome the new Board and thank the outgoing Board for their time, dedication and tireless service to the school. This is a one-year term commitment. Serving on the Board of Directors fulfills their parent participation obligation for the year

**Parent Teacher Conferences**



Conferences will be held on Friday, November 18 and December 2, 2016. **The school will be closed on these days for all children. Please make other childcare arrangements for them.**

A sign-up sheet will be posted outside the school office on the kitchen door. Please sign up for a timeslot for your child’s conference. If you are unable to make your conference, please send an e-mail to Mrs. Taam at [admin@villamontessori.net](mailto:admin@villamontessori.net) with 24 hours advance notice. On the date of the conference, please call the school (408) 257-3374 and wait for someone to pick up the phone.

**Reminder to Label Everything & Update Clothes Kept at School**



As the weather turns cooler and children begin to wear more clothing to school, it is important to remember to write their names inside their sweaters and jackets. Often children have identical or similar items of clothing. It is easier for the staff to identify the owners of these items if they are labeled properly. We also ask that you replace some of the cooler (shorts, t-shirts, etc.) extra clothing kept in your child’s shoebox with warmer clothes (sweatpants, sweatshirts, etc.) as the weather turns colder.



**Amazon.com Rewards**

Thanks to those who have participated in the Amazon.com rebate program. As the holiday

season approaches, we want to remind you that Villa can earn money from your purchases made through Amazon.com. Please remember to click onto the following portal when purchasing from Amazon.com this holiday season.

<http://astore.amazon.com/villamontessori-20>

Once you are at this page, click on the "Powered by Amazon" button in the upper left hand corner, and you will be directed to a shopping screen. Proceed as you would normally shop using Amazon.com. No other steps are necessary for Villa to receive a rebate from your purchase. Thank you for helping us.



## **TEACHER'S CORNER**

**Here's what we're doing with your children:**

### **Room 1:**

During the month of November, Room 1AM class will continue with lessons on the five senses. We will learn the sense of taste, smell, touch and sight. Children get to explore their senses through the sensorial jobs as well as the materials prepared by the teachers.

The PM class will focus on people in our community. We will invite a police officer, fire fighter, librarian, optometrist, engineer, etc. to come and share about their occupations and how they help the community. Special thanks to the parents who volunteer their time to share their work with our students.

The season of Thanksgiving is just around the corner. We are thankful for having your children as our students. They are busy with

Montessori lessons, making friends, playing and being curious. Thanks for all your support.

### **Room 2:**

During the month of November in Room 2AM, we will continue to talk about the senses of taste, smell, touch and sight. In the second week of November we will talk about Veteran's Day and Diwali (Indian Holiday – Festival of Lights).

At the end of November, we will talk about harvest, family gatherings, and Thanksgiving celebration. We give thanks to the families who volunteer at Villa. November 4<sup>th</sup> is our sharing day, and we want your child to share things related to the themes (senses, harvest, Thanksgiving) we are learning this month.

### **Thanksgiving Songs:**

The following are words to the Thanksgiving songs the children will be singing this month:

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The turkey ran away before Thanksgiving Day  
Said he, "They'll make a roast out of me if I should stay."

The pumpkin rolled away before Thanksgiving Day  
Said he, "They'll make a pie out of me if I should stay."

The cranberry rolled away before Thanksgiving Day  
Said he, "They'll make a sauce out of me if I should stay."

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Gobble gobble, who is that?  
Turkey Turkey big and fat.  
Gobble gobble, what did he say?  
Eat me on Thanksgiving Day.

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I'm a little turkey fluffy and brown.  
My wings flip flop when I turn around.  
I have a lot of feathers on my back.  
And a big orange beak that goes click clack.

We would like to share the following poem –  
*Just Playing* with you.

### **Just Playing**

When I'm building in the block area, Please  
don't say I'm "just playing." For you see, I'm  
learning as I play, about balances and shapes.  
Who knows, I may be an architect someday.

When I'm getting all dressed up, setting the  
table, caring for the babies. Don't get the idea  
I'm "just playing." For you see, I'm learning as  
I play; I may be a mother or father someday.

When you see me up to my elbows in paint or  
standing at an easel, or molding and shaping  
clay, please don't let me hear you say, "He is  
just playing." For you see, I'm learning as I  
play. I'm expressing myself and being  
creative. I may be an artist or an inventor  
someday.

When you see me sitting in a chair "Reading"  
to an imaginary audience, please don't laugh  
and think I'm "just playing." For you see, I'm  
learning as I play. I may be a teacher  
someday.

When you see me combing the bushes for  
bugs, or packing my pockets with choice  
things I find. Don't pass it off as "just play." For  
you see, I'm learning as I play. I may be a  
scientist someday.

When you see me engrossed in a puzzle or  
some "plaything" at my school, please don't  
feel the time is wasted in 'play.' For you see,  
I'm learning as I play. I'm learning to solve

problems and concentrate. I may be in business  
someday.

When you see me cooking or tasting foods  
please don't think that because I enjoy it. It is  
'just play.' I'm learning to follow direction and  
see differences. I may be a cook someday.

When you see me learning to skip, hop, run and  
move my body, please don't say I'm "just  
playing." For you see, I'm learning as I play. I'm  
learning how my body works. I may be a doctor,  
nurse or athlete someday.

When you ask me what I've done at school  
today, and I say, "I just played", please don't  
misunderstand me. For you see, I'm learning  
as I play. I'm learning to enjoy and be  
successful in my work. I'm preparing for  
tomorrow. Today, I am a child and my work  
is play.

- Anita Wadley



**From all of us at Villa Have  
a great Thanksgiving  
holiday!**