

CALENDAR

- 10/31 Halloween
(no Enrichment classes)
- 11/3 ASM Spirit Day and
Pizza Lunch
- 11/3 All-School Meeting
8:45 a.m. (American Room)
- 11/3 PACE Diwali Celebration
3:30 p.m. (American Room)
- 11/5 Open House
11 a.m.
- 11/9 Grandparents and Special
Friends Day
8:45 a.m.
1:45 p.m.
- 11/9 Pizza Lunch
- 11/10 Veterans Day, No School
- 11/13 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11/14 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 11/17 All-School Meeting
8:45 a.m. (American Room)
- 11/17 Pizza Lunch
- 11/22 Start of Thanksgiving Break
- 11/27 School Resumes

Our Classroom



The Upper Elementary students have had a busy two weeks. They have been working hard on their assignments and have had many exciting opportunities. Students have been able to spend a lot of time outside, enjoying the nice weather during Physical Education and Science lessons. Today, October 27, in honor of both the Middle School's Halloween Fair, and the upcoming Day of the Dead (*El día de los muertos*), the students watched the film Coco.



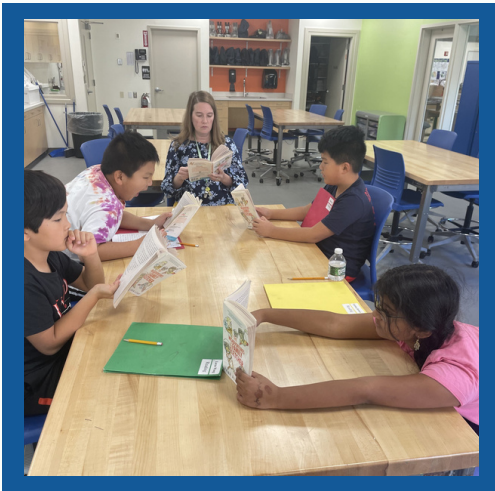
On Wednesday October 25, we enjoyed a performance by TIGER Theater from Plymouth State University. This Emmy winning theater troupe travels all over New England performing about how students can Team Up Together in different social situations. Our students heard and participated in songs about empathy and compassion, the harm of cyberbullying, and how they can help inspire greatness in themselves and others.

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[ASM's calendar!](#)

Math

The fourth years were so proud of the 3D designs they brought to life in Geometry as a final project for the study of lines. Students are now working on the study of angles.

In math we tackled some challenging word problems by practicing the CUBES method, reviewing methods for estimation, reading information in tables, multi-digit multiplication, and multi-stage problems. In fifth grade math, students have continued their work with the decimal checkerboard as well as solving decimal multiplication problems abstractly. The sixth grade students started the second unit of the year exploring rational numbers. Students have been reviewing integers and plotting numbers on number lines in preparation for working in all four quadrants of the coordinate plane.



Language

The fourth years have continued reading about the antics of the Fletcher Family during literature circle. They have also been practicing writing summaries of classic children's stories, myths, and fables.

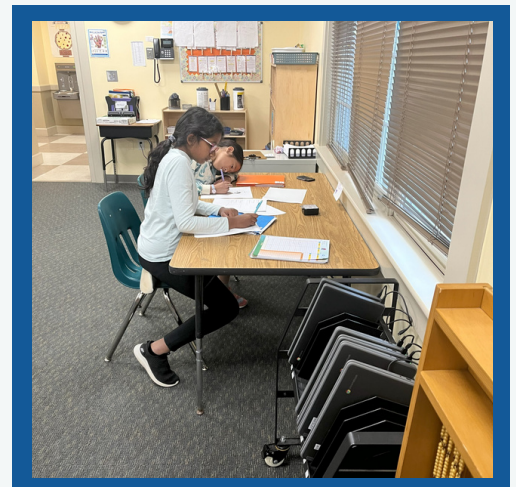
The fifth years finished up their work with pronouns and reviewed our use of commas in preparation for their next big writing project, a review of a trip, restaurant, or sport of their.

The sixth years have nearly finished their first book of the year, A Mango Shaped Space, and are preparing to make their Mango-inspired paintings for the book in addition to their final book essays.

Cultural and History

In fourth and fifth grade Cultural studies, students have been learning about the similarities and differences between humans and our closest relatives. They have also been studying the geography of Africa.

The sixth grade students have been working hard on their Native American research project. Each student has a different tribe to research and they are working towards creating a presentation and 3D diorama.





Science

This week in science students began their study of plants outside, sketching some of the plants and trees they observed as well as labeling the parts of plants in their science notebooks. We also continued our study of matter, learning about mixtures, solutions, and suspensions, as well as the properties of the molecules in each.

Looking Ahead...

We are still looking for one more room parent from the River Otter classroom.

Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up on November 13 and 14. Please check your email for the sign up sheet.

The first book report was sent home this week. Students should be working on a plan to complete this project by the due date of November 15.



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