

CALENDAR

- 9/14 Hike For Hope in Andover
- 9/20 All-School Meeting 8:45 a.m.
Pizza Lunch
- 9/21 ASM at Andover Day
- 9/24 Lower Elementary
Curriculum Overview
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
- 9/27 All-School Meeting 8:45 a.m.
Pizza Lunch
- 10/2 Field Trip:
Project Adventure
- 10/4 All-School Meeting 8:45 a.m.
ASM Spirit Day
Pizza Lunch
Book Report Goes Home
- 10/10 Portrait Day
Pizza Lunch
- 10/11 School Closed - Professional
Development Day
- 10/14 School Closed - Indigenous
Peoples' Day

Our Classroom...



The students in our classroom showed up for the new school year with wonderful smiles and a positive attitude. We spent the first two weeks of school getting to know each other and our classroom by doing various icebreaker activities. The above picture shows one activity called "Getting to Know Me" where the students created a poster with pictures and clippings about themselves. The class also had a school tour and got to meet with Mrs. Orlowitz, our Head of School.

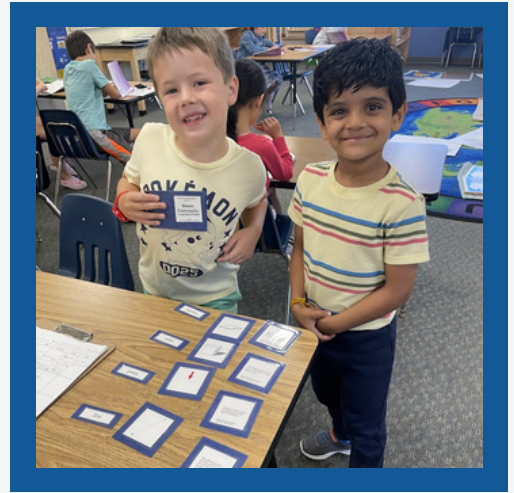


As part of our community building, our classroom met with the Dove Room and we did different activities so all of the Lower Elementary students could get to know each other and bond. They had to work together and play a game called "Flip Cup Tic-Tac-Toe." They also did a whole group activity called "Mingle Groups." The students had to work on their communication skills and pair up by their birthday months. We are excited to watch the students grow over the school year and watch them form friendships.

[Click here to see the full
ASM calendar!](#)

Math

The students have started working on their Montessori math and practicing various skills using memorization boards and materials to aide with memorization. They also had an impressionistic lesson using the Hierarchical Material which teaches place value to the Millions. The students also started Geometry. The first years learned about going from solid to point using the blue cube. The second years learned about closed figures and polygons. The third years learned about classifying triangles by their sides.



Cultural

The students have started learning about Political Geography. They are going to be learning about the continent of North America in more detail. They have started learning about the countries and capitals in North America using a continent puzzle map. They started map tracing and have been learning more about maps.

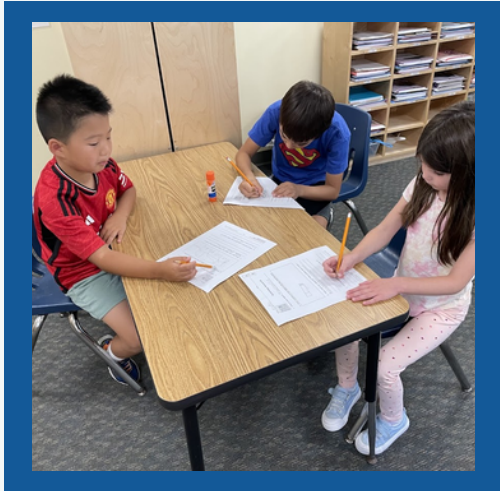


Language

The students have been utilizing the Waseca materials to help them with phonics and reading. Waseca is structured to provide a systematic and sequential presentation of the phonetic elements used in the English language.

All of the students are practicing their reading on various skill levels. To the right a student is practicing with words that contain blends and double consonants. She is building the words using the Movable Alphabet, pictures, and labels.





STEM

The students have just started their unit with the STEM kit called, “A Work in Process: Improving a Play Dough Process.” They will be learning how to act as Chemical Engineers and follow the steps of the Engineering Design Process to create and improve their own playdough.

They started the unit by first discussing what an engineer is and what a technology is. The students were given the task of analyzing various technologies and then writing about how they are useful to humans.

[Click here for more classroom photos!](#)

Looking Ahead...

Please join us for our Lower Elementary Curriculum Night on September 24 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Your child’s teachers will be going over the subject matters that will be covered for the current school year and show you some of the Montessori materials that will be used. Please be on the lookout for a communication from Ms. Young that will include a sign up sheet so you can RSVP and let us know that you will be attending the event. We hope to see everyone there!

