



# Elementary Montessorian

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Visalia Montessori School Newsletter

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## News and Notes for VMS Families

### Reading at Home

Your child should be reading at home everyday. 10 minutes daily for six year olds, 20 minutes daily for seven year olds. Read to your child or have your child read to you. If you need a selection of books, we can help!

### Got Homework?

Please see above regarding reading. THAT is your child's homework!

Because much of what we do in the classroom cannot be duplicated for home use (i.e. Montessori classroom materials), your child will not be bringing homework home.

However, there will be times when your child may

choose to bring certain work home, such as math fact practice, spelling, or research. Please note that there is enough time during the school day for your child to complete his/her school work.

When your child is at home, the most important thing for your child to do is to interact with the people at home. Some suggestions include preparing meals, cleaning the house, and reading, of course.

### Healthy Snacks

The snacks and food we see coming to school are, for the most part, healthy. We are seeing a wide range of food groups, including fruits and vegetables. We are not seeing a lot of prepackaged

and highly processed foods. Treats and desserts are rare and those portions are small. Our parents are so smart. Keep up the good work!

### Book Orders

Our first Scholastic Books order will arrive shortly. They will be sent home with your child when they arrive.

Each book you order earns free books for our school. Thank you for participating!

### Folders and Plans

Your child will bring a green folder home everyday. Please look for work and notices each day. Work plans come home on Thursdays unless otherwise arranged with Mrs. Dabadie.

## Upcoming Events

### Back to School Night

Mon, Oct. 13, 6:30 pm  
VMS

### Visit to Symphony

Tues. Oct. 21, 1:00 pm  
L.J. Williams Theater

### VMA Meeting

Thurs, Nov. 6, 6:00 pm  
a place to grow

### VMSPA Board Meeting

Thurs, Nov. 20, 6:30 pm  
VMS

## This Little Light of Mine...

Children at VMS have spent the last few weeks discussing the "light" or "love" that is inside all people. Even though each person has physical differences, everyone has a loving light inside.

When a person feels happy, proud or fulfilled, the love light shines brightly. Consequently, when a person feels sad, mad, or scared, the light is more dim.

We have spent time during

school remembering and identifying times when our love lights are shining brightly or dimly.

For more information, see Sonnie McFarland's *Honoring the Light of the Child*.

## VMSPA News

The Visalia Montessori School Parents Association is offering memberships to families who support VMS.

The next board meeting is November 20 at 6:30 pm at VMS.

The VMSPA has roles for all kinds of volunteers. Please contact VMSPA President Belinda Heatherly at [parents@visaliamontessori.com](mailto:parents@visaliamontessori.com)