

## CALENDAR

- 1/30 Looking Ahead to Kindergarten: A Hands-On Workshop for Parents  
5:00-6:00 p.m.
- 1/31 Looking Ahead to Kindergarten: Classroom Observation  
9:00-10:30 a.m.
- 2/2 All-School Meeting  
8:45 a.m. (American Room)
- 2/2 ASM Spirit Day  
Pizza Lunch
- 2/2 Chinese New Year Celebration  
Sponsored by PACE  
3:30 - 5:00 p.m. (American Room)
- 2/7 Portrait of a Graduate  
7:00 p.m. (American Room)
- 2/8 Kindergarten In-House Field Trip  
MA Audubon
- 2/9 All-School Meeting  
8:45 a.m. (American Room)
- 2/16 All-School Meeting  
8:45 a.m. (American Room)
- 2/16 Pizza Lunch
- 2/16 Re-enrollment Agreements Due
- 2/19-23 School Vacation Week
- 2/26 School Resumes
- 2/26 Founders' Day Celebration  
Breakfast  
8:15-8:45 a.m.

## Our Classroom...

### Winter Animals Adaptations

This month we focused on winter animal adaptations. We read many books and talked about what animals do in winter to adapt to the cold elements. We discussed hibernation and how animals like bears, skunks, and bats hibernate. We discussed how birds and other animals migrate. We also talked about how some animals stay where they are and adapt to their surroundings by changing how they eat or how they look. They especially loved when I retold the story of *Bear Snores On* from the perspective of the cave.

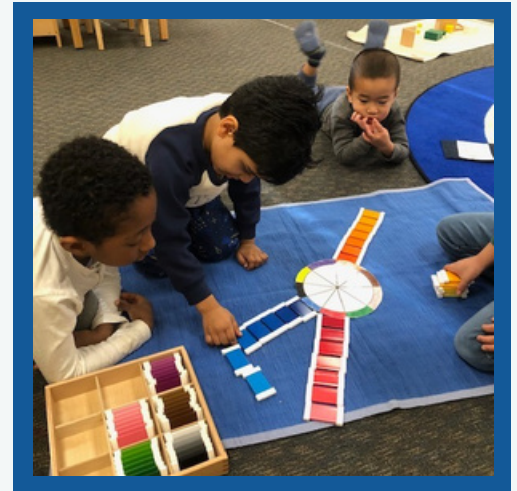


### Winter Footprints

The children very much enjoyed exploring animal footprints in snow. This work was a popular choice. The children had to roll out the playdoh, then have animals walk through the snow to see the footprints!

## Color Exploration

This month the children were very interested in studying color grading with the Color Tablets. With this work the children grade the shades of colors from darkest to lightest. They also enjoyed the story *White Rabbit's Color Book* about the bunny who mixes the primary colors to make secondary colors. They all enjoyed color mixing and working with all the colors!



## Grape Cutting

This month we got back into food prep! The children have been learning how to cut grapes with the grape cutter we have. Thank you to the Bancroft, Fecendo, Murtagh, Jinna, Sun, Yang, and Zeng families for supplying the grapes! The children enjoyed it very much!

## Story Sequencing and Writing

Our students have been hard at work learning how to sequence and write stories! Our youngest children have been using sequencing cards to describe the sequence of the story while our oldest students have been using the Moveable Alphabet to write stories!



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## Looking Forward...

### Next Month's Topics

- Valentine's Day
- Friendship
- Geography map of Europe

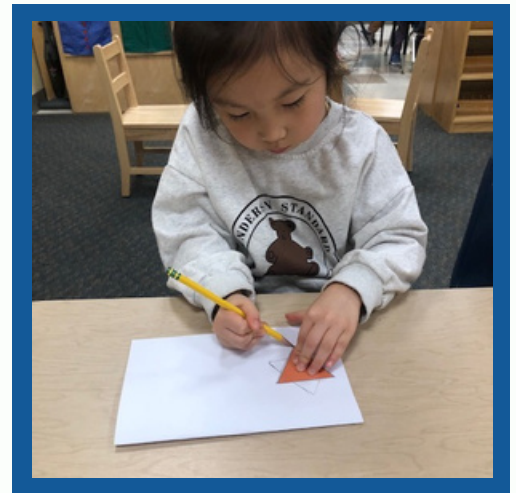
## Other News

If anyone would like to come in and talk about winter, or help with winter crafts please email Ms. Wilson-Fox!

## Founders' Week Auction

During Founders' Week (February 26 through March 1), ASM will host an auction! This event will help our school raise funds for our Founders' Fund for Teaching Excellence; which is an endowment focused on continued professional development opportunities for ASM faculty and staff. The students have been working on our classroom's auction item and it has been exciting to see them working together to create a unique item for one lucky family to take home. We can't wait for you to see!

Get ready to bid on this exclusive creation representing the 2023-2024 Dogwood class!



## Happy Birthday!

Roy 5 years old on 1/06  
Owen 5 years old on 1/17  
Evy 6 years old on 1/19  
Luna 4 years old on 1/30

## Upcoming Birthdays

Eleanor: 5 years old on 2/14