



# Elementary Montessorian

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## Poetry & Prose

The Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE) is holding its 33rd annual Poetry and Prose Performance Celebration. Students have the opportunity to practice their public speaking skills in an encouraging environment. Judges provide feedback on their performance in order to encourage

and guide them in a further developing their skills. Students may perform individually or in groups.

Participating VMS students will be performing at the TCOE Administrative building on Mooney Blvd. Friday, March 24th at 9am. Parents are welcome to attend.

## Classroom Studies

**Language:** Students will continue to look at the functions of the verb from various perspectives. In our Word Study lessons, we will be finishing synonyms and going on to look at homophones. First grade students will be introduced to sentence analysis now that they are studying the verb and second grade students will resume their work on sentence analysis. Our older students are continuing to look at the elements of story writing. Some of our student have donned their writing caps and will be participating in the Young Authors' Fair.

**Biology:** In Botany, first grade students will finish their examination of roots and go on to look at stems. Second graders will be continuing with their study on various aspects of leaves. Our older students will look at the elements that support plant growth, This foundation will lead them into their study of the elements

and molecular structure.

In Zoology, students will continue their study of the animal kingdom; moving from the very basic life forms to the more developed animals with a digestive tract for example. They will be looking at worms, arthropods, and mollusks. Students will also look at our use for animals across the ages.

**Geometry:** First grade students will continue their study of the triangle whilst second grade students will be continuing with their work on bisecting various angles. Older students will also be looking at geometric patterns and solid surface area as well as measurements and conversions.

**P.E. & Art:** First grade students have started practicing their tennis skills. Our older students are honing the tennis skills they started to develop last year.

## Upcoming Events

**Reading Across America/  
Usborne Book Fair**  
February 27th-March 10th

**Pajama Day**  
March 3rd-Minimum Day  
School is out at 11:30am

**VMSPA Luncheon**  
March 3rd @ 11:30a

**Builders Bash Meeting**  
March 4th @ 9am

**Teacher In-Service**  
March 10th-No School  
(Limited Childcare Available)

**Poetry & Prose**  
March 24th @ 9am

**VMSPA Meeting**  
March 24th @ 6pm

Mrs. Entabi continues to teach the VMS students art and is currently focusing on the use of watercolors.

## Limited Childcare Available

Friday, March 10th

Full Day (7:30-5:30), \$35

Half Day (7:30-1p) or (1-5:30p), \$25

If you are interested in childcare, please email Melissa at [office@visaliamontessori.com](mailto:office@visaliamontessori.com) and state whether you would like a full or half day.

# VMSPA Calendar of Events

## Usborne Book Fair:

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.

## Pajama Day and Luncheon:

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 small morning of reading.

Following the minimum day, the VMSPA will be hosting a luncheon with a taco bar from 11:30-12:30 on March 3rd. There has been an email sent out to parents with a list of food that is needed, if you wish to

contribute. Feel free to email [office@visaliamontessori.com](mailto:office@visaliamontessori.com) for any questions or food items you plan on bringing.

There will be a VMSPA meeting held at 9am on March 4th at VMS regarding the Builders Bash and how you can help. Let's make this the best Bash yet! An additional meeting for the parents association will be held March 24th at 6pm at VMS. We would love it if every parent could attend. For questions, contact Ms. Graham via text or email. (559) 901-2342 [relon@thecrystalbarn.com](mailto:relon@thecrystalbarn.com)



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The Visalia Montessori School mission is to build an engaged community of respectful and compassionate learners by providing a world-class Montessori environment that supports individuality, self-discipline, and a lifelong love of learning.

Currently serving grades 1-4

Before and After School Care Available.