

CALENDAR

- 11/1 PACE Coffee Meetup and Meeting 8:30-8:45 a.m.
All-School Meeting 8:45 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
Hadley's 4th Birthday!
- 11/11 School Closed: Veteran's Day
- 11/15 All-School Meeting 8:45 a.m.
Pizza Lunch
- 11/16 Brian's 5th Birthday!
- 11/17 Emery's 6th Birthday!
- 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

Practical Life

The younger children have been practicing the Button Frame and the Zipper Frame in the practical life area. These Dressing Frames prepare the children to dress themselves independently. With the weather getting cooler, they are applying these skills daily!



Language: Sandpaper Letters

The Sandpaper Letters are used to learn the sound and shape of letters of the alphabet. Due to the sandpaper texture of the letters, this material is excellent for muscle memory of the formation of letters and a prelude to writing.



Cultural & Geography

October at ASM is extraordinary because of United Nations Day. We discovered that we are a diverse community of children from China, India, Ireland, Brazil, Italy, Portugal, France, and more! In honor of the UN Day celebration, many children proudly wore the traditional clothing of their families. The classroom was buzzing with excitement as the students' made flags representing country.



Science

The children learned about the parts of a bat. They discovered that there are two different groups of bats: Microbats and Megabats. They also enjoyed making "Parts of a Bat" booklets and fun bat crafts.

Math: Spindle Box

In the math area, some children were introduced to the Spindle Boxes. The Spindle Boxes are part of Maria Montessori's introduction to Numeration. This work combines symbols and quantity and introduces zero as an empty set, while reinforcing one-to-one correspondence.





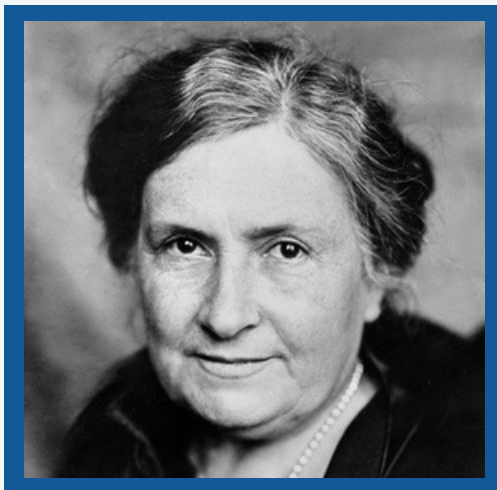
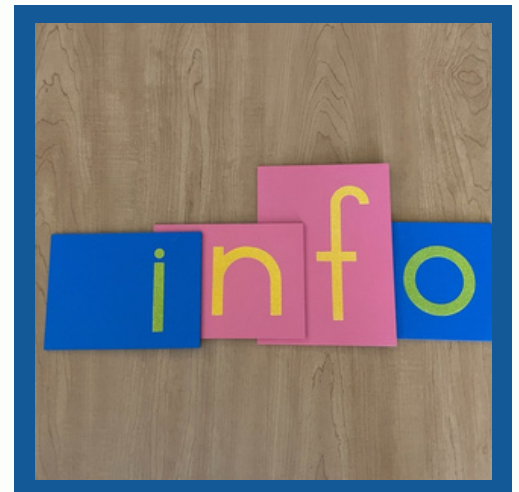
Looking Ahead...

- Turkeys
- Migration
- Leaves

More Information...

As the weather gets colder, please bring in extra clothes to switch out the spare clothes bin. Also, please send in jackets, mittens, and hats as the mornings have been chilly.

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.



"In our plan for the education of little children we must create an attractive environment. Into this environment we must put everything that is good for the mind, along with an understanding and affectionate person."

~Maria Montessori

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

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>

