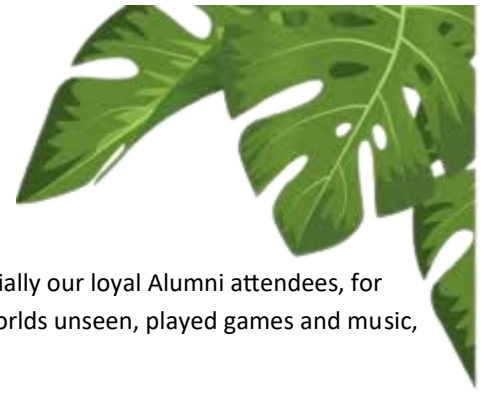


# SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



## New Beginnings, Great Adventures

September is here, and a new school year opens. We thank our SUMMER CAMPERS, especially our loyal Alumni attendees, for the fun activities for the past eight weeks. We traveled familiar roads, but ventured into worlds unseen, played games and music, made friends, old and new. We bid goodbye to Summer, look forward to Fall.

We welcome you back, our returning NVM students. We welcome as well our new learners, our parents, family members to our vibrant learning community. As September continues, we take a journey to discovery, growing and developing new skills.

Welcome to KINDERGARTEN, Elementary at Napa Valley Montessori.

With Brightwheel, our parents can engage us, receive updates, provide relevant information. Our website also features information, newsletters, reminders that you will find useful throughout the schoolyard.

We begin by getting to know your student, as well the child understanding, expressing his or her interests, preferences with others. At Montessori, your child is engaged in an environment where the development of the sensorial, intellectual and moral are emphasized, daily. New skills are practiced, other skills sharpened while your child sees, feels and touches everything in Mr. B.'s classroom, library, playground, garden, even the kitchen and restroom, nature and nurture come together.

Our progressive Montessori approach upholds the advancement of Critical Thinking, Collaboration, Creativity and Communication, or the 4 Cs. These are prevalent on a daily basis, enhanced by templates, original and structured, enlivening activities with music, song, dance, Yoga.

Our Wednesdays feature WEDNESDAY WORKOUTS with BrainBreak Challenges, Yoga exercises, movement katas, Star Wars light sabers, indoor and outdoor sports. We request you have your child come in comfortable clothes, bring hand or face towels, extra shirts. Please also be reminded of our Sunscreen Policy guidelines which you need to follow, and any prevailing health conditions/information should likewise be provided. We assure confidentiality of the above, in the interest of the child.

Fridays are dubbed as SHOW AND TELL DAY, when your child is allowed to bring a favorite toy, book, stuffed animal, souvenir, photograph, patches, gameboard, or items which sparked wonder, interest, precious memories. Over the years, we've had mighty interesting items. One student was fascinated with Vacuum Cleaners, which he dutifully brought with parental approval, as well as Mr. B.'s consent. He gave us wonderful insights of these household marvels, articulating aspects of the design, capacity and capability. We also had clean study areas on those Fridays.

At Circle Time in the area we call THE CONTINENTS, we share these poignant and colorful stories, episodes related to what is SHOWN, TELLING our Team the colorful story or background. We *discourage* LIVING ANIMALS or radioactive materials, harmful items, and electronics (tablets, computers, video games, devices). Remember you also have full and final parental approval, and exercise discretion.

We start the school day with FLAG rites, the singing of the National Anthem (The Star-Spangled Banner) and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance in the morning at assembly in the Lobby, or our Open Library Area.

September 21 marks the first day of FALL, and also the International Day of Peace. We have activities for these, and are integrated into our daily activities. We wish also to greet our dear grandparents, as September 10 was Grandparents Day. Live well, prosper and May the Force Be with You.

All Beginnings will have their UPS, Downs and we will take all of those in navigating through KINDER. After all, the word makes us remind all of us, to live each day and make the world KINDER for all.

Salamat PO. Thank you!



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Friday, October 13** — Picture Day / Teacher In-Service — Lifetouch will be here on the **morning** of 10/13 to take photos for our yearbook. Photo packages will also be available for purchase. We are **closed that afternoon**.

**Friday, October 27** — Field Trip to Stanly Lane Pumpkin Patch

## STANLY LANE FIELD TRIP on 10/27

On **Friday, October 27**, we will be taking a field trip to the **Stanly Lane Pumpkin Patch in Napa**. We will leave around 9:30 am and return before noon. It is about a 15-minute drive to the Pumpkin Patch. We really want all our kids to go on this wonderful field trip. And we will be covering the admission costs! Permission slips will be put in your child's box near the start of October. If you can come along, please indicate that on the permission slip form. Thank you!

## AUTUMN ADVENTURES WITH MR. B

### LANGUAGE ARTS, PHONICS, HANDWRITING, and MATH

**Beginning Letters, The "HARD" CONSONANTS integrated with Handwriting,  
My NAME This Is ME, Getting to Know YOU, Too.**

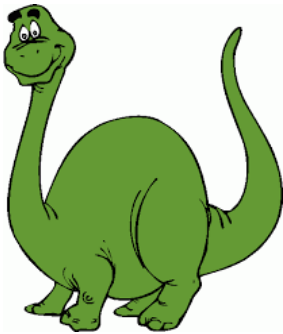
**Upper Case Letters integrated with Music, Arts: The Write Stuff Math**

**NUMBERS, Single Digit Numerals**

**Integrated with Handwriting, COUNT ME IN**

**Integrated with Music, Visual Arts. HOW MANY, HOW FAR, Days of the Week**

**Sensorial Counting and Building Blocks**



### SCIENCE & SOCIAL STUDIES

**DINOSAURS. When They Ruled the Earth**

**Introducing PLANETS. THE EARTH IS MY HOME,  
A WORLD AT PEACE. We Are All Earthlings  
Integrated with Music Arts**

**The USA: Our Flag, Our Country  
Integrated with Music: The Star-Spangled Banner  
The Pledge of Allegiance**



**SEPTEMBER LAND, SEA, AIR. Theme: TRANSPORTATION**

**Sports: SOCCER or Football.**

**Integrated with Music: Waka, Waka, This is AFRICA, featured Continent**

