

# Montessori School of Encinitas



## NEWSLETTER 2021

### *From the Office of the Director:*

Spring is almost here but the weather has kept us in for most times. I would like to remind parents to have your child wear appropriate clothing for this cold weather.

I would like to thank the parents and guardians for practicing social distancing and taking turns when dropping off and picking up the children. Be reminded that everyone needs to remain careful even when we have been vaccinated and our school will continue to follow precautionary measures.

### What's happening:

March 14—Daylight Saving Time

March 17—St. Patrick's Day

March 19—Closed for Teachers-In-Service Day

On March 17, we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day and we encourage everyone to join by wearing something green.

View what your child has been doing at school by visiting our school's face book page. Don't forget to hit : **LIKE**  
<http://www.facebook.com/the.mse.school>

*Ms. Saro Mahesan*



### *Infant and Toddler Class:*

A warm welcome to our new babies in class and we are so happy to see our older babies thriving each day. The infants are learning through their senses and they continue to explore and discover new things. The toddlers are eager learners and showing much interest in learning to count, identify the colors, shapes and the use of sign language. We encourage the children to use the words and sign language of "please" "more" "thank you" and practice hand to ourselves.

We would like to welcome Ms. Jessica to our school and we are so eager to learn new things from you.

On March 17, we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day and to actively participate we encourage our little ones to wear something green.

This month we are introducing our babies to the color green, through painting Shamrocks, rainbows and leprechauns. Our babies have been busy with their own projects at school.

*Teachers: Ms. Jenny, Ms. Lily, Ms. Giselle, Ms. Liz, Ms. Lucy and Ms. Karely*

*The 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Patrick's Day was marked in Sydney Opera House by making it green. The first St Patrick's Day celebration in the United States was held in Boston in 1737.*

## St. Patrick

St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland, although he was born in Britain, around 385AD. His parents Calpornius and Conchessa were Roman citizens living in either Scotland or Wales, according to different versions of his story.



## Legend

Legend has it that St. Patrick used the native shamrock as a symbol of the Holy Trinity when preaching and brought the Latin alphabet to Ireland.



## *Preschool Prep Class:*

With the days getting longer and springtime just around the corner we leap into March with a renewed sense of excitement!

Looking further out into the month of March, it surely goes without saying that on Wednesday March 17th is St. Patrick's Day! This day is associated being an Irish—anything green and gold, shamrocks, Irish people and their foods, Leprechaun and luck. Please send your child to school in a green shirt on that day.

**Math:** This month many of our math activities will be focused on patterning as well as practicing our counting skills using Montessori materials.

**Arts:** The children are going to create St. Patrick's Day crafts. The children will learn the purpose, symbols, colors and activities related to St. Patrick's Day.

**Language:** Vowels. Reading is a big part of our class this helps the children relate themes and information in books to personal experiences.

**Artist of the Month:** Georgia O'Keeffe (American Artist) Please continue to label all of your child's personal belongings, including: sweaters, masks, bedding, and lunchboxes.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Teachers: *Ms. Naing and Ms. Vanessa*



*Four-leaf clovers commonly appear in centuries-old legends as symbols of good luck. The Druids (Celtic priests), in the early days of Ireland, believed that when they carried a three-leaf clover or shamrock, they could see evil spirits coming and have a chance to escape in time.*

## *Preschool and Kindergarten Class:*

This month of March, we will celebrate, talk and learn about the story of St. Patrick, and why the shamrock symbolizes faith, hope and charity. On March 17, we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Don't forget to wear something green otherwise you will be pinched.

In Language, most of the children are into reading while others are using the movable alphabet to make words. In Mathematics, some are working on mastering the numbers 1-10, some are studying teens (12, 13, 14...), tens, hundreds, thousands, learning the functions of addition and subtraction. In Cultural Studies they will be studying groups of animals and land/water formations. They are naming and recognizing the locations of states of America. Writing practice at home is strongly encourage and feel free to ask us if you would like work sheets.

Artist of the month is Piet Mondrian and composer is Franz Schubert. The values of faith, hope and charity will be the discussed as we celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

It has been very cold outside so please send your child with a sweater/jacket . Be reminded that your child's water bottle should be washed daily and refilled with water. Also label them.

Teachers: *Ms. Jonah and Ms. Ashlei*



*Saint Patrick used Shamrock (a young sprig of clover) to teach the pagans about the Holy Trinity. The shamrock is now the official flower of Ireland. It is associated with St Patrick.*

