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2017 has Arrived

Welcome back Montessori families! We hope everyone had a great winter break and wonderful holiday. We are excited for 2017 and spending this year with all of you. To start off the New Year, we would like to remind our parents of

the change in bill tuition payment beginning January 1st. As of January 1, 2017, we will no longer be allowing bill pay through the online service sent via email by Gloria. You may pay by check, cash, or money order at VMS or online via PayPal at

visaliamontessori.com under the 'VMS Families' tab. An additional fee will be charged for this service. Please contact Melissa Broyles via email or phone if you have additional questions. office@visaliamontessori.com (559) 624-1374

Upcoming Events

Pismo Beach Monarch Grove Field Trip
January 11th

Teacher In-Service
January 13th-Minimum Day

Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
January 16th-No School

VMSPA Parents Meeting
January 17th @6pm

Family Game Night
January 27th

Monarch Grove Field Trip

On Wednesday, January 11th the VMS students and staff will be travelling by Classic Charter bus to Pismo Beach to enjoy the Monarch Grove. Please arrive to VMS promptly at 7:30am to ensure a timely departure. The bus will be leaving at 8am and returning at

approximately 4pm. Your child must bring a warm waterproof jacket and an extra pair of socks in a ziploc baggie, along with a packed lunch. The VMSPA will be providing snacks. No additional chaperones are needed for this field trip at this time.

However, if parents would like to attend, they may do so at the cost of \$35 per parent provided space is available. Contact Ms. Graham via text or email. (559) 901-2342 relon@thecrystalbarn.com

Classroom Studies

Social Sciences

The children have begun to shift to the continent of South America. They will be mapping, learning the flags of the various nations and examining the different biomes of the continent and the animals that live in them. They will also be exploring the culture and customs of the people in various areas.

Life Sciences

We will be continuing on to examine two of the five kingdoms, Botany and Zoology (Plant and Animal). With spring just around the corner and life

cycles on the brink of visually emerging, we are focusing on different aspects of plant life. Students will be looking at the types of roots, stems, and examining leaves. In Zoology, students will be looking at basic animals such as the Cnidarian and various types of worms. The field trip to Monarch Grove will expand what the students are able to experience in the classroom.

Language Arts

The children are working on expanding their written voice. The grammar focus this month is

adjectives and their function. For the students Word Study, they will focus on prefixes while the mechanics aspect of language will focus this month on the use of the exclamation point. Yes!

Applied Sciences

In Geometry, our students will be studying the triangle and continuing the study of angles by using a compass. They will also take a look at designs constructed solely of lines and curves.