

Left: Kate helps Ama read her hand made book about celebrations  
Right: Finn helps Graham with a word in his book report on Dr. Seuss



One of my favorite parts of working at Mandala is watching the students interact with one another, specifically when someone needs help. I was reminded of this while watching the many fabulous book report presentations this week.

Whether it was getting stuck reading a tricky word or needing a hand holding a poster, students will eagerly assist their peers, no matter the age difference. The benefits of our multiage program seem endless in these precious moments.

The older students listen to their younger peers' presentations and provide positive feedback, promoting confident, young speakers. The youngest group absorb information like sponges as older students share more complex projects with accelerated vocabularies. By Kelsey

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Finn "unrolled" his knowledge of Jane Goodall in his biography report with a timeline of her life. He even had the *National Geographic* magazine with Goodall's first article!



## Student of the Week: Sia

Sia is a 7, almost 8, year old Mandalian. She is kind and helpful. She enjoys French and Spanish classes at Mandala. In Sia's free time she likes to do homework and writing. Sia enjoys playing with her 5 cats, cats are her favorite animal. Sia like eating, her favorite food is pizza! France is Sia's favorite place, she has never been there but hopes to go there one day. Something Sia enjoys doing with her family is taking a nap outside in the sun with her kittens. Sia really likes her school and hopes to stay here until eighth grade. Then she added, "I want them to start a Mandala high school!"

Interview by Kate



Once there was a Gentoo penguin named Tom. Tom was looking after his chick egg and waiting for the mother Ueke to return. Ueke eventually came back with food for the chick. The chick had just hatched! It was a boy and they named him Pete! Ueke fed the chick krill while Tom went out for his own food.

The mother was waiting for Tom to come back, but Tom didn't come back. Tom was taking his time filling up on fish because he didn't get to eat for 100 days! Finally he came back. By the time he returned, the chick was bigger.

They waited for the chick to get older so they could leave him with other chicks by himself. After a few years, the parents left Pete with other chicks.

Then Pete was old enough to go to the ocean by himself. Pete met a girl penguin named Star and they mated. They had their own egg and Star went out for food. Pete had to wait until Star returned. He kept the egg warm with his pouch. Pete was very happy to be a dad. One-hundred days later, Star came back and fed the new chick some fish.

The End

By: Charlotte



### BPO Reviews

"A Midsummer Night's Dream was written by William Shakespeare in 1590. The story is interesting but complicated, there are just too many characters to follow. And to make it even harder the actors all have similar Ancient Greek names. The story goes a little like this: This person is in love with this person, but this person wants to marry this other person, and this person over here has to marry this person over here, but she is in love with this person. That is basically how the story goes, and over all the story is complicated, but I would see it again and recommend it to anyone who likes plays. 4.5 stars." - Martin

"I liked the a Midsummer Night's Dream because of how well the actor played their parts, and how funny Puck and the other charters where. I also liked how the people acted like they were really in love (they could actually be in love). The people were very good actors to begin with." -Devin

"I think the BPO is always interesting. Shakespeare is hard to understand, like a brick is hard to pick up if it's too heavy. Love in Midsummer Night's Dream is like the love we give to others. Magic makes a disaster like a shooting or fire. This person loves one person. The other person loves that person, but then this persons... Ok I will stop there, but I liked it. That's all." -Kate



Congrats to Sachin and Martin for winning 1st place in the Greater Western New York District for their short stories! Both students submitted a story in the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) Writing Contest. Their stories will now be judged at the state level!



What a great art session we had this Thursday, six of us, the youngest group, with Marc Chagall. The great new Chagall book was in from the library. This artist took us on a trip back to Russia, where he was born. We followed him to Paris with the Eiffel Tower. Then we worked on our own art projects where wings could be attached at will. Dogs could sit in a hot teacup and Graham's "color claw could climb into white space."

Students showed each other technique tips, explained funny details, and picked out what medium would work best for their art. We all realized how interesting it is that we learn about Sur-Real things, as Marc Chagall is a surrealist.

By Finn, Ama, Sia, Graham, Kyle, Sachin, & Ms. Jeannet

## Artist Study: Marc Chagall



*Fox City* by Kyle



*Dark Star* by Graham



*Lovely World* by Ama



*Flying Cat* by Sia



*A Toady Sky* by Finn

Chagall brought out magic in the youngest group! The students' surrealist art is displayed in the Mandala Meeting Room, please come take a look!