

# Napa Valley Montessori

# September Newsletter



## Hello Everyone...

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year. The students have been very busy in their classroom's. The children have enjoyed the recent changes to the environment. New friendships are blooming and all of the children are eager to work and learn new things. We have had a wonderful start to the new school year. We are very excited for the fall season. We have planned fun activities to do with the children this month.

## Mark Your Calendars

Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019

5:00-6:30

Back to school night



Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Family Day ~~noon~~ dismissal

**NO CHILDCARE**

September 10<sup>th</sup> -Sean  
September 17<sup>th</sup> -Vivienne  
September 26<sup>th</sup> -Kevin  
September 30<sup>th</sup> - Ms.  
Jocelyn

We hope all of you have a wonderful birthday!

## Friendly

## Reminders

### New Policies

Napa Valley Montessori has implemented two new policies.

- Acceptable parent behavior policy
- Illness policy

Please review, sign and return the new policies to your teacher September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.



### Play shoes

Please send your child with rubber soled tennis shoes. Please keep sandals and boots home.

## BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Back to school night is Friday, September 27, 2019 from 5:00-6:30. Please come and meet the staff and the rest of the community. There will also be refreshments.



We are teaching the children the importance of eating healthy. Please provide your child with a healthy lunch.

- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Protein
- Water

Please keep sugary foods and drinks home. We always provide a healthy self-serve snack during work period. Snack generally is fruit or vegetable paired with a protein or grain.

## Goodbye line in

### primary

Please remain behind the green goodbye line when dropping off and picking up your child. We are encouraging your child to put away their lunch, jackets and nap items independently.



Communication is important in our community. We cannot grow and support one another without communication. The Napa Valley Montessori team is implementing new processes to communicate more effectively and efficiently with our families.



Bright wheel is an app that Napa Valley Montessori will be using. Bright wheel allows teachers and administrators to send you group and or personal messages, reminders, photos, videos, behaviors, etc. The app also allows parents to connect with the teacher if they have questions, concerns, or need to report an absence and also pay tuition. Our staff is dedicated to providing your child with the best education possible. There are times that our staff may not be able to stop to discuss your child's growth and progress. Bright

wheel gives staff the opportunity to do quick check ins. That way you, as the parent, know exactly what is going on and how well your child is progressing. **We are expecting at least one parent from each family to download and use the app.** The app is 100% private, your child's teacher will give you the class code and login information as soon as training is complete.

## Parent conferences

Aside from bi annual parent teacher conferences, If you would like to sit down and meet with your child's teacher, please let her know. All of the teachers at NVM would love to connect with you to discuss how to best support your child. Your teacher will give you a few dates for a 15 to 20-minute meeting. Please give a teacher up to a week to plan a sit-down meeting with you.



The Montessori philosophy not only applies to education but the philosophy applies to child development and parenting. Napa Valley Montessori wants to partner with you! Parenting is a rewarding experience but it also has its challenges. If you need support, advice, resources, tips or ideas to help you through your parenting journey please connect with us.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S

If you have questions, concerns or need additional support the administrators would love to hear from you as well.

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**Owner of School**

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**Mrs. Destiny**

**Admissions and  
Curriculum Director**

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## Telephone



Our phone lines are getting an upgrade! This month we are getting a phone tree added to our lines to effectively communicate with you better. Until it is fully implemented we may experience missed calls and messages. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience during this process.

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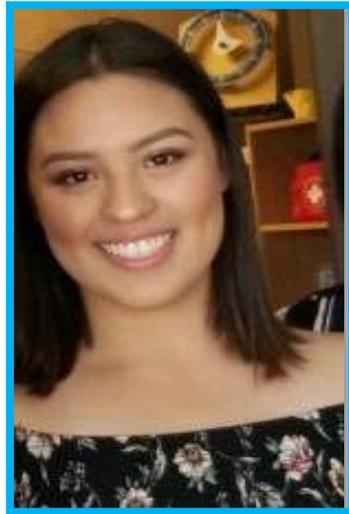
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# MEET THE TEACHERS



