

## CALENDAR

- 11/2 Children's House Open Classroom: Multi-Age
- 11/3 ASM Spirit Day/Pizza Lunch
- 11/3 All-School Meeting  
8:45 a.m. (American Room)
- 11/3 Diwali Celebration  
3:30-5:00 PM (American Room)
- 11/5 Open House for prospective parents
- 11/9 Pizza Lunch
- 11/9 Progress Reports go home
- 11/9 Grandparents and Special Friends Day
- 11/10 Veterans Day: ASM Closed
- 11/11 Owen's 5th Birthday
- 11/13 Parent-Teacher Conferences  
No School
- 11/14 Parent-Teacher Conferences  
No School
- 11/17 Emery's 5th Birthday
- 11/17 All-School Meeting  
8:45 a.m. (American Room)
- 11/17 Pizza Lunch
- 11/22 No School
- 11/ 23 Thanksgiving: No School
- 11/24 No School
- 11/28 Children's House Curriculum Workshop: Part One  
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

## Practical Life

There was a lot of action in the Practical Life area as the children were introduced to the food preparation activity of Apple Coring. This activity allows the children to prepare their snacks and also make healthy eating choices independently.

The activity of pumpkin polishing was introduced to the children in the Practical Life area. This work develops the child's concentration and strengthens their fine motor skills.

In the Practical Life Area, the younger children have been practicing the Button Frame and the Zipper Frame. These dressing frames prepare the children to dress themselves independently. With the weather getting cooler, they are applying these skills daily!



## Language

The children were introduced to a language program called Wilson's Foundations which focuses on phonics. They also worked with the sandpaper letters; the tactile nature of this work helps the child to learn the shape while practicing the corresponding sound. Sandpaper letters help children gain muscle memory as a pre-writing tool.



## Cultural & Geography

October at ASM is extraordinary because of United Nations Day. We discovered that we are a diverse community of children from China, India, Ireland, Italy, Nepal, and more! In honor of the UN Day celebration, many children proudly wore the traditional clothing of their families. The classroom was excitedly buzzing as the students made flags for the representing country. A special thank you to Anjali Chowhan, Nicole Brooks, Diem Tram, and Lindsay Winters for presenting!



## Science

With the festivities of Halloween, the parts of a pumpkin and the lifecycle of a pumpkin were introduced to the children using a real pumpkin.

The children were also introduced to the lifecycle and parts of an oak tree. We then discussed parts of a leaf and the many different types of leaves we can find in our yards.

## Math

In the Math area, the children were introduced to the Spindle Boxes. The Spindle Boxes are part of Maria Montessori's introduction to Numeration. This work combines symbols and quantity and introduces zero as an empty set.





## Looking Ahead...

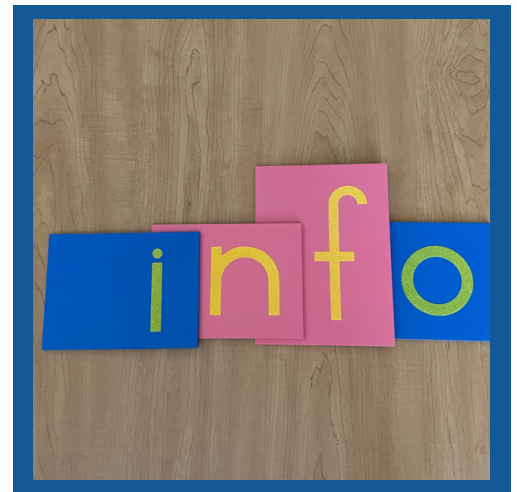
### Next Month's Topics

- Migration
- Parts of a turkey
- Phases of the moon
- STEM

## More Information...

As the weather gets colder, please bring in extra clothes to switch out the spare clothes bin. Also, please bring slippers in if you have not done so. Rubber-soled pull-on slippers work very well.

**\*Please clearly label all your child's items.**



“Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed.”  
~Maria Montessori

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