

Birch Classroom Newsletter November - December 2023

Our Classroom...

Here are some highlights from the months of November and December!



Our Busy Classroom

The children have been hard at work this past month. They learned about Thanksgiving and they made turkeys, challenged themselves in math, honed their senses in sensorial, and developed many new skills in practical life. Read below to learn more about all the exciting things that have been happening.

Thanksgiving

Our big focus this month was Thanksgiving. We learned all about the parts of a turkey and everyone made a push pin turkey. They wrote what they were thankful for on each feather.



CALENDAR

12/1 ASM 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 Children's House Winter Concert 9:00 a.m. (American Room)

12/21-1/1 School Closed (Winter Break)

1/2 School Resumes

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

Click here to view ASM's calendar!

Math Adventures

The children received presentations and challenged themselves with progressive materials in math this month. They counted the numbers 1-10 with the use of the Number Rods and matched the number cards to each rod which gives the visual interpretation of the size of the number from smallest to largest. Some practiced linear counting with the 100 Board and started working on a Number Roll by writing the numbers from 1 - 100 and beyond, racing to 1000 while learning about place value.





Sensorial Activities

The children enthusiastically engaged in the sensorial materials honing a number of skills. With the Trinomial Cube they are building foundations for math. Using Color Box 2 they are learning primary and secondary colors. Using all 4 Cylinder Blocks at a time and building patterns with the Knobless Cylinders following the control chart, they are developing a longer attention span, focus, concentration, and hand-eye coordination.

Practical Life

The students have been busy with the seasonal object materials in the practical life area. They are developing fine and gross motor skills, practicing walking carefully in the environment, using tools they see in their households which is preparing them for the real world. They are developing their sense of order, concentration, coordination, focus, and independence with the materials including rolling and unrolling the work rugs, pouring, using tongs, and caring for the self by handwashing.



Open Classroom

Parents had the opportunity to come in and work with their children. It was wonderful to see them engaged with the hands-on materials and proudly watching their children learn and grow.





Mitten Tree and Coats for Kids:

We have two wonderful events going on to help those in need.

We are still collecting new or gently used winter coats in all sizes to donate to families this year so they can stay warm. Coats can be dropped out outside of the Admissions Office. This collection will run until January 7.

We are also collecting warm, waterproof gloves in all sizes, child or adult. They can be dropped of in the basket seen in the lobby. This collection will run until December 12.