

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 2:25-3:00 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

As October comes to a close, we want to share some of the wonderful experiences and progress we've made in the classroom. This month has been filled with exciting learning opportunities, seasonal activities, and growth across all areas. Here's a look at what we've been up to and what's coming next!



Autumn Exploration: We embraced the season by exploring fall leaves and the changes in the weather. We notice the days getting shorter as daylight fades more quickly. The children have enjoyed hands-on activities like dodging the fall tree.



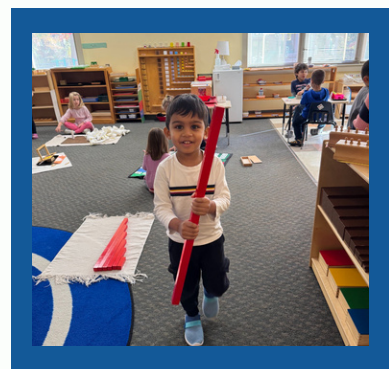
Practical Life:

This month, the children have been building independence through practical life activities. We focused on spooning, lacing, cleaning spills using a mop, and sweeping. Children engaged in the food prep activities of slicing an apple and squeezing fresh orange juice. We practiced walking on the line while holding the pumpkin to learn to use quiet walking feet. It's amazing to see how much pride they take in their growing abilities!



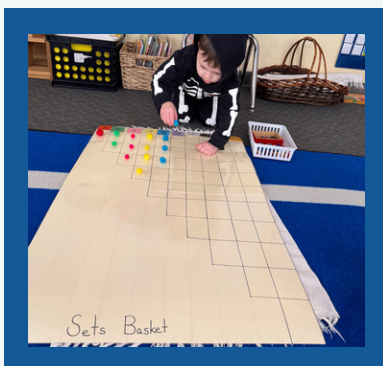
Sensorial:

The children engaged in a variety of sensorial activities including work with the Color Tablets, Pink Tower, Brown Stairs, Geometric Solids, Red Rods, and Sound Cylinders. These exercises help refine their senses and encourage attention to detail.



Language and Math:

We've been working on phonemic awareness with a variety of pre-reading and pre-writing materials like Sandpaper Letters and Moveable Alphabet. In math, the children practice one-to-one correspondence and matching symbol to quantity with the Sets Basket. They practice linear counting with Squaring and Cubing Chains, and learn static addition (no carry-overs) with concrete materials like the Bead Bars, Bank Game, Strip Board, and Stamp Game.



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

Cultural Studies:

In addition to the practical life activity of apple cutting the children are learning all of the parts of an apple. Can you name all the parts? Ask your child next time you cut into one for a snack! They are also learning about some of the land forms that make up the Earth's surface. This month we focused on an introduction island and lake. The children began exploring the concept of their cosmic address using the Cosmic Tower. This activity teaches the child's place in the universe and just how large it is. In science, they are working on the Sink & Float activity. The children learn to do an experiment to see which objects sink and which could float.



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Upcoming Events:

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.

Halloween Fair: On October 25th from 3:30-5:00, the 6th year students will host the Halloween Fair! While the children cannot wear their costumes during the day on Halloween, this after school event is a fun time to show off their costumes. If you plan to attend, you can bring the costume with you when you pick up your children and change them before attending the fair in the American Room (no masks or accessories, please).

Parent-Teacher Conferences: We look forward to meeting with each of you for conferences in early November. This will be a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and set goals for the coming months. Look out for a sign-up sheet soon!

Reminders:

- **Thanksgiving Break:** Our Thanksgiving Break will take place from November 27-29. We hope you enjoy this time with your family and that it provides a wonderful opportunity for rest and connection.
- **Extra Clothes:** As the weather cools down, please ensure your child has a set of weather-appropriate spare clothes at school.

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>

