

CALENDAR

12/24-1/2 School Closed - Winter Break

1/5 Return to School

1/9 All-School Meeting 8:45-9:00 a.m.
ASM Spirit Day
Pizza Lunch

1/13 Kindergarten: The Leadership Year
(A Hands-On Workshop for
Perspective parents.) 5 - 6 p.m.

1/16 All-School Meeting 8:45-9:00 a.m.
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 8:45-9:00 a.m.
Collaborative Classrooms (K-8)
Pizza Lunch

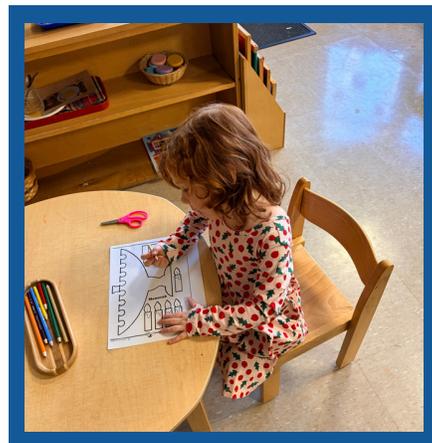
1/30 All-School Meeting 8:45-9:00 a.m.
(Willow Performing)
Pizza Lunch
CH Dismissal from the main
entrance
Around the World Cultural
Festival 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Holiday Celebrations

Willow worked very hard on a holiday present for their parents. It was a lot of fun making mittens together. We hope you love them!



Winter brings a variety of holiday festivities, including Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, and the Winter Solstice. The children learned about each of these holidays and participated in various related activities. After reading about the significance of the menorah, the children practiced placing candles in our classroom menorah and had fun spinning a dreidel. They also discovered that Kwanzaa means "first fruits" and colored the African American flag, known as the Bendera. Additionally, we discussed Christmas traditions and celebrations from different countries.



Science: Hibernation

We discussed what Hibernation is and which animals hibernate. We learned about the various places animals hibernate, including caves, burrows, and the bottom of a pond. We also spoke about true hibernators. Did you know that a bear is not a true hibernator because they only enter a semi-dormant state.



Language: Bear Snores On

Following our lesson on Hibernation, we read the book *Bear Snores On* by Karma Wilson. This story is about a hibernating bear and his friends who come to visit his cave while he is sleeping. After reading the book, we did a sequencing work on the order of the animals that come to visit.

Winter Gear

Willow has been practicing how to independently prepare for playing in the snow using a checklist to know what to put on first. Our goal is for all students to get ready for snow play as independently as possible. We appreciate your support in encouraging this at home as well. Please ensure that your child has an appropriate jacket, boots, waterproof mittens, and a hat so they can participate in the snow fun! If you'd like, you can leave a pair of snow pants and boots here. Thank you!





Looking Ahead...

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

Upcoming topics...

- The Artic
- Snowflakes
- Penguins
- Adaptation

Seasonal Wishes

We hope you have a happy holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year! We look forward to seeing you all in 2026!



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