

## 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 Closed
- 2/26 School Resumes
- 2/26 Founders' Day Celebration  
Breakfast  
8:15-8:45 a.m.

[Click here to see view ASM's calendar!](#)

## Our Classroom...

After a well deserved holiday break, children have been busy at work exploring and receiving presentations in the different areas of the classroom.



## Honoring Martin Luther King Jr

Birch had the privilege of having Mrs. Orlowitz read the book *Happy Birthday Martin Luther King Jr.* by remembering him as a great leader and his teachings about equality and fairness. We also emphasized his contributions toward civil rights in the United States and promoting kindness.

## Community Service

Middle school students started community service in the Children's House classrooms as part of their curriculum by engaging with the children with various activities including the work cycle.



## Art and Culture

In our Antarctica study, children are learning about the activities incorporated in Art and Culture. In the art area, students have been making collage igloos and coloring the map of Antarctica. In the Cultural area, they are learning about the parts of a penguin, creating a lake and an island, and doing a scavenger hunt of animals that live in the coldest places on Earth.



## Welcoming Winter

Children are engaged in lots of winter activities to kick off the season. They have been cutting snowflakes out of paper; each one looks so unique! They have also been using the Metal Insets to make snowmen, hot chocolate mugs, and pies! We are exploring outdoors to experience the cold temperatures and playing in the snow. The children are also singing Snowman and Mitten songs.

## New Math Works

Some of our older students are receiving presentations with the Stamp Game on static and dynamic addition.



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## Food Prep

During COVID, food prep works in the classrooms were refrained. Food prep is an important element in the Montessori classroom which helps promote independence and care of the self. We are excited to reintroduce it in Birch! The children are learning to use a crinkle cutter with cheese and are greatly enjoying this activity.



An important advantage of a multi-age classroom is that the children are mentors to their peers. They love giving presentations to each other!

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## Reminders

- Please ensure your child has appropriate winter gear for outdoor play. (We encourage parents to send in waterproof gloves or mittens for playing in the snow).
- Please label all of your child's winter clothing, including their snow pants and boots.
- Mark your calendars for upcoming events and parent-teacher conferences.
- Don't forget to check your child's mailbox for communications or upcoming notices.



## 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 Birch class!



## Lunar (Chinese) New Year Festival

Join us on Friday, February 2, for our annual Lunar (Chinese) New Year Celebration.  
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.  
American Room

