

CALENDAR

- 9/30 Andover Day
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Downtown Andover
- 10/5 Pizza Lunch
- 10/6 No School - Professional Development Day
- 10/9 No School - Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day
- 10/11 Penelope's 5th Birthday
- 10/12 Portrait Day
- 10/12 Andover Parent 2 Parent Speaker
7:00 p.m. (American Room)
Jack Agati presents: Birth order: How Your Place In the Family Affects Your View of the World
- 10/13 ASM Spirit Day/Pizza Lunch
- 10/13 PACE Parent Coffee Meetup and Meeting
8:15 a.m. (American Room)
- 10/13 All-School Meeting
8:45 a.m. (American Room)
- 10/15 Oliver's 4th Birthday
- 10/20 All-School Meeting
8:45 a.m. (American Room)
- 10/20 Pizza Lunch
- 10/24 Children's House Curriculum Workshop: Part One
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
- 10/27 All-School Meeting
8:45 a.m. (American Room)
- 10/27 Pizza Lunch
- 10/27 Halloween Fair hosted by the Middle School
3:30 - 5:00 p.m. (American Room)

Our Classroom...

The beginning of the new school year has brought back old friends and welcomed new friends. It has been a pleasure meeting and seeing everyone. The children have been practicing the ground rules of the classroom. Returning students are developing their skills of being role models, by following the rules and helping new friends. Together we are learning the names of all our friends by singing the "Hello Song" each morning.



Practical Life

In the practical life area, we have introduced many activities that foster the child's independence. These include hand washing, rolling and unrolling a work rug, walking around a rug, and how to carry work, bringing it to the appropriate workspace, and then putting it away upon completion.



Cultural & Geography

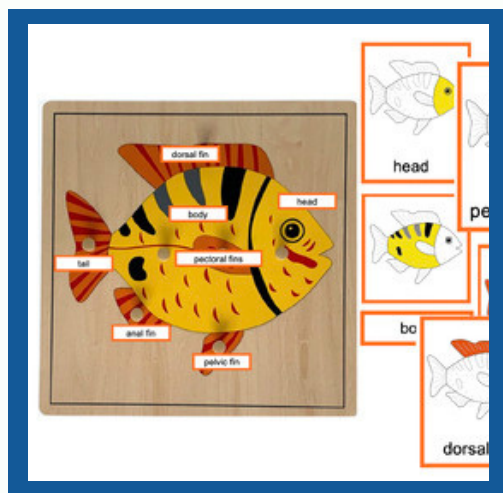
We began the school year by learning about Maria Montessori and what it means to go to a Montessori school. Did you know that Maria Montessori was a peacemaker? Creating peace and kindness will be a topic we continue to discuss throughout the school year.

In the geography area, the children learned about the planet Earth. The land and water and the Continent Globes were introduced. The children are learning the 7 continents and a special continent song. Ask your child to sing it for you!



Science

In the science area, we began with a unit about sea life. The children learned about parts of a fish and explored various ocean creatures. We have also scooped, poured, sorted, and matched shells. The concepts of rough and smooth in relation to shells were also introduced. The concept of living and nonliving things was also introduced to the children. They sorted and labeled living and nonliving things through the use of concrete materials.



Math

The new children were introduced to the Sandpaper Numbers. This material provides a tactile way of learning the shapes of numbers. This helps them remember the symbols and also helps them understand proper numeral formation. The concept of zero was also introduced to the children. The returning students continued to practice with higher math concepts.





Looking ahead...

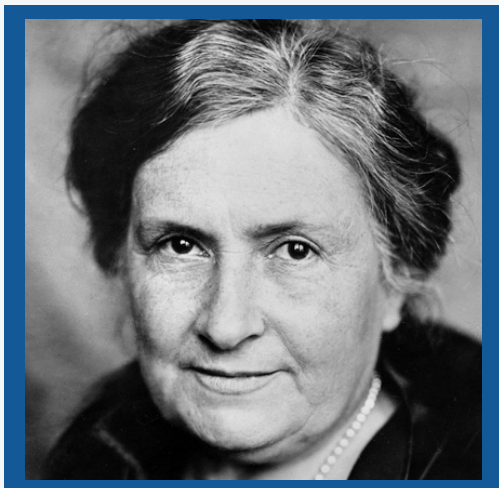
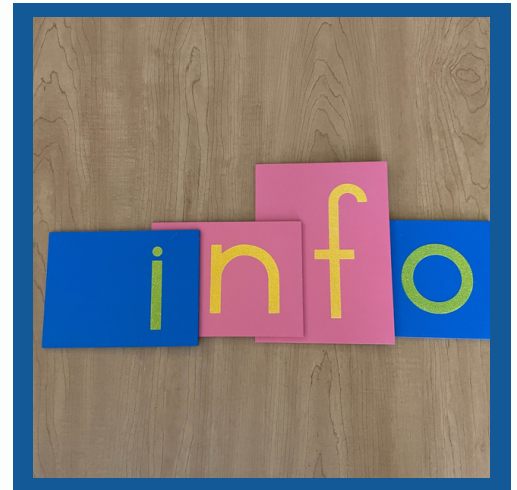
Next Month's Topics

- Parts and Life cycle of an apple
- United Nations Day
- Flags of the world
- Parts and Life cycle of a pumpkin
- Parts of a leaf
- Different types of leaves

More Information...

- Caroline Gill is the room parent for Willow.
- Spanish is on Monday at 9:30 a.m.
- Music is on Friday at 9:10 a.m.

*Don't forget to sign up for Pizza Lunch on Fridays!



“The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child’s own natural desire to learn.”

-Maria Montessori

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