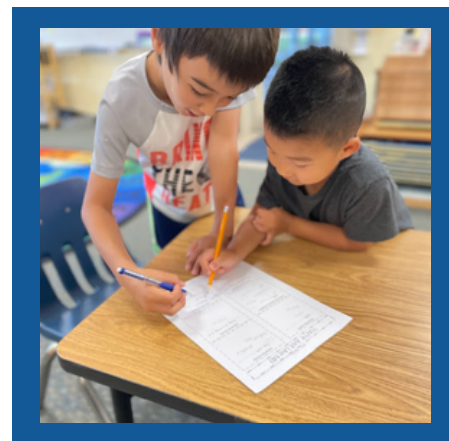


CALENDAR

- 9/18: Field trip forms are due back to school.
- 9/21: Pizza Friday starts (LE is having pizza this day due to the field trip)
- 9/22: Field Trip: Castle Hill at the Crane Estate for a seaweed coastal education program.
- 9/23: ASM at Andover Day
- 9/24: Hike for Hope (Lazarus House)
- 9/29: Book Report goes home (Genre: Mystery)

Our Classroom



The students in our classroom showed up for the new school year with wonderful smiles and a positive attitude. We spent the first two weeks of school getting to know each other and our classroom by doing various icebreaker activities. The above picture shows one activity called “Roll Call” where we are introduced ourselves and shared interesting facts about ourselves. Once we shared our information, we passed on the string to complete a community web which showed how we are all linked together now as a class.



As part of our community building, our classroom met with the Dove Room and we did different activities so all of the Lower Elementary students could get to know each other and bond. They had to work together to move a hoop around their bodies without letting go of each others hands and they also played a game called “Barnyard” which was a communication activity where they had to use their listening skills to find their other half while making barnyard animal noises. We are excited to watch the students grow over the school year and watch them form friendships.

[Click here to see the full ASM calendar!](#)

We started off the school year doing different cultural lessons. One of those lessons was learning about the external parts of plants. The plant featured is seaweed. The students received an impressionistic lesson to learn about one of the first plants to arrive on Earth. They got to examine it and learn about all of its parts.



The students have started learning about Political Geography. They are going to be learning about the continent of Europe in more detail. They have started learning about the countries in Europe using a continent puzzle map. They will soon start map tracing and learning more about maps.

The students have started learning about the Five Great Lessons. They have learned about The First Great Lesson: The Beginning of the Universe, The Second Great Lesson: Life Comes to Earth, and the Third Great Lesson: Humans Come to Earth.

In the picture to the right, the students observed an eruption from a volcano while watching the impressionistic lesson from The First Great Lesson.

Over the next few weeks the students will learn more about the Fourth Great Lesson and the Fifth Great Lesson.





The students started Foundations and are practicing phonics and spelling skills. Pictured to the left are the first years practicing letter formation.

Click on the week for more classroom photos!

[Week 1](#)

[Week 2](#)

Looking Ahead...

The first two weeks were spent with not not only the students getting to know each other, but the teachers getting to know the students' reading levels and math levels by giving assessments. The students will start getting their math and language lessons this week. We will start posting about what the students have been working on in the next few weeks. The students are excited to get their hands on the learning materials.

