

Birch Classroom Newsletter October 2023

Our Classroom...

Here are some highlights from our second month of school!



Fall Exploration

Our children have been immersed in the wonders of autumn. They explored the changing leaves, learned about the life cycle of pumpkins, and engaged in a hands-on scrubbing a pumpkin activity related to this vibrant season.

Cultural Studies

This month, we embarked on a journey around the world, introducing the children to different cultures and traditions. We learned about various countries and talked about the diversity that makes our world so unique.



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)

11/28 Children's House Curriculum Workshop: Part One 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

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)

Click here to view ASM's calendar!

Math Adventures

Children dove into the world of numbers with linear counting practice with the 100 Board, one to one correspondence with the Spindle Box and Numbers and Counters, and receiving presentations on the 45 Layout also known as the "bird's eye view" by working on the "place value working mat" laying out the Large Number Cards and associating the Golden Bead values. Our Montessori materials are helping them develop a strong foundation for mathematical thinking.





Language and Literacy

The love for reading and writing has continued to blossom. We are practicing letter sounds which develop beginner reading skills and creating words and short sentences using the Movable Alphabet on the grid line mat which gives the visual interpretation for writing. The children are engaged in storytelling through journal writing.

Outdoor Exploration

Outdoor play has been a regular part of our routine. Children have had the chance to observe the natural world and its changes during this season.



Parent-Teacher Conferences:

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences on Monday, November 13 and Tuesday, November 14. This is an excellent opportunity to discuss your child's progress and share insights.





Special Events:

Keep an eye out for special events and dress-up days, including our Diwali Festival on Friday, November 3.

Coats for Kids:

We are collecting coats of all sizes, child or adult from now until Thursday, January 7, 2024. We will accept new or gently used coats with our goal being 200. They can be dropped off in the Visitor's Center outside of the Admissions Office.

