

Mandala School Newsletter

Reading & Writing

Youngest: writing rhyming words given 2 letters, such as -at, -ap, -an. Reading Beverly Cleary's *Henry Huggins* Martin, Felix, Leo: shared their presentations on the countries they created, continuing to read *My Side of the Mountain* with Dr. John. Morgan, Claudia & Justin completed a KWL about snowflakes.

Middle: Selecting, reading, and discussing articles (from NPR) about Tilikum the whale, colliding stars, Dogfish, and transcranial direct current stimulation, or tDCS.

Oldest: Presented their "places" writing pieces, which were very well done! Some chose to write about a restaurant they've been to, a house they lived in, or a vacation destination.

Middle & oldest worked on tetrameter poetry and new assignment Friday (13 Jan) **due Wednesday (Jan 18)** for peer editing. Sharing Thursday and Friday. Writing a memoir, or a unique memory they have.



Playing *Scrabble* can build language & spelling skills! Lizzy, Jordan, Jake & Kelsey battled it out in a long, yet successful game!

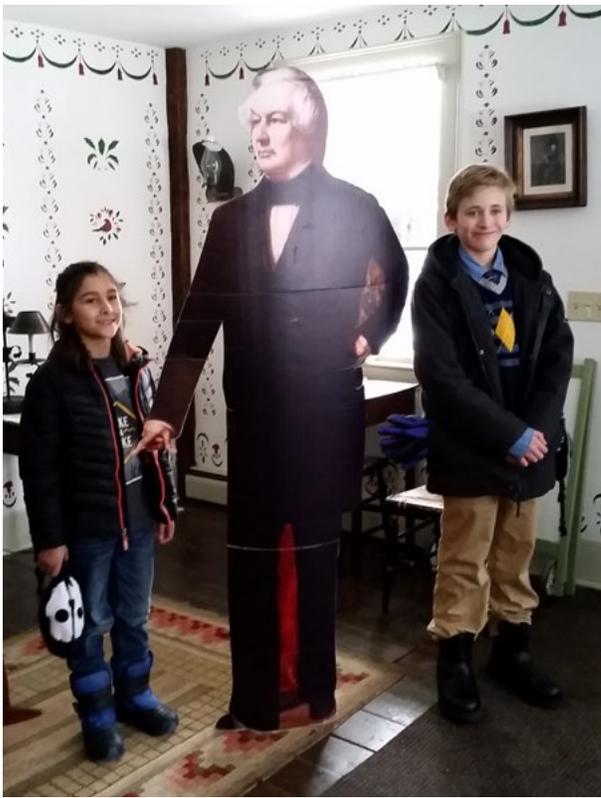


The youngest French group
Working in "illnesses" and giving orders:
"debout", "à genoux", "couché", etc.

Middle French group
Going shopping for food "On va faire des courses"

Advance French
Preparing le DELF "Diplome d'études en langue française"





Marty, Millard Fillmore, and Charlie.
Last Friday after school we stopped by the house President Fillmore lived in. The house, now a museum is on Shearer Ave. in East Aurora.

Last Friday, Charlie, Lizzy, Jordan, Alex, Ethan and Nathan went to Millard Fillmore's graveside the day before his birthday. It was cold... After we went to the Buffalo Club for the 150th anniversary lunch, because Millard Fillmore was one of the founders. We all met new people. Charlie made friends with the people at the EA Historical Society. Then we drove back to school. At two o'clock, Charlie, Marty, Kelsey, Dr. John, and Charlie's mom went to Millard Fillmore's house down the street, for a tour and free cake!

We learned that the house was moved from Main Street to Shearer Ave. where it is now. Also that Millard Fillmore's daughter, Abby died in the Mandala house. The Fillmore's were good friends with the Allen's the people in the Mandala house. One of the Allens was Dr. Jabez Allen.

by Charlie



Brick working on a wood burning project

Mathematics

Youngest: "I am learning about numbers, like 24" - Justin
"I'm learning about multiplication a lot" - Morgan
Marty, Felix & Leo are working on adding and subtracting fractions.

Middle: Friday we did a review scavenger hunt, Tuesday we will have another review day, and Wednesday we will have a test on fractions, decimals, percents, and basic statistics (finding minimum, maximum, range, mode, median, and mean given a set of numbers)

Oldest: Trigonometry! SOH CAH TOA Does $\tan = \sin/\cos$?

Other News

Please Join Us

Wednesday, January 18th at
3:00pm to discuss the future
of Mandala!
Adults only please.

DON'T FORGET!

No school Monday January 16th

*Darkness cannot drive out darkness;
only light can do that. Hate cannot
drive out hate; only love can do that.*
— Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Wear your pajamas to
school day!
Thursday, January 19th**

