

Hummingbird Classroom Newsletter December 1, 2023

CALENDAR

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 Pizza Lunch
- 12/15 Elementary & Middle School Winter Concert 2:30 p.m. (American Room)
- 12/20 Pizza Lunch
- 12/21- 1/1 Winter Break
- 1/2 School Resumes
- 1/5 Science Fiction book report goes home
- 1/5 PACE Parent Coffee Meetup and Meeting 8:15 a.m. (American Room)
- 1/5 All-School Meeting 8:45 a.m. (American Room)
- 1/5 ASM Spirit Day and Pizza Lunch
- 1/8 Winter Enrichment Begins
- 1/12 All-School Meeting 8:45 a.m. (American Room) Pizza Lunch
- 1/15 School Closed (Martin Luther King Day)

Click here to view ASM's calendar!

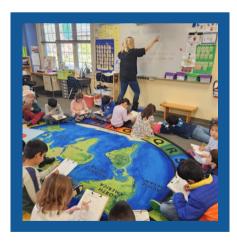
Our Classroom





During the month of November, the students engaged in a few different projects to learn about Thanksgiving. We read a book called, <u>How to Catch a Turkey</u> and the students created a trap and came up with a piece of opinion writing that explained the steps they would take to catch a turkey. The students also did a Thanksgiving Fact Scavenger Hunt that taught them about the history of Thanksgiving. The skills they learned from their writing lesson was learning how to write an opinion piece where they had to use transition words and express the steps they would take to catch a turkey.





The third year students will be involved in the Science Fair this year. In preparation for their research and presentations, LE will be conducting weekly mini experiments to help aide the students in learning about the Scientific Method. An experiment we have done so far was called, "Drops on a Penny." The students had to form a hypothesis about how many drops of water and oil they thought a penny could hold. This lesson also taught the students about surface tension and gravity.

Math

The students have been receiving various Montessori math lessons these last few weeks. Pictured to the right you will see Sahika and Orion practicing with the Stamp Game. They have been working on dynamic multiplication using a 4-dgit multiplicand and a 1-digit multiplier. In Geometry, the first years have been working on their study of lines and learning about straight and curved lines. The second years have been learning about types of angles and identify acute, obtuse, and right angles. The third years have been working on quadrilaterals and learning more about trapezoids.





Language

In Language, the first years have been working on grammar. They have been learning how to identify nouns in our environment. They learned the impressionistic story for the noun and what grammar symbol is associated with that part of speech. In Wilson Fundations the first years have been The second years have been working on identifying long vowel syllable types such as vowel consonant e for multisyllabic words. The third years have been working on identifying open syllable types and the sounds that y makes at the end of a one syllable and two syllable word. In writing, all of the grades have been working o creating a personal narrative story.

Cultural

In cultural, the students learned about the Sun and the Earth. Our classroom did a lesson that taught them about the movement of the Earth around the Sun. The bucket represented the Earth and Ms. LeBoeuf represented the Sun. This lesson taught them about centrifugal force, velocity, and gravity. After the lesson, the students went back to their science journals and replicated what they saw in the lesson. They drew their impression of what gravity looks like.





STEM

The students have been learning about different materials they can use as a thermal insulator for their solar ovens. They were broken into groups and they were each given a different material to test. They tested those materials in an ice bath and had to take the temperature of each material to see which one held in the most heat. They are which material will be best used as an insulator.

Looking Ahead...

The Lower Elementary and Middle School students will be performing in the Winter Concert on December 15 at 2:30pm. Please make sure your child is wearing the appropriate clothing.

