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CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

Lower Elementary
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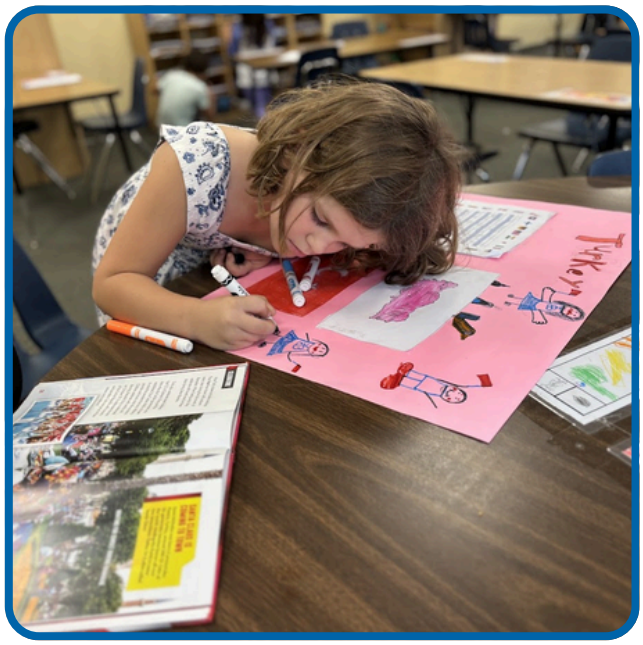
IMPORTANT DATES

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 12:00-1:00 p.m.
10/25	Open House for Prospective Families 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.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 highlight and used a variety of texts to research important information about their country, including the continent, currency, language, population, capital city, and three interesting facts they discovered.

Students then created a poster featuring their country's flag and an outline of the country. They also used an atlas to locate and identify important cities and the capital. 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 students have been learning many exciting new concepts in Geometry! Our first-year students explored the basic concepts of going from a point to a solid, using the pencil point to understand abstraction, as well as learning about geometrical solids. Our second-year students studied closed figures and researched the construction of polygons, including learning about the different parts of a polygon. Our third-year students explored the Seven Triangles of the World and took a closer look at the equilateral triangle, discovering its unique properties and characteristics.



Language

The students have been busy building their language skills! Our first-year students have been learning to identify sentences and phrases, as well as practicing interrogative sentences and learning how to use a question mark correctly. Our second-year students have been practicing capitalization, including the capitalization of geographical locations, brand names, and holidays. Our third-year students have been continuing their work with adverbs using the Adverb Grammar Boxes. They also explored how verbs and adverbs can be paired together in different ways to create meaningful and descriptive sentences.



Cultural

In Cultural Geography, the students have been exploring the continent of Europe! They learned about the countries of Europe and their corresponding capital cities. Students deepened their understanding of the continent by working with the Europe Puzzle Map, using it to identify and locate different countries. They also utilized the Pin Maps and Biome Puzzles to create their own biome maps.



STEM

The students have been busy preparing our garden beds by filling them with soil and compost, examining the soil, and loosening it. They have also been learning about plant hardiness zones and how they help gardeners determine which plants can survive local winter temperatures. The students explored the differences between annual and perennial plants and learned about the plant life cycle.

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Practical Life



In Practical Life, the students have started Group Snack, a wonderful opportunity for them to practice important life skills while working together. The students prepared a healthy nacho snack. Through food preparation, students practice skills such as following directions, measuring, pouring, cutting, spreading, serving, cleaning up, and working cooperatively with their classmates. Group Snack also encourages independence, concentration, coordination, responsibility, and community building. Students take pride in preparing food for themselves and their classmates while learning about healthy food choices and proper food preparation. There are still many opportunities to sign up to donate snacks throughout the school year.

Group Snack Sign Up

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