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Lower Elementary Curriculum
Overview 5:30–7:00 p.m.

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Lower Elementary Field Trip:
New England Botanic Garden at
Tower Hill
*pizza will be held the day before
for LE students

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Pizza Lunch
All-School Meeting

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No School - Professional
Development Day (Childcare
Fun Day available)

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No School - Indigenous
Peoples'/Columbus Day

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Portrait Day
Pizza Lunch
All-School Meeting

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United Nations Day: Lower
Elementary UN Day Potluck

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Pizza Lunch
All-School Meeting
Halloween Fair 3:30–5:00 p.m.

[Click here to see the full
ASM calendar!](#)

Our Classroom...



On the first day of school, students participated in a fun and meaningful “Getting to Know Me” activity called Roll Call. During this activity, we created a web using thread. Each time a student received the thread, they introduced themselves and shared a few interesting facts. As the thread was passed around, our web grew, visually connecting each person in the class. By the end, we were all linked together, symbolizing that while we may each be unique, we are united as one classroom community.



Our classroom and the Dove classroom came together to continue our Getting to Know Me activities! The goal was to help all Lower Elementary students build connections across classrooms and foster a sense of community. Through engaging and collaborative activities, students had the opportunity to discover shared interests, celebrate their similarities, and learn more about one another in fun and meaningful ways. It was a wonderful step toward building friendships and a strong, united Lower Elementary team!

Math

This week, students began their journey into understanding place value with an engaging impressionistic lesson that brought numbers to life. Through vivid storytelling and hands-on exploration, they were introduced to the Montessori Hierarchical Material, allowing them to see, touch, and truly grasp the scale of numbers all the way up to the millions! By visualizing and manipulating these concrete representations, students developed a solid foundation for how each digit's position determines its value, setting the stage for deeper mathematical thinking ahead.



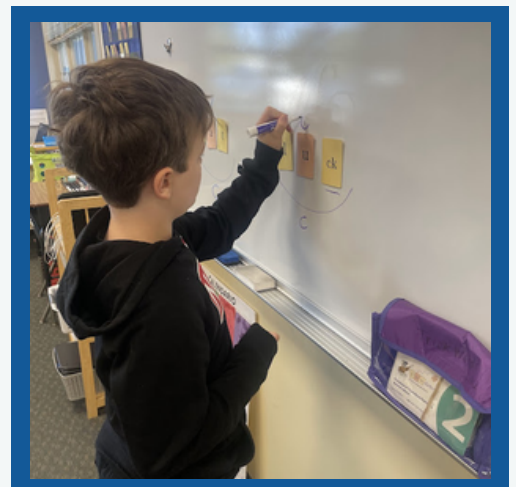
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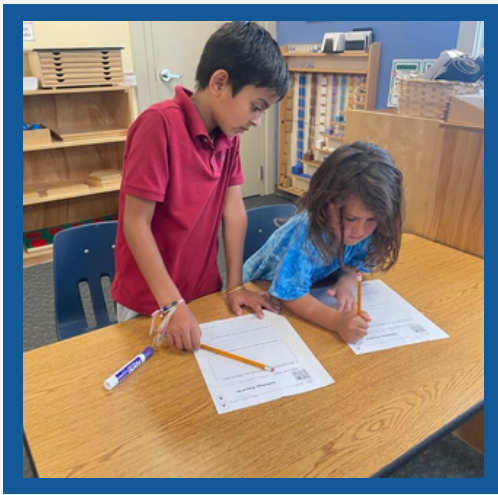
As part of the Montessori curriculum, students are introduced to the Creation Story, one of the Five Great Lessons that they will revisit each year with growing depth and understanding. This story ignites a sense of wonder as it explores the vast formation of the universe, detailing how stars were born, planets took shape, and our own Earth came into being. Through vivid storytelling and hands-on materials, children begin to grasp the grandeur of cosmic events, laying the foundation for studies in science, geography, and history. The Creation Story inspires curiosity, awe, and a deep appreciation for the interconnectedness of all things.



Language

Students have officially kicked off their Foundations lessons with great energy! Each level began by revisiting key concepts from the end of last year, laying a strong groundwork for the year ahead. They've been reviewing closed syllables, consonant and vowel sounds, and practicing how to mark up words. These are essential skills that set the stage for confident reading and spelling. It's a great start, and students are already showing strong focus and enthusiasm!





STEM

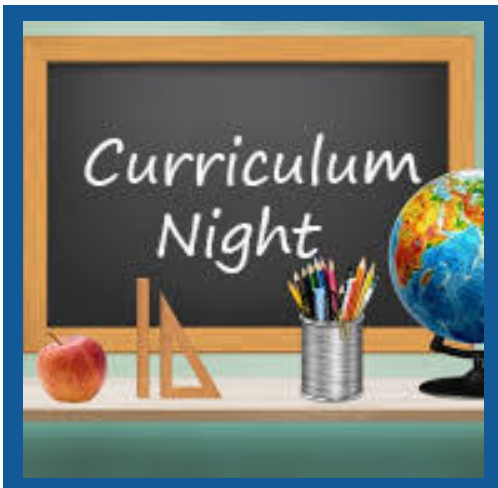
Our students have officially launched their first STEM unit of the year with excitement and curiosity! They kicked things off by exploring what it means to be an engineer and discovering the true definition of technology. Many were surprised to learn that technology isn't just electronics, it's anything man-made that helps solve a problem. From pencils to windmills, the students are now seeing the world through an engineer's eyes and are eager to dive deeper into the world of innovation and problem-solving! They will be doing this by utilizing the EIE Kit: Catching the Wind: Designing Windmills.

Practical Life

As part of Practical Life in the Montessori classroom, students actively participate in caring for their environment. Each child is assigned a classroom job, which they complete at the end of the day. These responsibilities, such as wiping tables, watering plants, or organizing materials, foster a sense of ownership, independence, and respect for their shared space. By working together to keep the classroom clean and tidy, students contribute to a peaceful and orderly community.



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



Looking Ahead...

We invite all Lower Elementary parents to join us for our Curriculum Overview Night on Tuesday, September 16 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Montessori curriculum your child will be engaging with throughout the school year. Our teachers will walk you through the key areas of study, classroom routines, and how we support your child's academic and personal growth. We look forward to sharing this journey with you!