

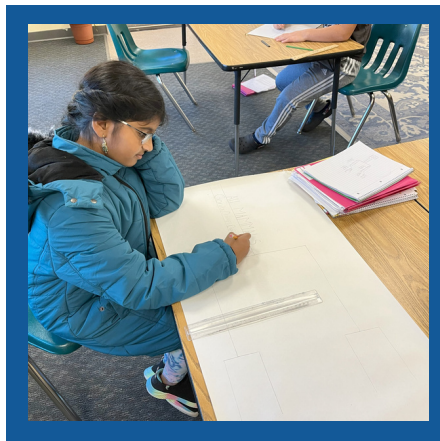
CALENDAR

- 11/10 Veterans Day - No School
- 11/13 Parent Teacher Conferences
CH/LE/UE -No School
Middle School in Session
- 11/14 Parent Teacher Conferences
No School
- 11/17 All-School Meeting
8:45 a.m. (American Room)
- 11/17 Pizza Lunch
- 11/22-24 Thanksgiving Break
- 12/1 All-School Meeting
8:45 a.m. (American Room)
- 12/1 Pizza Lunch and ASM Spirit Day
- 12/1 Portrait Re-Take Day and Sibling Portraits
- 12/8 All-School Meeting
8:45 a.m. (American Room)
- 12/8 Pizza Lunch
- 12/8 Edible House Decorating Social sponsored by PACE
3:30 p.m. (American Room)
- 12/15 All-School Meeting
8:45 a.m. (American Room)
- 12/15 Pizza Lunch
- 12/15 Elementary and Middle School Winter Concert
2:30 p.m. (American Room)

Our Classroom



Students had a learning and community filled week, and as we approach the holiday season, the teachers have been preparing to introduce more community projects, such as a “Family Traditions Day”. On the Tuesday before Thanksgiving break, we will have an Upper Elementary class feast.



Each student will be responsible for bringing in a dish or side that is special to their family, which they can share with the class. This will be a time to learn more about the family traditions of each member of our community, and to celebrate the unique gifts and talents that each child brings. Please be on the look-out for more details on this event to come. As follows, are some highlights from this week.

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Math

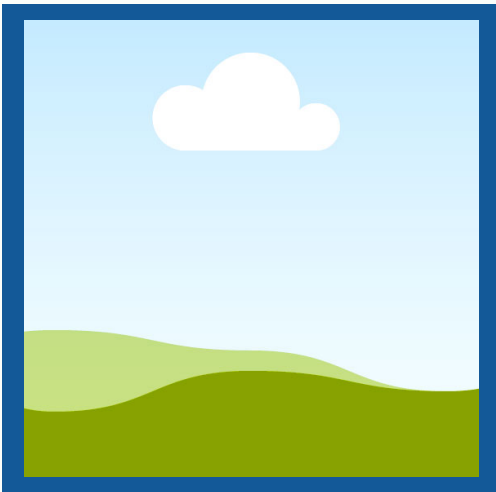
The fourth years are continuing to build on their multiplication skills to calculate areas and understand the relationships between their angle study posters in geometry and math skills we are learning. They are also learned about the Babylonian roots of some of our modern math and measurements.

In fifth grade math, students have been working to conclude their unit on decimal operations. It has been lovely to see students find such success in abstract work with decimals as a result of their work to build a foundation in the concrete. This week, they participated in a lesson which involved cutting up apples to make an apple crisp! We all enjoyed the “fruits” of their labor.

The sixth grade students have been applying their previous work with integers and rational numbers to plot points and find distances on the coordinate plane. In Geometry, the students have been taking a deep dive into the Pythagorean Theorem.



Language



The fourth years have finished reading their first novel study book, The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher! In fourth grade writing class, students began a new unit on mystery writing. They have enjoyed reading and searching for clues in the stories of others, and now they will begin to write their own.

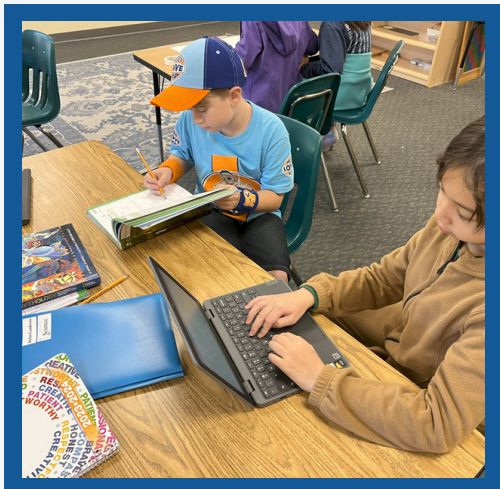
The fifth years have been hard at work on their review essay drafts and are preparing to share their reviews with each other on everything from favorite ice cream places to destination vacations. They have also been working on comma use and adjectives to add depth and clarity to their writing.

In sixth grade language class, students are working to finish their explanatory music essays. They have learned new revision skills as they finely craft their final draft. Next, they will begin a similar, although more complex, unit on mystery writing.

Cultural and History

In Cultural class, students have been diving deep into the topic of geography. This week, they learned to calculate absolute location. They participated in an exploratory activity which involved reading maps to find the longitude and latitude of locations all over planet earth. Students also examined the parts of a map, and built their own map of the continent of Africa. They also completed their “Human’s Closest Relatives” cladogram project and began to study human’s closest fossil relatives, beginning with *Ardipithecus ramidus*.





Science

This week in science students began to prepare for their science fair project! The fourth and fifth years participated in a lesson on experimental design, and completed an experiment to the prompt of “how many water droplets fit on a penny?”. Students grappled with the deceptively tricky question of what makes something living or non-living and practiced categorizing everything from a virus to a solar system. They also participated in a lesson on formulating a testable, scientific question.

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. We are looking forward to meeting with all of you next week.

Book Reports are due on Wednesday November 15.



Grandparents and Special Friends Day

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