

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)

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ASM's calendar!](#)

Our Classroom



The Dove classroom enjoyed doing a Reader's Theatre performance in our classroom before the break. This was a great exposure for students as we will also be doing a Reader's Theater performance at All School Meeting later in the year. Students were able to pick what roles they were most interested, practice their lines, and make a "costume" before coming together to perform as a whole group. It was a lot of fun and presented students with an opportunity to develop their public speaking skills as well as their fluency and expression when reading dialogue. Students are looking forward to doing a full performance towards the end of the year!



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 "Sink or Float." The students had to form a hypothesis about which items would sink and which would float in water. This lesson also taught the students about density.

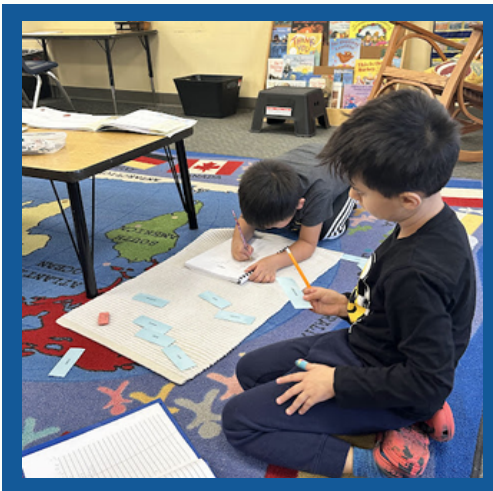
Math

In geometry, students are finishing up our study of lines by learning about intersecting and perpendicular lines. We have had a lot of time to explore with Box of Sticks material and will continue to use it as we move into our study of angles next. Students are also working with money in math this month, whether they are adding up change, dollars, or both. The Money Game continues to be popular as students practice counting up to see who reaches a dollar (or more) first. Third years have begun a project in which they have to budget for a winter vacation to a chosen destination.



Language

Students enjoy working together on word studies each day. Word studies cover many different aspects of our language including compound words and synonyms. Third years have been learning how to use a dictionary in Foundations and are able to use this skill with word study work. In Foundations, first years are focused on glued sound *an* and *am* while second years are focused on vowel-consonant-e syllables. Our next writing project will be focused on what is referred to as How To writing where students must explain the steps in making something (more details on this to come).



Cultural

In Cultural, students are learning about the relationship between the Sun and the Earth. Students learned about gravity and velocity as well as how the movement of the earth around the sun and on its axis work with our system of time and temperature on the planet. We will continue this study by learning about time zones and seasons. Students are able to make their own charts which show the relationship between the sun and the earth as well as use the materials in the classroom to model what they have learned.





Nature Walk

Going out into nature is a wonderful way to learn about plants. Students made their own nature journals to take out on the path in the back of our school. They were tasked with finding a stick to help bind their journals together while also taking time to observe the nature around them and sketch in their journals. We were even able to appreciate a fern growing naturally in the woods. Students did a great job being careful and following instructions. It will be great to go out again in the winter and spring to observe the changes in the area.

Looking Ahead...

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



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