



## Summer at VMS

We are still accepting applications for the VMS summer program. This year, we will be splitting our morning and afternoon sessions into two different themes.

Those that attend the morning session in the summer will be able to experience performing Shrek: The Musical through music, song, and dance. During the afternoon session, the children will be experiencing Spanish Language

Immersion through music, games, dance, and food.

We would like to remind our families that the VMS summer program is for all children grades 1-6 and is not limited to VMS students. Please feel free to share information about our summer program with other families and friends. For an application or additional information, please contact Melissa Broyles at [office@visaliamontessori.com](mailto:office@visaliamontessori.com)

## Classroom Studies

**Language:** In grammar, we will be moving on to examine the function of the preposition. Our older students will be developing their knowledge of this part of speech with extension activities. In Word Study, we will be moving on to look at homographs. Again, older students will be taking their existing knowledge and building upon it. In language mechanics, we will be concluding our studies on the comma and moving onto the use of quotation marks in the coming weeks. We are also beginning our study of various forms of poetry.

**Science:** In Botany, our first grade students will be continuing with their study on plant stems. Second grade students will continue to look at parts of the leaf in detail whilst our older students will be continuing

their examinations of the flower.

In Zoology, our students will continue to examine various creatures in the animal kingdom. Our younger students are coming to a completion on their study of various type of worms and will be going on to look at the arthropod. Our older students will examine animals who might be mistaken for flowers at first glance, crinoids.

In physical science, we have recently started a study of simple machines and different construction designs.

**Geography:** We have just started looking at the continent of Europe. We will be looking at various geographical aspects such as maps, flags, biomes, etc. with our older students honing the knowledge of the

## Upcoming Events

**Family Volunteer Day**  
At Visalia Montessori School  
April 1st 8-4pm

**Parents & Pizza Party**  
At Visalia Montessori School  
April 7th 6-8pm

**VMSPA Meeting for the Bash**  
At Visalia Montessori School  
April 9th @4pm

**Spring Break-No School**  
April 10th -17th

**VMSPA Meeting for the Bash**  
At Visalia Montessori School  
April 22nd @9am

**Annual Builder's Bash**  
At Visalia Montessori School  
May 20th @6pm

continent that they acquired from previous studies. Students will also be looking at navigation at sea.

**Geometry:** Our younger students will be continuing with their study on the triangle. Our second grade students will be resuming their study of the triangle, looking at more complex aspects of this shape. Some of our students will also be looking at equations using triangles.

**P.E.:** The students will be further developing their tennis skills with a focus on partner work and small team games.

# VMSPA Calendar of Events

**Family Volunteer Day:** Please come by VMS anytime between 8am and 4pm on Saturday, April 1st for Family Volunteer Day. We will be working on the outdoor playground area and are also in need of supplies such as:

- Chain saws
- Hedge clippers/trimmers/pruners
- Sledge hammers
- Work-gloves, safety glasses, ear protection
- Shovels (all sizes)
- Rakes/hoes
- Dolly carts/wheelbarrows to transport large boulders/yard waste

**Parents & Pizza Party:** We hope you can join us for a pizza party for parents, siblings, and students of VMS on Friday, April 7th from 6-8pm at Visalia Montessori School. The VMSPA will be charging \$3 per person for pizza and children under 4 years old are free. Drinks will be provided and please feel free to bring a dessert to share or a chair to relax in.

**Bash Meetings:** We have two scheduled meetings for those that are volunteering to help with the Bash. We would love it if every

parent could attend. There is so much to do with only 7 more weeks till show time!

**Sunday, April 9th @ 4pm**

**Saturday, April 22nd @9am**

If you have any additional questions, please contact

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Thank you to all our Montessori families for your continued support!



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Currently serving grades 1-4

Before and After School Care Available.