

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 4th 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 4th Birthday!
- 12/23 School closed: Professional
Development (Fun Days offered)
- 12/24- School Closed - Winter Break
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Practical Life: Setting a Table

In the practical life area, we learned how to set a table. Using a placemat, the children placed a plate, fork, spoon, knife, cup, and a folded napkin in their correct positions. This is an important skill to have, especially with all the upcoming holidays. Encourage your child to help set the table!



Sensorial: Sound Cylinders

This material consists of two boxes, each containing a set of six cylinders. One set has red tops, while the other has blue tops. The sounds produced by the red set correspond to those of the blue set. Each cylinder, when shaken, produces a distinct sound that ranges from loud to very soft. The purpose of this material is to refine the auditory sense and assist the child in distinguishing between different sounds, including high and low pitches. This work is also preparation for letter-sound association.



Cultural & Geography: Cosmic Address

The Cosmic Address is an excellent material that helps children understand their place in the universe at the moment they are engaged in an activity. It begins with a broad perspective and gradually zooms in from the galaxy to the solar system, then to Earth, North America, the United States, Massachusetts, Andover, Andover School of Montessori, and finally to the energy within the child.



Science: Migration

We discussed what migration is and which animals migrate. We learned about the various reasons animals migrate, including changes in weather, the search for food, and the need to give birth. One of the animals we spoke about was the Arctic Tern, which travels from the North Pole to the South Pole in just 45 days!

Math: Bead Stairs

This is a Montessori math activity that teaches the quantities from 1 through 10. This activity helps the child learn to associate the quantities 1 through 9 with their numerals. It also introduces the child to the material used in the more complex concepts of the Teens Board, the Square and Cubing Chains, and Addition and Multiplication With Bead Bars.



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](#)

Coming up...

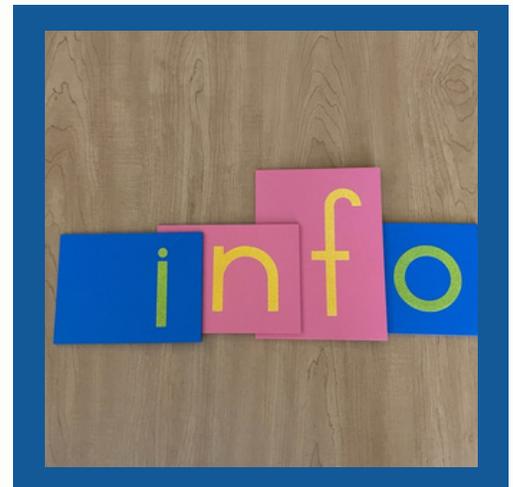
- Hibernation
- Winter
- Holidays



More Information...

We enjoyed meeting each one of you during the parent-teacher conference. It allowed us to share with you the progress of your children and all the wonderful materials that they have enjoyed working with over the past few months.

As colder weather approaches, please ensure your child has an appropriate jacket, mittens, and hat. If you would like to leave a pair of snowpants and boots here, you may.



The kids carefully cut up all the cranberries and helped add the ingredients to the crockpot. We were all excited to see the finished product after four hours of cooking. We practiced grace and courtesy by sharing the delicious cranberry sauce we had made.



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