



*A single trillium at Sinking Ponds*



Students walked to Sinking Ponds on Thursday to enjoy a picnic lunch, sketch flowers and other plant and tree life, observe birds, including a loon on the pond, and play our favorite game, Oh, Deer!



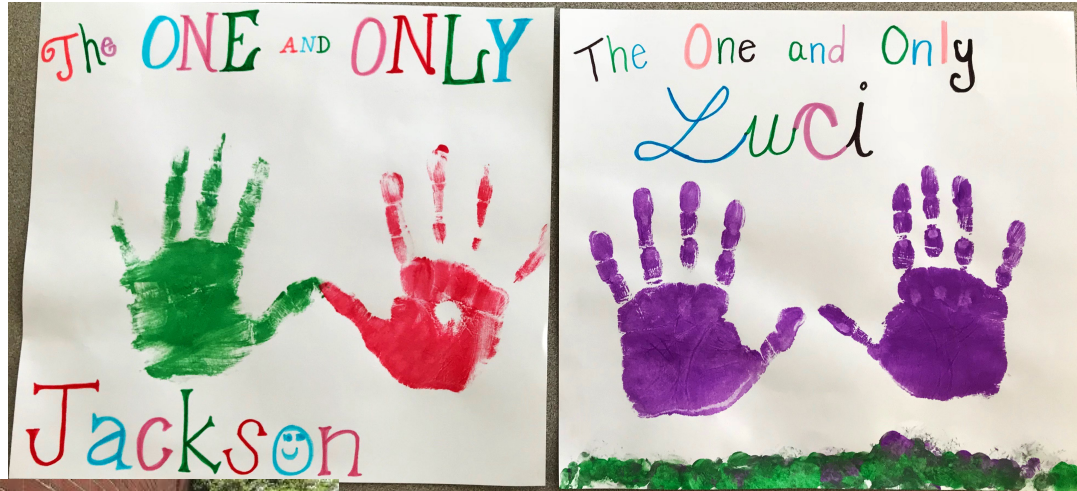
Oh, Deer!

The deer, disguised as children, race across the field to capture what they need to live. The environment, also disguised as children, holds water, shelter, open space, and food.

The deer are showing a symbol for one of their four requirements and this must match with the same symbol shown by the environment. If the deer find what they need, that part of the environment becomes a new deer. If not, the deer is recycled as part of the environment.

“Oh, Deer!” gives children the experiences of foraging for needs and boom/bust cycles. When there are too many deer, the environment is depleted and the deer die. That “bust”, in turn, allows the environment to recover. When there is a rich environment, the deer population expands with a “boom.”

Students reading *The One and Only Ivan* with Miss Kelsey (Jackson, Claudia, Kate, Luci, Charlotte, Keltrian, and Nolan) copied the main character, a gorilla named Ivan, and made handprints with paint. They are all one of a kind!



Left: Students planted sunflowers and peas at school. The middle math group is studying measurement and length. They practiced this while planting seeds, 1/4 inch deep and 12” apart.

Below: Luci, Felix, Jackson, & Claudia learning sayings like, “I am going to...” and “I am coming from...” The verb “to go” is *aller* and to “come” is *venir*.



May 17th  
Happy 9th Birthday,  
Jackson M!  
May 20th  
Happy 13th Birthday, Kai!





## Student of the Week: Justin!

My name is Justin and I am 7 years old. This is my second year at Mandala. I live in Westfield, it's far away. When I grow up I want to be a detective. I like to read books, my favorite is *The Wild Robot Escapes*. If I could go anywhere I'd go scuba diving. My favorite video game is *Minecraft*. My favorite animal is kitties.

I have a big boat that I go out on the lake on. And I go fishing. Sometimes, I drive the boat. I have a little brother that likes to tear apart everything I make. I like to play Hide-and-go-seek with my mother. I like to go fishing with my dad. Once I actually caught a fish.



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