

## CALENDAR

- 12/3 Looking Ahead to Kindergarten:  
Observations 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
- 12/4 Portrait Re-takes and Sibling  
Portrait Day
- 12/5 All-School Meeting 8:45-9:00 a.m.  
ASM Spirit Day  
Pizza Lunch
- 12/9 Children's House Curriculum  
Overview: Part 2 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- 12/12 Children's House Winter  
Concert 9:00 - 9:45 a.m.  
Pizza Lunch
- 12/13 Laura's 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday!
- 12/15 Snow Date for Winter Concert
- 12/17 Kindergarten Open Classroom  
8:30 - 9:45 a.m.  
2:15 - 3:00 p.m.
- 12/23 Adam's 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday!
- 12/23 School closed: Professional  
Development (Fun Days offered)
- 12/24- School Closed - Winter Break  
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## Our Classroom...

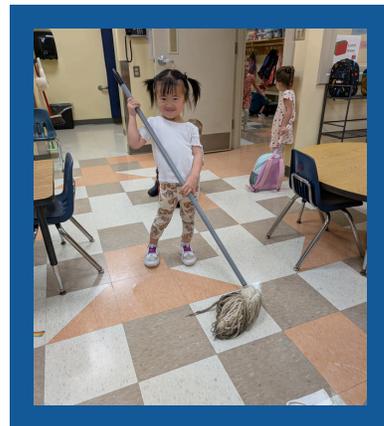
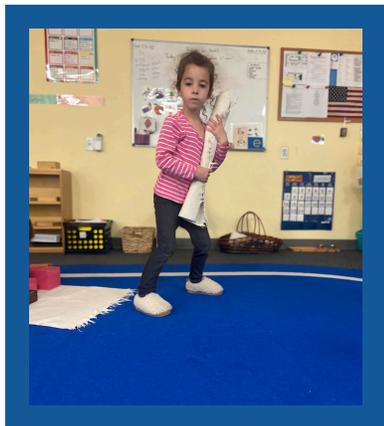
As we move into the season of gratitude and reflection, November has been a wonderful month of growth, curiosity, and community in our Birch classroom. The children have settled beautifully into the environment, showing increasing independence, care for their work, care for self, and respect for one another.



## Practical Life and Art :

During this month of giving thanks and sharing kindness, the children are well-prepared to host or attend upcoming events. Using pouring, spooning, tonging, and food preparation work, they are ready to jump in to help make and serve a meal to share. They have practiced caring for the classroom by sweeping and mopping the floor, rolling rugs neatly, watering plants, and cleaning up spills. They can show you their competence and confidence around the house.

The children are engaged in Thanksgiving projects in the Art by making turkey mats and different types of pies, such as cherry pie, pumpkin pie, and pecan pie.



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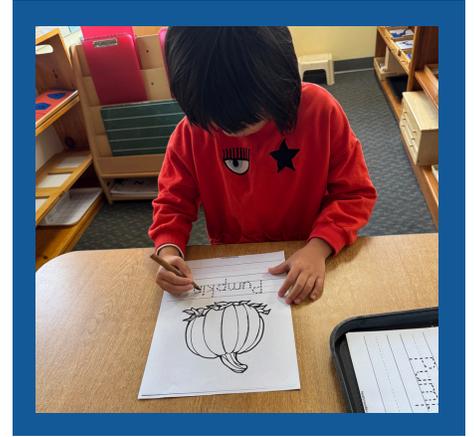
## Sensorial :

In the sensorial area, the children are refining their visual, tactile, and auditory discrimination. Many have been working with materials such as the Pink Tower, Brown Stair, Cylinder Blocks, Color Tablets, Geometric Cabinet, Mystery Basket, and Sound Cylinders that support the development of order, comparison, and pattern recognition, preparing the mind for future math and language work. The Mystery Basket includes pairs of Geometric Solids. Using a blindfold, the child explores each solid by touch, feeling its shape, edges, and surfaces. The child then searches for its matching pair. This activity strengthens their tactile discrimination, concentration, and ability to notice subtle differences in shape.



## Language :

Children enrich their vocabulary through classifying cards, object boxes, and storytelling through journaling. Many are working with Sandpaper Letters to strengthen letter-sound association. Once they have a good number of letter-sounds, students begin to build CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words and blend sounds using the Movable Alphabet. Others are working on reading short phonetic books and practicing early writing through tracing and dictation. We are observing strong growth in confidence as children express themselves, listen attentively, and participate joyfully in group lessons.



## Math :

November has been a rich month for mathematical exploration. Younger children have been practicing counting, number recognition, and one-to-one correspondence using Number Rods, Sandpaper Numbers, and Numbers & Counters. Children further along in the sequence have begun exploring the decimal system with 45 Layout using the Golden Beads to understand units, tens, hundreds, and thousands. Some are now engaging in early addition with hands-on materials such as the Addition Strip Board. With each step mastered, they are introduced to the next challenge!



## Culture and Science :

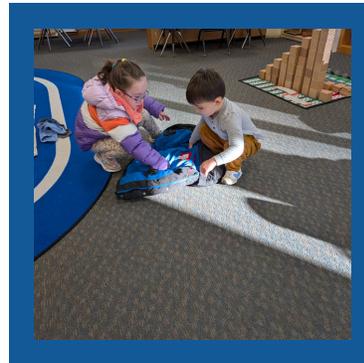
Our Cultural work helps the children explore the world through rich, hands-on materials. They enjoy working with the Continent Map and Puzzle Maps, carefully tracing and coloring each region as they learn about geographical locations and countries. The children also built the Cosmic Tower, a favorite work that helps them understand their place in the universe. Through these activities, they developed a deeper awareness of the world and their connection to it.

Our science work this month centered on seasonal changes. Children observed how the environment shifts in autumn; shorter days, falling leaves, and colder weather. They also learned about the animals that hibernate and migrate in winter. Do you know one animal that hibernates and one that migrates?



## Grace and Courtesy :

As part of our daily routine, we continue practicing Grace and Courtesy lessons. This month, we focused on taking turns speaking during group time, respecting others' personal space, and using calm indoor voices; all these skills teach us how to care for others. These lessons help create a peaceful, respectful, and collaborative community—core values in Montessori education.



## Looking Ahead...

December 3, 2025: Looking Ahead to Kindergarten classroom observations [RSVP here](#)

December 9, 2025: Curriculum Workshop Part Two: Sensorial, Math, and Science from 5:00-6:00 p.m. [RSVP here](#)

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