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CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

Lower Elementary
Dove

October 9, 2026
Issue 2

IMPORTANT DATES

10/12	School Closed: Indigenous Peoples' Day
10/16	All-School Meeting 8:45-9:00 a.m.
10/21	Screenagers: Generation AI showing 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Adults only)
10/23	All-School Meeting 8:45-9:00 a.m.
10/23	Lower Elementary United Nations Day Luncheon 12:00-1:00p.m.
10/25	Open House for Prospective Families 11:00 a.m.-1:00p.m.
10/30	All-School Meeting 8:45-9:00 a.m.
10/30	Halloween Fair 3:30-5:00 p.m. (No Enrichment)
11/6	First Friday Coffee 8:15-8:35 a.m. All-School Meeting 8:45-9:00 a.m.
11/11	School Closed: Veterans Day
11/13	All-School Meeting 8:45-9:00 a.m. LE Field Trip: Museum of Science
11/16	School Closed: Parent Teacher Conferences (Childcare Fun Day available)
11/17	School In Session: Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30 - 5:30 (conference care available)
11/17	Grandparents and Special Friends Day

Click here to see the full ASM calendar!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOM



The students have been busy preparing for our upcoming UN Day celebration! Each student chose a country they would like to research and used sources to research information about their country, including the continent, currency, language, population, capital city, and interesting facts they discovered.

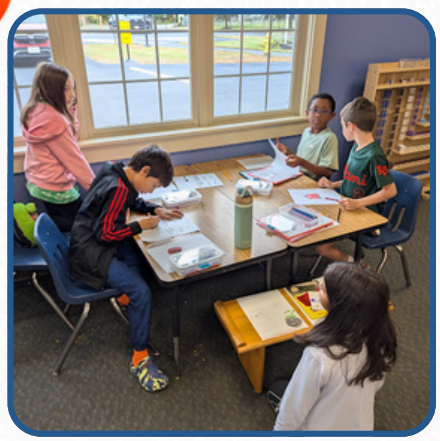
Students then created a poster featuring their country's flag and an outline of the country. We are so proud of the students' hard work and curiosity and cannot wait to celebrate UN Day together!

LEARNING IN OUR CLASSROOM



Math

The beginning of the school year continues to focus on strengthening students' number sense in the Dove classroom. Students are working with place value and rounding while also building fluency with their addition facts. As they become more confident and ready, they will begin extending their work into subtraction and multiplication.



Language

Students have not only been working on research writing for UN Day, but also on narrative writing. Each October in Dove, we create a spooky story for Halloween. This year, students are writing a story about a ghost. We have discussed the elements that make up a strong story and the importance of using descriptive details to help readers picture the story in their minds.



Cultural

In Cultural, we often explore the history behind the topics we are studying. Recently, students learned about the history of maps and how people found ways to represent our spherical Earth on a flat surface. As a follow-up to our Big Bang lesson, students have also been learning about the states of matter through engaging, hands-on experiments.



Language

Land Study is a new addition to the Lower Elementary program, giving students more opportunities to learn through hands-on work outdoors. Over the past two weeks, some students worked with cardboard to prepare the bottoms of the garden beds, while others shoveled soil and compost and transported it by wheelbarrow. Students had their first opportunity to begin planting. It has been exciting to see everyone working together as this new program continues to take shape.

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Practical Life

Sewing is one of our favorite Practical Life activities in Dove. Once students learn the basics of threading a needle and tying a knot, they can begin working on a variety of fun projects. We have started with a few simple activities, including stitching the outline of Europe using the Europe puzzle map piece as a guide and creating a button bracelet to practice sewing on a button.

Social Emotional Learning & Executive Functioning

In EF/SEL, we've been focusing on inclusivity—what it means to make others feel welcomed, valued, and like they belong. Students have been thinking about the ways their words, actions, and choices can help create a community where everyone feels seen and included.

We're proud to see this work come to life throughout ASM! Inclusivity can look like inviting someone to join a game, making space for a new idea, noticing when someone may be feeling left out, using kind and respectful language, celebrating our differences, and remembering that everyone has something valuable to contribute. Our students have shown a genuine dedication to putting these ideas into practice, often reminding one another that inclusion is something we all have a role in creating.

Seeking Support



Our **Open House for Prospective Families** will be held on Sunday, October 25, from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to explore ASM, learn about our many different leveled programs, and discover what makes our Montessori community so special.

Please help us spread the word to your friends and family! We would love to welcome new families to campus and give them the opportunity to learn more about all that ASM has to offer.



We are excited to celebrate United Nations Day on Friday, October 23! Students will celebrate cultures from around the world through their research, food, and family traditions. Students are also encouraged to wear traditional clothing that represents their family's heritage.

Families can contribute a cultural dish to our potluck luncheon or volunteer to help with event setup, serving, and cleanup. Please use the links below to sign up.

Potluck Sign-Up