

CALENDAR

- 11/1: All-School Meeting 8:45 a.m.
PACE Coffee Meetup and Meeting
9:00 a.m.
Children's House Open Classroom
9-9:45 a.m. and 2:15-3:00 p.m.
Spirit Day
Pizza Lunch
- 11/8: All-School Meeting 8:45 a.m.
Pizza Lunch
- 11/11: School Closed: Veteran's Day
- 11/15: All-School Meeting 8:45 a.m.
Pizza Lunch
- 11/18: No School: Parent-Teacher
Conferences
- 11/19: No School: Parent-Teacher
Conferences
- 11/22: All-School Meeting 8:45 a.m.
Pizza Lunch
Grandparents and Special Friends
Day 9-10 a.m. and 1:45-2:45 p.m.
- 11/26: Pizza Lunch
- 11/27-29 School Closed: Thanksgiving
Break

Our Classroom...

United Nations Week

Dogwood appreciates that so many families were able to come in and talk about their cultures! Parents visited the classroom to show their cultural clothes, discuss the holidays they celebrate, and share fun family traditions! Thank you all for sharing your cultural heritage with us!



Indigenous People's Day

We are pleased to have an Indigenous family in our class who explained their culture to our classroom. The Eagle-White family came in and read a story from the Lakota Sioux tribe to celebrate the important holiday that honors Native People to this country.

Animal Graphing Game

To begin graphing we played a dice game where we rolled a dice that was covered in mammals. We played until an animal filled up the line to ten. The cat won! Once we played the game together, the older children were able to play the game independently.

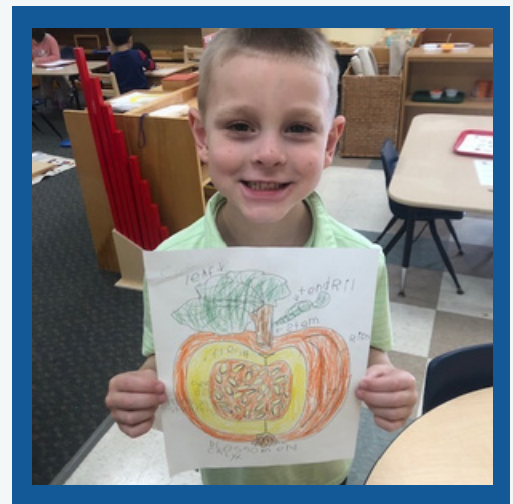


Animal Puzzles

This month we focused on the five classifications of vertebrates by using puzzles representing one animal from each class of vertebrate. We have a fish, turtle, bird, frog, and horse. The children love labeling and tracing the parts of each animal as they color them in. They have been focused on making neat pictures of the animals with clear labels.

Plants/Animals

This month we focused on plants and animals. Our cultural shelf was full of work about both. There were three-part cards about different types of mammals. There were works about the needs of plants and animals. The children enjoyed a beautiful puzzle about these animals. Additionally, there was a beautiful puzzle about the parts of a pumpkin as we head into the Halloween festivities. Lastly, the children enjoyed pin pushing and coloring their own leaf and pumpkin shapes. Our students enjoyed the plant and animal theme very much!





Looking Forward...

Next Month's Topics

- Invertebrates
- Giving Thanks
- Geography maps of North America

Other News

- If anyone would like to come in to talk about Diwali or or any other celebrations this time of year, and help with crafts related to these, please email Ms. Wilson-Fox!
- **Open Classroom:** We are excited to welcome you into the classroom on November 1, 2024. If you haven't yet done so, please use the sign-up sheet sent by Michelle Toppi so we know when to expect you.



Happy Birthday!

No one born in October

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

Special Message from the Director of Children's House

Dear Parents,

As we gear up for Halloween, I realize the Thanksgiving holiday is just around the corner. Heading into November is the perfect time to begin conversations with your children around gratitude and appreciation. Some of us share the story of the first Thanksgiving as a family. There is so much to be thankful for beyond this, taking the lesson deeper. We have family and friends, neighbors and community members, and of course, our teachers. We can be thankful for food, clothing, water, and the Earth and sun.

A wonderful activity to work on with children at home is making a tree with leaves of fall colors. On each leaf is written something they are thankful for. Or you could make a turkey and each feather is something they are thankful for.

Below is a link to a list of books speaking to these topics with a short description of each one. Perhaps you already have some of these on your bookshelf! Reading books is a lovely segue into open conversations with children. You can start by asking "What was your favorite part of the story?" or "What did you like about this story?" You could also ask about a particular part you would like to dive into further.

However you celebrate or appreciate, I wish you a November filled with peace and joy. I am grateful for each family collaborating with us here at ASM!

With gratitude,

Michelle Toppi

<https://www.thekidlitmama.com/home/food-family-community-gratitude-10-picture-books-to-enjoy-this-november>

