

Napa Valley Montessori

April Newsletter

As we enter the springtime season, we continue our study of the flowers and plants that are local to Northern California. The children delight in caring for our garden plants, which include kale, lettuce, carrots, strawberries, blueberries, lemon balm, and rosemary. Our botany focus this month will include learning about the parts of a flower, tree, and plant through the use of our botanical three-part cards. We will also be conducting science experiments to demonstrate the way in which plants and flowers absorb water.

Our annual springtime egg hunt will be on [April 18th](#), and we are happy to invite parents/relatives to attend from 11:00 to 12:00, to watch as the children search our school for their beautifully decorated eggs.

Additionally, we are continuing with our letter and number-of-the-week focus, which we incorporate into the Montessori curriculum. This month we will be learning about letters K, L, M, and N, and numbers 12-15. This will be reflected in our math, writing, and art sections of the classroom.

Parent/Teacher Appointments:

If you wish to have a meeting with your child's teacher to discuss an important matter, please make an appointment. You may do so at any point in the school year,

as it is the school policy to facilitate the highest degree of communication between staff and parents. In addition, the teachers are available daily at departure time for a quick "check-in", or to arrange for a meeting at another time. Please note that the next batch of conferences will be towards the end of May.

Summer Camp Announcement:

Napa Valley Montessori is happy to announce that our "Montessori Scholars Summer Camp" will be from June 15th through August 15th. Every week will be a different theme. For example, during Space Week, we will be creating our very own solar system with paper mache. During biology week we will be viewing pond water through a microscope, as well as learning about reptiles and amphibians at our next-door living museum. Other weeks will include fairytale week, art week, ocean week, and culinary week. For more details, please see [Ms. Esther](#).

New Students:

Ethan and Amaya

Dates to Remember:

Egg Hunt- Friday, 4/18 from 11:00 to 12:00

Parents, grandparents, and friends are encouraged to attend as the children hunt for their uniquely decorated eggs! At 12:00 the children will promptly depart for lunch time.

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See Ms. Esther for more details.