*Ms. Reina  
Co-Lead Primary Teacher*



*Ms. Jocelyn  
Co-Lead Primary Teacher*



*Ms. Gabby  
Co-Lead Primary Teacher*



*Ms. Evelyn  
Support Elementary and  
Primary Teacher*



*Mrs. Terry  
Support primary Teacher*



*Ms. Sofia  
After school Teacher*

## ***Hello Community...***

My name is Destiny Iniguez and I am the directress and interim elementary teacher at Napa Valley Montessori School. I have been married to my best friend for over 11 years. I am a "mama" of three. My son Jaydin is 12, my daughter Ariana is five and the littlest one is Isaiah who is five months old. My husband and I truly enjoy our journey together as parents. Throughout the 12 years of parenting, I have obtained my bachelor's degree in psychology with an emphasis in child and adolescent development and this year I received my Master's degree at Saint Mary's College in Montessori education. I have over five years of diverse educational experience in Montessori education, early childhood education, child development, progressive education, project-based learning, and leadership. I also have extensive knowledge in dyslexia and dysgraphia and intervention programs that help students overcome their learning

## *Meet*

### *The Directress*

*Destiny M Iniguez, M.A.*



struggles with this neurological disorder. I am passionate about this because my son, Jaydin, has dyslexia and dysgraphia. I was fortunate to take a year off of work to homeschool my son and help him overcome his learning challenges.

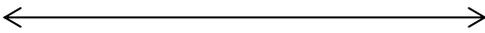
Aside from education I am passionate about parenting. I am a guru at conscious parenting and positive discipline. These methods have not only changed the way I parent my children but it has changed my life as well.

During my free time I love to read, pray, meditate, listen to music, watch Netflix and hang out and goof around with my family.

I am excited to work with the staff, students and parents at NVM. It is important to me to create a strong sense of community at this school. I think this is going to be a fantastic year working with all of you. If you have any questions or concerns or need any support please email me.

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# THIS MONTH



## Primary Classroom

### MATH

Practicing counting and writing numbers

1-10

### LANGUAGE

- letter names & sounds
- penmanship

Aa, Bb, Cc, Dd

### SCIENCE

- Botany
  - Apples

### GEOGRAPHY



Africa

### GRACE &

### COURTESY

- Please & Thank you

### SENSORIAL

- Red, yellow and green
- Circle & triangle

## Elementary Classroom

### MATH

Kindergarten:

- Teen board
- Ten board
- Counting by 10

1<sup>st</sup> Grade

- Hundred board
- Intro to addition

3<sup>rd</sup> grade:

- Place value (up to the thousands place)
- 4-digit addition & subtraction

### LANGUAGE

Blending Reading with art and Science

Kindergarten:

- Review letter names and sounds
- Introduction to blending
- Identify a character in a story
- Making predictions about text.
- Penmanship

1<sup>st</sup> grade:

- CVC words
- Penmanship
- Identify a character in a story
- Identifying the beginning, middle and end of a story

3<sup>rd</sup> grade:

- Narrative writing
- Spelling
- Identifying conflicts in a story.
- Grammar
  - Noun

### SENSORIAL

- Gray
- Hexagon

### SOCIAL STUDIES

- Citizenship
  - Rules & Laws
  - How to be a friend
  - Helping others

### SCIENCE

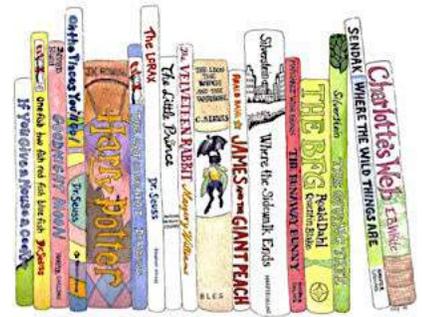
- 5 senses
- Autumn
- PBL

### PBL (afternoon work)

- Working together as a team

### GRACE & COURTESY

- Yes please & No thank you



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Please read to your child for 15 to 20 minutes a day. Allow your child to choose the books that interest him or her.



Thank you for your dedication and support

NVM Team