

# Mandala School Newsletter

October 23 - 27, 2017



Continuing our immigration unit, the secondary group are writing letters or journals as if they are an immigrant in the early 1900s. Keltrian worked hard to make a journal with tea stain paper (below). They are telling their own story through a collection of letters, modeled after *Letters from Rifka* by Karen Hesse, or a personal journal or diary. Their writing is historically accurate, but creative as well as they make a journey from Europe, across the Atlantic, through Ellis Island, and into America!



Right: Miss Natalie and her class working in their journals



## A note from Kyra

*Mandala is a place where everyone is accepted for who you are. Since I started coming here I've experienced a lot of how the children here learn in a different, alternative way. Mandala is a place where there isn't a set learning plan. This allows the children to get more excited about learning because they get to learn about the things that interest them the most. Mandala also offers the kids the ability to see what they're learning about in real life, because of the many field trips that the students take to different places such as Allegany State Park, the Niagara Gorge, the Eternal Flame, and many other places. Mandala is a great place of learning that allows the students to thrive in their education.*

## Student of the week: Marty



What is your name? *Martin, but people call me Marty*

What world problem would you want to solve? *Pollution and violence*

Where do you live? *I live in East Aurora*

What do you want to be when you grow up? *Make video games and be a chemical engineer*

What is your greatest fantasy? *To live in a magical world with oversized puppies that you can ride*

How would you describe yourself? *Kind and funny*

If you could go anywhere, where would it be? *Jupiter*

What do you like to do in your spare time? *Hug my dog, Frank*

What is your favorite video game? *Sky Rim and Call of Duty*

What kind of music do you like? *Classical*

What is your favorite movie? *Sin City*

What is your favorite dinosaur? *Parasaurolophus*

*Interview by Felix*

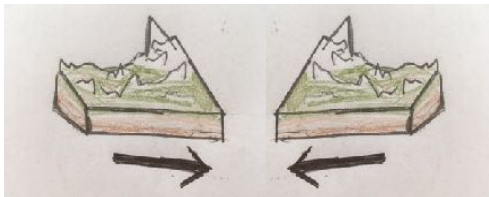




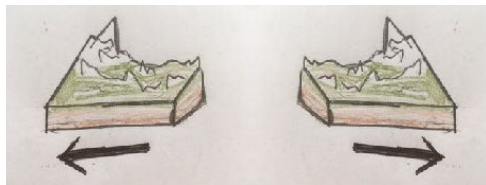
THANK YOU  
Stephanie, Mike, and  
Ethan for having us  
to your farm! - Miss  
Natalie & class



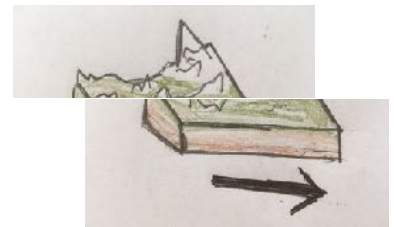
Drawings by Marty



CONVERGENT PLATES



DIVERGENT PLATES



TRANSFORM PLATES

### TECTONICS!

Continents are rock rafts floating on magma. Oceanic rocks are conveyor belts moving from upwelling magma (rising) to places where it sinks.

The movement of tectonic plates causes earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanoes, and mountain building. The rocks in western New York were formed in the ocean 350 million years ago then lifted up by tectonic forces about 300 million years ago.