

# Hummingbird Classroom Newsletter October 11, 2024

#### **CALENDAR**

10/14 School Closed - Indigenous Peoples' Day

10/16 Andover Parent to ParentSpeaker: Lynn Lyons 7:00 p.m34 Sunset Rock Rd, Andover

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

10/24 Lower Elementary United Nations Day

10/25 All-School Meeting 8:45 a.m.
Hummingbird and Dove
Present: UN Day Research
Pizza Lunch
Halloween Fair: No enrichment

10/30 Hagerman the Science Magician (In house field trip)

10/31 Fairy Tale Book Reports Due

11/1 ASM Spirit Day and Pizza Lunch

11/8 Pizza Lunch

## Our Classroom...





The students had the opportunity to go on a field trip to Project Adventure. While they were there they had the opportunity to work on team building skills. They did various activities where they worked on skills such as communication, team work, and collaboration. This taught them valuable lessons that they can incorporate in their daily lives at home as well as at school.





Every Friday the students will participate in Group Snack. The students will work on practical life skills such as food preparation, serving, measuring, and grace and courtesy. The students had their first group snack where the students prepared apples with sun butter. Please see the following link if you would like to sign up to bring in food for our Group Snack every week.

Group Snack Sign Up Sheet

Click here to see the full ASM calendar!

#### Math

In geometry, the first-years have been learning about 3-D solids and defining their attributes. The second-years (pictured the the right) have been learning about various names for polygons and their attributes. The third-years have been learning about the parts of a right triangle and equilateral triangles. They have also been starting to work more with operations and utilizing the Montessori materials to practice with memorization of math facts.





#### Cultural

In cultural, the students have been learning about the three eras that are represented on the Timeline of Life. these era are the Paleozoic, Mesozoic, and Cenozoic. The have been learning about the animals and plants that lived during these periods. They had the opportunity to examine fossils from each period and place them correctly on the timeline.

### Language

In writing, the second and third year students have been working on their informational reports. They have brainstormed ideas that they would like to do research on and they are now looking into textbooks to find out interesting facts about their topics. The first-year students have been writing their personal narrative stories throughout the past few weeks and each week the students go back to their stories to add more details, check their spelling, and work on sentence structure.





#### **STEM**

In STEM, the students have been continuing to follow the Engineering Design Process to improve the play-dough they create. They have examined high-quality play-dough and low-quality play-dough so they can see how they should improve their process when they start mixing the materials together. They will be scoring their process by using a Usage Scoring Sheet and a Texture Scoring Sheet. This will help guide them and let them know if they need to improve the play-dough they create.

## Click here for more classroom photos!

# Looking Ahead...

In a few short weeks the students will be having their UN Day celebration. This event will take place on 10/24/24. The students will have the opportunity to share dishes from various cultures. Please be looking at the TIP and your emails for a sign up sheet where you will be able to tell us what dish your family will be bringing. We will also need parent volunteers to help serve food to the students. On 10/25/24 various students from the Lower Elementary program will be presenting their UN Day posters during the All School Meeting. Please join us for this event.

