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CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

Upper Elementary | November 6, 2026
Issue 4

IMPORTANT DATES

11/10	Gather & Give Fundraising Night at The Chateau Family Restaurant
11/11	School Closed: Veterans Day
11/13	All-School Meeting 8:45-9:00 a.m.
11/16	School Closed: Parent Teacher Conferences (Childcare Fun Day available)
11/17	School In Session: Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. (conference care available)
11/20	Grandparents and Special Friends Day
11/24	Pizza Lunch
11/25-27	School Closed: Thanksgiving Break
12/1	Giving Tuesday
12/2	Portrait Re-take and Sibling Portraits
12/4	First Friday Coffee 8:15-8:35 a.m. All-School Meeting 8:45-9:00 a.m.
12/9	ASM Board of Directors Open House 6:00-7:00 p.m.
12/11	Elementary and Middle School Winter Concert 2:15 p.m.
12/16	UE Bring a Parent to School 8:30-9:30 a.m.

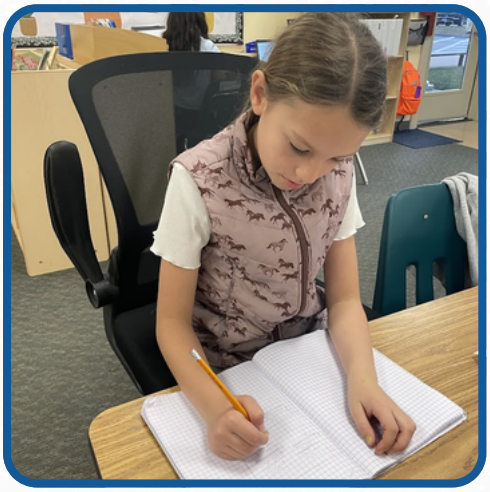
Click here to see the full ASM calendar!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOM



Students enjoyed participating in the school's Halloween Fair. We also celebrated the season with a classroom pumpkin hunt. During the hunt, students searched for hidden pumpkin eggs containing classroom coupons, adding a little extra fun and excitement to our workdays. Additionally, students have started presenting their Timeline of Life and UN Day country research projects in other classrooms, sharing their knowledge and hard-work with our larger school community. Students are excited to share their planet research flipbooks and lapbooks soon!

LEARNING IN OUR CLASSROOM



Math

Students have continued to build their understanding of fractions and have progressed to performing fraction operations. Some students have also been progressing to long multiplication and long division on paper and working toward greater independence and accuracy with multi-digit problems.



Language

Students have started their new literature circle books, *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* and *The Phantom Tollbooth.* Students are developing their reading comprehension and critical thinking skills by exploring characters, identifying themes, making predictions, and supporting their ideas with evidence from the text.



Cultural

Students started a new research project focused on civilizations and cultures of the Post-Classical Period. Building on our recent lessons about the fundamental needs of humans, students are exploring how different peoples organized their societies, met their basic needs, and contributed to the development of the world.



Science

Students have continued their planet research, looking at the size, composition, atmosphere, and unique features of the planets in our solar system. Some students are moving on to animal research, learning about their habitats, adaptations, diets, and roles within their ecosystems.

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STEM



In STEM, UE students reviewed the parts of a solar panel and then assembled a solar power system, using a fan blade. They observe solar energy collection by stepping into the sunlight, and learned how solar energy transfers to power, causing the fan to start spinning. Some students also had the time to try the system with a light bulb, sound device, and spinner. They also explored energy emitted from the sun and focused on the collection of light energy to create solar electricity by investigating factors that affect the way a solar power system works.

Practical Life



Students continue to build classroom community through group snack preparation and classroom care. Students have enjoyed taking turns preparing and sharing group snacks, like the clementine and celery pumpkins. We also spent time deep cleaning and organizing the classroom, giving students the opportunity to take ownership of their learning environment. From wiping shelves and organizing materials to tidying shared spaces, students are learning the importance of caring for their space.

Looking Ahead



We are looking forward to connecting with families during our upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences! These meetings are a wonderful opportunity to share students' progress, celebrate their growth, and discuss goals for the months ahead. Sign up here.

We are also excited to welcome grandparents and special friends into our classroom for Grandparents Day on Friday, November 20. We look forward to sharing a glimpse of our classroom community and giving students the opportunity to celebrate the special people in their lives!