

# Mandala School Newsletter

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**Building Challenge:** The middle and youngest groups put their creativity, critical thinking, and teamwork to the test with a building challenge on Wednesday. Each team was given six marshmallows and a handful of dry spaghetti. With only fifteen minutes to plan and construct, they competed to build the tallest free-standing structure. Jackson, Sachin, and Graham took the lead with a tower over 70 cm tall! Jackson shared that the team designed their tower with a camera tripod in mind. "We made sure it was strong and stable first", explains Sachin. All three of the teams did a great job and persevered despite several failed attempts!



**Art:** In older art class we were working on Marc Chagall; he illustrated the fables De la Fontaine. So, we looked into them and we found an interesting fable called The Wolf and the Lamb. We are making costumes for a short play we will perform about this fable. I am the narrator, Devin is the wolf, and Kate is the lamb. We have begun constructing masks and costumes. - Martin



*Juan: I learned that modern tools and weapons were used long ago, up to 75,000 years ago. The reason most people don't know this is because most of the artifacts were lost. Some of the artifacts included certain paints, arrowheads, digging sticks, even poison applicators with traces of poison from castor beans that are more dangerous than cyanide.*





# Student of the Week: Graham!

Graham is a kind, quiet 7-year-old with a great sense of humor. He lives in Buffalo with his mom, dad, his brother Nolan, and a dog and a cat. His dog's name is Ruby and his cat's name is Mimi.

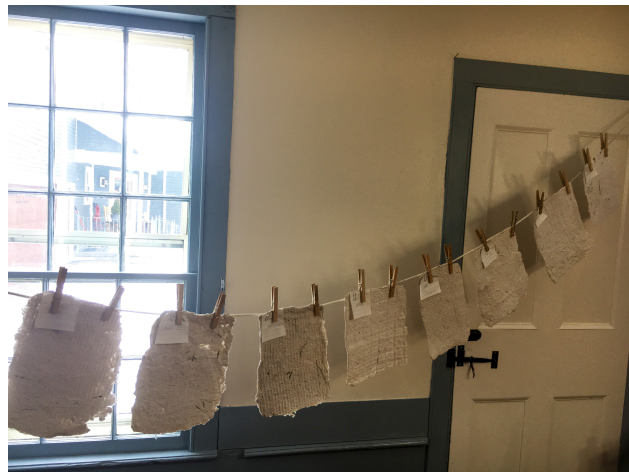
When Graham grows up he wants to be a librarian. His secret talent is doing handstands. His favorite part of Mandala is music class. He plays the drums. He also likes art. He is learning to speak Spanish.

The coolest place Graham has ever been is New York City, but if he could live anywhere it would be California. If Graham could have been born in any year he would choose 1965. If he could change something about his life he wouldn't have pushed Nolan in the pool, he would have saved him.

Some of Graham's favorite things: Mandala School, pizza, the color red, The Beatles, wolves, the Goosebumps books, and football.

When asked, "Anything else you want people to know about you?" Graham said, "I get a lot of time outs and I order lots of pizza."

Interviewed by Kate & Kyle



Steps to create papyrus like the Egyptians!

1. Rip 1 inch strips of recycled paper
2. Soak the strips with lots of water overnight, add hay & tea bags for extra texture and color!
3. Use a blender to create the "pulp" Scoop the pulp onto a screen with a wooden, square-shaped frame & filter out the water
4. Flip the pulp onto a dry towel and pat dry, use a book or clipboard to flatten and shape the paper
5. Leave paper on a dry towel for a few days - flipping occasionally and replacing the towel with a dry one
6. Hang the paper on a clothes line to finish drying