

CALENDAR

- 10/4 All-School Meeting 8:45 a.m.
PACE Coffee Meetup and Meeting 9:00 a.m.
ASM Spirit Day
Pizza Lunch

- 10/8 Children's House Curriculum Workshop: Part 1 5-6:30 p.m.

- 10/10 Portrait Day
Pizza Lunch

- 10/11 School Closed - Professional Development Day

- 10/14 School Closed - Indigenous Peoples' Day

- 10/16 Andover Parent to Parent Speaker: Lynn Lyons 7:00 p.m.
34 Sunset Rock Rd, Andover

- 10/18 All-School Meeting 8:45 a.m.
Pizza Lunch

- 10/25 All-School Meeting 8:45 a.m.
Pizza Lunch
CH Dismissal: Main Entrance
Halloween Fair 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Our Classroom...

Practical Life

Practical life is a common area of the classroom where new and returning students enjoy working. They learn to pour with various vessels, spoon objects into various cups, and how to use tongs. They also enjoy work involving food preparation. This month we learned how to cut apples and all about the parts of an apple. The main goals of the practical life area are to develop a sense of order, concentration, coordination, and independence. Thank you to the Macs, Suns, Demings, Shens, Lus and Wongs, for their apple contributions and everyone else who so kindly offered!



Sensorial

The sensorial works have been very popular in Dogwood. Many children have created a maze out of the Red Rods, by laying them out in a spiral from longest to shortest. Then, they learned how to walk carefully through the rods. They also enjoy sorting sizes with the Knobless Cylinders. They especially enjoyed using their sense of smell and taste while doing the apple cutting work!



Grace and Courtesy

To begin creating a harmonious classroom culture, we focused many lessons around grace and courtesy; the foundation of a Montessori classroom. The children learned how to take out a rug and roll it up. The children practiced how to peacefully walk around the room and to take care not to disturb others. They how to peacefully walk around the line of the rug. This helps them to manage their personal space and work on gross motor movements inside.



Living/ Nonliving

This month we focused on elements that make something living or non-living. The children learned about how living creatures need, food, water, shelter, and air. They enjoyed exploring this through many lessons such as sorting, drawing, or cut and paste. They also enjoyed stories about living and nonliving things in the library and at circle time. We love these multi-sensory materials!

International Day of Peace

This year we celebrated the International Day of Peace. We read books on the topic of kindness. We discussed what it means to have a peaceful body and what it means to be kind. We then had an art project. Aswathi kindly offered to help the children paint their own peace dove. It was a beautiful project.



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Looking Forward...

Next Month's Topics

- Animals
- Plants
- Invertebrates/Vertebrates
- Parts of a Leaf

Other News

Dogwood's Room Parent this year is Aswathi (Ash) Punnoose.

We will soon begin art projects where we will need assistance from parent volunteers. If you indicated an interest in helping with special projects, we will be in touch soon!

Thursday Oct 24 is United Nations Day!



Happy Birthday!

Ayden: 4 years old on 9/13

Upcoming Birthdays

Amelia: 3 years old on 11/05
Marcus: 4 years old on 11/06
Elena: 4 years old on 11/06
Charlie: 7 years old on 11/18