

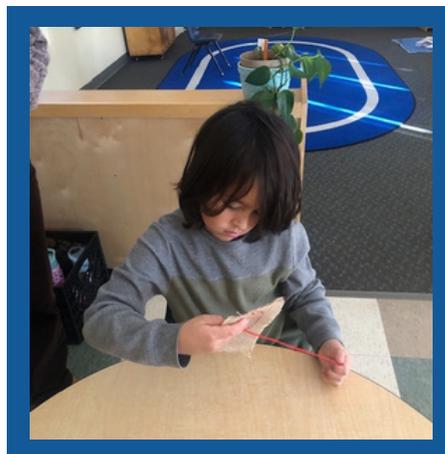
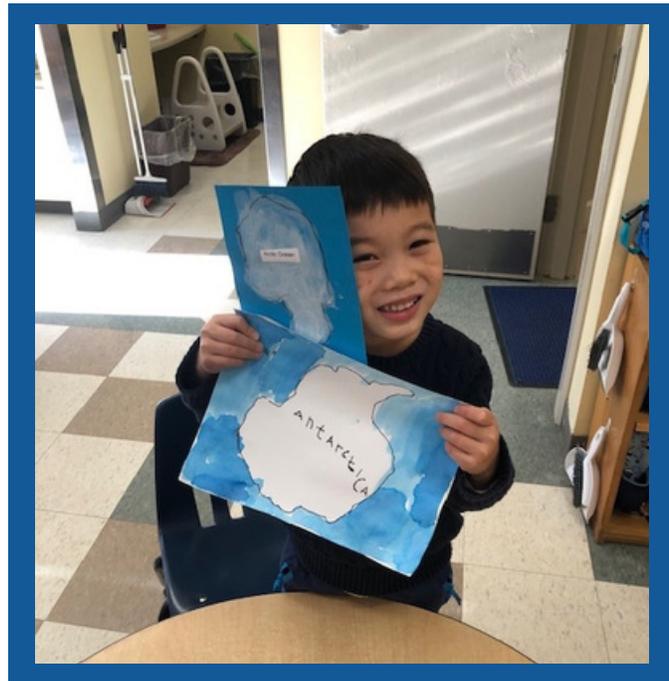
CALENDAR

- 12/23 School Closed - Professional Development Day
- 12/24-1/2 School Closed - Winter Break
- 1/5 School Resumes
- 1/9 ASM Spirit Day
All-School Meeting
Pizza Lunch
- 1/13 Kindergarten: The Leadership Year
(A hands-on workshop for prospective Kindergarten parents)
- 1/16 All-School Meeting
Collaborative Classrooms begin (K-8)
Pizza Lunch
- 1/19 School Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 1/21 Portrait of a Graduate
7:00 p.m.
- 1/23 All-School Meeting
Collaborative Classrooms (K-8)
Pizza Lunch
- 1/30 All-School Meeting 8:45-9:00 a.m.
Pizza Lunch
CH Dismissal from the main entrance
Around the World Cultural Festival 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Our Classroom...

Discovering the Polar Environment:
A gentle introduction to Earth's coldest places

This month, the children were introduced to the Polar Environment, the Earth's two icy regions: the Arctic and the Antarctic. We explored how these places are covered with ice and snow, how the Arctic is an ocean surrounded by land, and how the Antarctic is a vast continent made entirely of ice. Through this unit, the children explored activities that invited them to observe, classify, compare, and make discoveries. They enjoyed the meaningful, sensory-rich lessons that supported their curiosity and awareness of the natural world.



Sewing

This month, the children wanted to keep their hands busy. Sewing activities were a hit! Using shapes from the Geometric Cabinet, they traced outlines to sew. Sewing activities engage the child's hand and mind as they navigate the two working together.

Icy Weight

This month, we focused on weight using a scale. First, the children were introduced to the Baric Tablets. The Baric Tablets allow the child to close their eyes and use their senses to feel and compare the weight of different materials, using their bodies as scales. After working with the Baric Tablets, the children were introduced to a new lesson. The children investigated the difference between ice, water, and snow using a balance scale. They discovered how each material feels and weighs through careful observation and comparison.



Polar Practical Life

This month, activities inspired by winter themes encouraged children to practice careful movement, coordination, and concentration as they transferred, scooped, poured, and built fine motor skills. They enjoyed using white Play-Doh to cover Antarctica in “snow,” strengthening fine-motor skills while building an understanding of icy landscapes.

Artic Science

The children were able to explore an exciting experiment. The children were asked the question, “What makes ice melt faster?” They observed how different conditions: salt, shade, or sunlight, affected the melting of ice. This hands-on activity strengthened their curiosity and sense of discovery.





Looking Ahead...

January 13, 2026: Kindergarten: The Leadership Year (A Hands-On Workshop for Parents) from 5:00-6:00 p.m. [RSVP here](#)

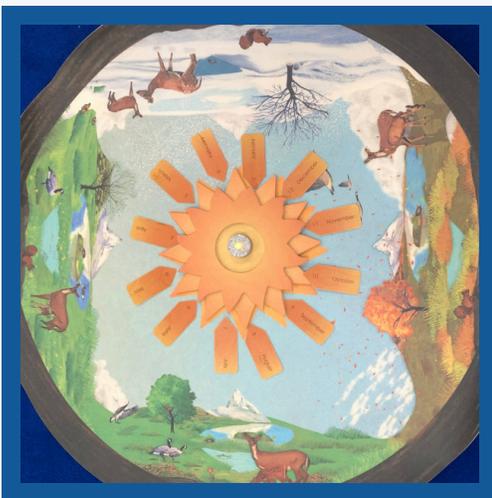
Next Month's Topics

- Magnetic/Non-Magnetic
- Polar Regions (Arctic and Antarctic Animals)

Other News

Happy Holidays! We wish you a wonderful break and hope you all enjoyed the Winter Concert! Thank you for attending!

Feel free to reach out about any art projects for winter, read a book, or come in to talk about New Year's Celebrations around the world!



Happy Birthday!

No Birthdays!

Upcoming Birthdays

- Vir 1/1 age 4
- Madelyn 1/3 age 4.5
- Leo 1/12 age 5
- Ava 1/16 age 5.5
- Michael 1/22 age 6