

## CALENDAR

- Monday, September 18th - Permission Slips due for LE Field Trip to Castle Hill
- Thursday, September 21st - Pizza Lunch for LE (1 day early due to a field trip)
- Friday, September 22nd - LE Field Trip to Castle Hill
- Friday, September 22nd - Welcome Back Social from 3:30 - 5:00pm on Pedini Field
- Saturday, September 23rd, ASM at Andover Day, 10-4pm
- Sunday, September 24th - Hike for Hope from 1-2:30pm
- Tuesday, October 3rd - LE Curriculum Overview for Parents from 5 to 6:30pm
- Friday, October 6th - No School - Professional Development Day
- Monday, October 9th - Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Thursday, October 12th - Parent to Parent Speaker: Jack Agati from 7 to 8:30pm
- Starting on October 15th ASM at the Scarecrow Festival in Andover
- Tuesday, October 24th - LE UN Day Luncheon from 11 to 2pm
- Friday, October 27th - Halloween Fair Hosted by Middle School from 3:30 to 5pm

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

## Our Classroom...



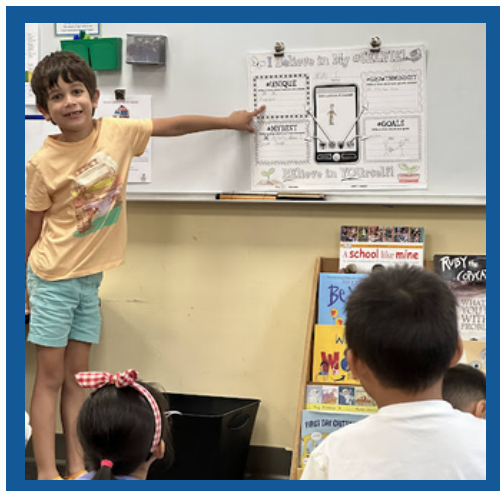
We like to start off the year collaborating with each other so that we can build community across the LE classrooms. Every year we join together as one big group to participate in team building games outside on Pedini Field. This year we worked together to see how quickly we could pass a hula hoop around our entire LE team. We were able to do it in 2 minutes and 40 seconds!



Both classes also came together to learn the first three Great Lessons: The Big Bang, The Timeline of Life, and The Timeline of Humans. Students came together to hear the lessons and in doing so were able to think about these big ideas as a whole group.

We have been having a great time learning more about each member of our community, both those who are new and returning.

We started off our Biology work in Cultural this year learning about the parts of seaweed. Students were able to see an example of a few different types of seaweed and work with it to identify the parts and draw it after having an Impressionistic Lesson. Later the whole class created a wall chart together to hang in our Cultural area. We have also brought Practical Life together with our study of seaweed as students have worked on sewing their own seaweed card. You can see some of their work with seaweed in the album linked below. This will all be a great help to them when we go on our field trip next week.



In the Dove classroom, we have spent some time considering Growth Mindset and the importance of the word "yet". Students considered what they are good at right now and what they hope to work towards as a goal this year. We practiced our presentation skills and gained confidence in speaking in front of our new classroom community. We encourage students to remember that every aspect of learning is about growing together as part of a community. If you would like to see a picture of your child presenting, be sure to check out the album linked below!

Learning about the creation of our universe means taking the elements into consideration. There are many experiments that are related to the First Great Lesson on the Big Bang. The Nature of the Elements has students learning about mixtures, suspensions, and solutions in interesting science demonstrations. When possible students are able to try out these experiments as well. Students really enjoyed using a magnet to remove iron filings from sand in order to understand that this is a mixture because the two combined elements can be separated.







In math, students are working on understanding place value. With a solid understanding of place value, students can then move forward with their math skills. Once able to read large numbers, they can be used with each operation. In the lesson pictured here, students get a better understanding of just how the size of a number relates to our place value system. They see how a single unit builds up to ten and how many tens fit into one hundred and so forth up the the million cube sitting big and green in the photo. Students, of course, love the idea of big numbers and how much bigger they can get. Students wanted to know what comes after a trillion. Do you know?

[Click here for more classroom photos!](#)

## Looking Ahead...

With UN Day on the horizon, students have been learning about Europe, the history of maps, and working on puzzle and pin maps these last few weeks.

We will be starting up our UN Day research next week as well as learning about the parts of a flag. Students will be choosing a country to research and will spend time learning about that country and creating a copy of that countries flag for the presentations at our annual UN Day Celebration. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks!

