

## 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
- 10/12 Portrait Day
- 10/12 Andover Parent 2 Parent Speaker  
7:00 p.m. in the American Room  
*Jack Agati presents: Birth order: How Your Place In the Family Affects Your View of the World*
- 10/13 ASM Spirit Day and 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)
- 10/20 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)

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## Our Classroom...

### Practical Life

Practical life is a common area of the classroom where new and returning students enjoy working. They learn to pour with different vessels, spoon objects into various cups, and how to use tongs. They also enjoy learning how to use the dressing frames. This month we focused on the Zipper and Button frames. The main goals of the practical life area are to develop a sense of order, concentration, coordination, and independence.



### Sensorial

The sensorial works have been very popular in Dogwood. Many children have created a maze out of the Red Rods, by laying them out in a spiral from longest to shortest. Then, they learned how to walk carefully through the rods. They also enjoy building with the different Knobless Cylinders. They like to try to make a tower that will not fall over!



## Grace and Courtesy

To begin creating a harmonious classroom culture, we focused many lessons around grace and courtesy. We showed the children how to take out a rug and roll it up. We showed the children how to peacefully walk around the room and to take care not to disturb other children working. We also showed the children how to peacefully walk around the line of the rug. This helped them to manage their personal space and work on their gross motor movements inside!



## Geography

This month we focused on the land, air, and water lessons. The children learned about these three elements and what belongs in the air, on the land, and in the water. They enjoyed exploring this through touching the globes and feeling the rough sand and smooth water. Visually they saw the colorful land and blue water. We love these multi-sensory materials!

## Ocean

We began the year in Dogwood working with the theme of ocean. The children painted dobbling pages of ocean creatures and we read many books at circle about the ocean. Additionally, all of our practical life works had sea shells in the different vessels. They also learned how to use scissors to cut straight, wavy, and zigzag lines up to the sea creatures! Our students enjoyed the ocean theme very much!





## Looking Forward...

### Next Month's Topics

- Parts of an apple
- Apple life cycle
- Apple cutting
- Apple tasting
- Geography maps of the world

## Other News

- Dogwood's Room Parent this year is Cameron Slaby.
- We will soon begin art projects where we will need assistance from parent volunteers. If you indicated an interest in helping with special projects, we will be in touch soon!



## Happy Birthday!

Ayden: 3 years old on 9/13  
Gabriele: 4 years old on 9/26

## Upcoming Birthdays

Jayden: 6 years old on 10/14