



# Elementary Montessorian

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## Valentines at VMS

With Valentines Day around the corner we want to inform our families that bringing Valentines cards to school to share with friends is a wonderful way to spread the love. However, we do ask that you do not send your child with candies, treats, or goodies to school. Also, if

your child wants to participate in exchanging cards, please make sure to bring a Valentine for each student in their class to avoid any hurt feelings. Thank you!



## Classroom Studies

**Social Sciences:** Students are examining the fundamental needs of humans. As they look at these needs, it shows children that across time and cultures, we all need the same basic things. The way our needs are met varies depending upon the resources around us and the values of the culture. Our geography lessons continue to look at the South American continent with a focus on the countries, capital cities, and flags of the nations.

**Life Sciences:** The students are witnessing life blossom as spring approaches. During our weekly walks the children are able to witness the life cycles in the environment. Students in Grade 1 will focus on the parts and types of stems. While for older students, the focus of study will be leaves and fruits. Students will also be examining animals, both on land and in the sea. Our classroom residents, Godzilla and Pirate Bob II (the class tarantulas) will undoubtedly

get lots of attention this month.

**Language Arts:** The children continue to shine and show their creativity. This month they are expanding their vocabulary and acquainting themselves with antonyms, synonyms, and homophones. Our Grade 1 students will be introduced to the functions of the verb, while our older students will be revisiting this part of speech and continuing to examine its usage. Students will also be working on sentence analysis and the apostrophe. Our emerging poets and play writers will be practicing throughout the month for the Poetry and Prose event that takes place in March.

## Upcoming Events

### Gardens 4 Education

Forms and Money due February 3rd

### Volunteer Playground Work Day

February 4th @ 7:30-12

### VMSPA Meeting

February 6th @ 6p

### Parents & Pastries

February 10th @ 7:45-8:30

### Parent Teacher Conferences

February 17th-Limited Childcare

### Presidents Day

February 20th-No School

### Reading Across America/

### Usborne Book Fair

February 27th-March 10th

### Pajama Day

March 3rd-Minimum Day

School is out at 11:30am

“Free the child’s potential, and you transform him into the world”

-Maria Montessori

# VMSPA Calendar of Events

## **Gardens 4 Education:**

Our Gardens 4 Education Fundraiser was sent home last month to help raise funds for VMS. It includes three varieties of tomatoes and as a new addition, cucamelons are also available. Both will be delivered in a plantable burlap pot and should arrive in mid March. This fundraiser will support good health and is a high profit margin for our school. Please turn in your order forms and money by February 3rd. We accept cash and checks, you may make the checks out to Visalia Montessori School. Thank you for your support!

## **Playground Volunteer Work Day:**

Please join our VMSPA in continuing to work on our natural playground on Saturday, February 4th, 8am-12pm. All family and friends are welcome to lend a helping hand or loan materials needed. We are in need of sledge hammers, crowbars,

concrete saws, and parent power!

## **Parents & Pastries:**

Parents are invited to enjoy breakfast pastries at VMS with their child on February 10th at 7:45am. If you are able to donate a pastry, drinks, plates, or napkins etc., please contact Relon.

## **Usborne Book Fair:**

Beginning February 27 through March 10 there will be a small display of book samples available to view for quality purposes. You will be able to purchase these books with the website link that will be emailed to you.

## **Usborne Read-a-Thon:**

Children will accumulate pledges for the number of books read, number of pages read, or for reaching a specific goal. All money raised by the children will go to purchase books for the school and Usborne will donate 50% of total pledge money in

books to the school. On March 3rd VMS will be having a read-a-thon for the minimum day at school.

Children can wear pajamas or other comfy clothes, bring a pillow, blanket, and settle in for a day of reading. The VMSPA will be providing snacks for the day.

We will also be accepting and encouraging parents to sign up to come into the classroom and read to the children throughout the week of 2/27-3/3. If you are available to do this, please email us to schedule a time at

[office@visaliamontessori.com](mailto:office@visaliamontessori.com)

There will be a VMSPA meeting held at 6pm on February 6th at VMS regarding the Builders Bash and how you can help. Let's make this the best Bash yet! For questions, contact Ms. Graham via text or email.

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