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Looking Ahead to Middle School 8:30-9:30 a.m.

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Looking Ahead to Upper Elementary 8:30-9:30 a.m.

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All-School Meeting 8:45-9:00 a.m.
Pizza Lunch

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School Closed - Winter Break Starts!

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Return to school - Winter Break Ends!

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ASM Spirit Day
Pizza Lunch

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Kindergarten: The Leadership Year (A Hands-On Workshop for Prospective K Parents)

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Collaborative Classroom Starts!
Pizza Lunch

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School Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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

Our Classroom...



Our students recently embarked on an eye-opening field trip to the Tsongas Industrial History Center, where they explored the rich history of immigration, community, and culture. During their visit, students learned why people from all over the world come to the United States in search of a better life and discovered how we can appreciate both our differences and the similarities that connect us all. One of the highlights was touring an actual mill, where students saw firsthand how fabric is made on traditional looms. They learned that many immigrants worked in these very mills as they built new lives in America.



Our students had a wonderful time playing in the first snow of the season! It was exciting to see them enjoying the fresh snowfall and experiencing the magic of winter together. As a friendly reminder, please make sure your child comes to school each day with appropriate winter clothing. On snowy days, students must have snow pants, winter boots, a warm jacket, and gloves in order to play outside in the snow. Without these items, they will need to stay on the cleared areas and won't be able to join their classmates in the snow. Please also be sure your child has a set of extra winter-appropriate clothes stored in their locker. This helps keep everyone warm, dry, and ready for winter fun.

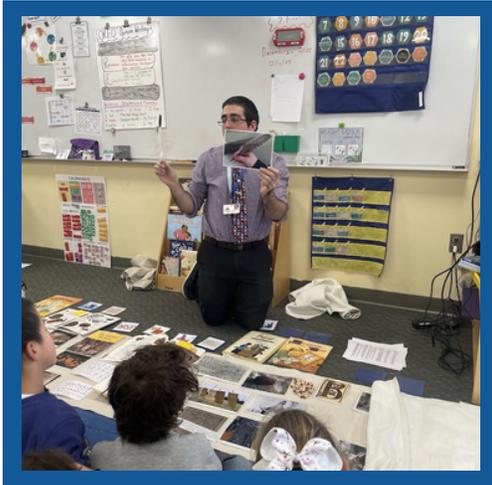
Math

Our students have been hard at work expanding their knowledge in geometry, and each grade level has been exploring exciting new concepts. First-year students have been identifying and measuring different types of angles, including right, acute, and obtuse angles, as well as convex and reflex angles. They've enjoyed discovering how these angles appear in everyday shapes and objects. Second-year students have taken their learning a step further by using the Montessori Protractor to multiply and divide angles. This hands-on tool has helped them deepen their understanding of how angles can change while maintaining their relationships within geometric figures. Third-year students have been exploring the regularity and irregularity of polygons, learning how to distinguish between shapes with equal sides and angles and those that vary. They also studied the parts of a prism, gaining a clearer understanding of faces, edges, and vertices. We're so proud of the students' curiosity and engagement as they build a strong foundation in geometry!



Cultural

Our students explored Montessori's Third Great Lesson: The History of Writing, a captivating journey into how humans learned to communicate across time and distance. Through this lesson, students discovered that writing began with simple pictures and symbols used by ancient civilizations to record ideas, stories, and important events. They learned about the evolution of writing—from early cave drawings and clay tablets to hieroglyphics, alphabets, and eventually the written language we use today. Students were fascinated to see how writing systems developed as societies grew more complex, and how each new form of writing helped people share knowledge, preserve history, and connect with one another. This lesson not only deepened their understanding of communication but also sparked curiosity about how writing continues to shape our world. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to appreciate the creativity and innovation of humans throughout history!



Language

Our students have been diving deep into language work, and each level has been exploring exciting new concepts that build strong grammar foundations. First-year students have been learning about adjectives and the noun family, discovering how adjectives help describe nouns and make sentences more detailed and interesting. They've enjoyed using their new skills to create richer, more expressive sentences. Second-year students have been focused on irregular past tense verbs and verbs with internal energy, learning how these special verbs change in unique ways and how they bring action and clarity to writing. Third-year students have been working with the grammar boxes to strengthen their understanding of prepositions and pronouns. Through hands-on activities and sentence analysis, they've been practicing how these parts of speech help connect ideas and replace nouns effectively in writing. We're proud of the progress all our language learners are making as they build confidence and skill in grammar and communication!



STEM



Our students have been deepening their understanding of civil engineering and the amazing structures that shape our world. They explored how buildings and bridges must withstand various pushes and pulls, learning how forces act on structures and why engineers must carefully consider them during design. Students also completed the first step of the engineering design process: Ask. Together, they discussed what makes a structure stable, examined examples of strong designs, and shared ideas about how engineers solve problems to keep structures safe and secure. This hands-on exploration sparked curiosity and creativity while giving students a foundational understanding of how engineering impacts everyday life.

Practical Life

Students have been continuing their sewing work in Practical Life, and this month they've been integrating their cultural studies by stitching the outline of the continent Australia. This hands-on project not only strengthens fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and concentration but also deepens their connection to the geography they are studying. As they sew, students practice patience, precision, and perseverance—skills that support their independence and confidence. Combining sewing with cultural learning also helps them form a meaningful, tactile connection to the world, making geography more memorable and engaging. We're proud to see their craftsmanship grow as they stitch their way through cultural exploration!



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

Looking Ahead...

We are excited to announce that our class will be hosting a Winter Celebration to kick off Winter Break on Monday, December 22! In the morning, students will rotate through a variety of festive stations filled with winter crafts and games. To help make this event a success, we are asking families to please consider donating materials or volunteering their time. We are currently looking for 5 more parent volunteers to help run the stations and 4 more winter-themed crafts or games to complete our setup. We also still need hot chocolate to round out our snack selection for our movie day. If you are able to donate items or volunteer, please check the sign-up link. We appreciate your support in helping make this a joyful and memorable day for our students!



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