

# Hummingbird Classroom Newsletter October 27, 2023

#### **CALENDAR**

#### 10/31 Halloween - No Enrichment

- 11/3 PACE Diwali Celebration 3:30 p.m. (American Room)
- 11/9 Grandparents and Special Friends Day
- 11/9 Pizza Thursday
- 11/10 School Closed (Veterans Day)
- 11/13-14 Parent Teacher Conferences (No School)
- 11/22-24 School Closed (Thanksgiving Break)
- 12/1 Spirit Day
  All-School Meeting
  8:45 a.m. (American Room)
- 12/1 Portrait Retake Day & Sibling Portrait Day
- 12/8 All-School Meeting 8:45 a.m. (American Room)
- 12/8 Edible House Decorating Social sponsored by PACE 3:30 p.m. (American Room)
- 12/15 Elementary & Middle School Winter Concert 2:30 p.m. (American Room)
- 12/21-1/1 School Closed (Winter Break)

### Our Classroom





United Nations Day is a day to celebrate the creation of the United Nations. On October 24, 1945, 50 countries met in San Francisco, California, to form a group of nations who would work together for world peace. This group was called the United Nations, or UN for short. At ASM, we celebrate this day by acknowledging all of our cultural diversity and sharing our cultures' foods. The students also learned about different cultures and countries by completing a research report. We would like to thank everyone who donated food and helped prepare our celebration!





Every year, we are joined by a theater group from Plymouth State University called T.I.G.E.R. This group promotes and teaches the students about kindness, respect, empathy, and compassion. This year's theme was called 'Team Up Together'. The skits focused on teamwork, inspiring greatness, giving to others, showing empathy and compassion, and respect for yourself and others.

Click here to view ASM's calendar!

#### Math

The students have been working on geometry and studying shapes. Pictured on the right, a third year is learning about quadrilaterals. Thus far, students have learned the difference between a quadrilateral and a triangle as well as the names and attributes of each geometric shape. Using the Box of Sticks, students have learned about squares, rectangles, rhombus, common quadrilaterals, parallelograms, and trapezoids.





## Language

In Language, the second years have been learning about singular possessive nouns. They received a lesson in which they had to identify the singular noun and what belonged to it. They learned about the function of the apostrophe and the letter s and how that helps us understand that we're using a possessive. The second years practiced this lesson by doing an activity called "Fun with Stickies." They went around the room and labeled all of the possessive nouns they could find.

#### Cultural

As part of our cultural lessons, the students have been learning about the continent of Europe. The students have recently extended their studies by learning about the animals that live there. The students were paired up into small groups and they had the opportunity to research an animal of their choosing. They learned about the biome it lives in, how it reproduces by live birth or egg, and if it is a vertebrate or invertebrate. The students also created an image of their animal. We encouraged the students to continue their research throughout the study of Europe.





#### Self Care

Students had the opportunity to meet with our school nurse, Mrs. Brooks, to learn about the importance of hand washing. She read them a book about washing hands correctly and how germs are only killed if they use soap. She then took them in the bathroom and gave them all a "germ" powder and had them rub it on their hands. Two students then washed their hands, but only one used soap and the other used only water. The students observed that the "germs" only came off when soap was used. This taught an important lesson about taking care of how they wash their hands and how germs can spread if they don't wash correctly!

# Looking Ahead...

Just as a reminder, our classroom will be presenting at the All-School Meeting on Friday, November 3 at 8:45 a.m. Please join us in the American Room. Your child will be presenting a report on what they are thankful for. Students will also be singing a thankfulness and gratitude song. We hope you can join us!

