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The older students in our Environmental Research class have each chosen a topic to learn more about. Their findings will be part of an Earth Day 2020 collection. Working with local environmental groups and the EAHS, the students will educate the public on some big issues. Topics will include: coral reef bleaching, solar energy, human induced vs. natural global warming, rising sea levels, Antarctic ice, diet, the oil industry, plastic pollution, history, and groundwater contamination! Would you like to be a part of our research? What aspect of environmental stewardship is most important to you?



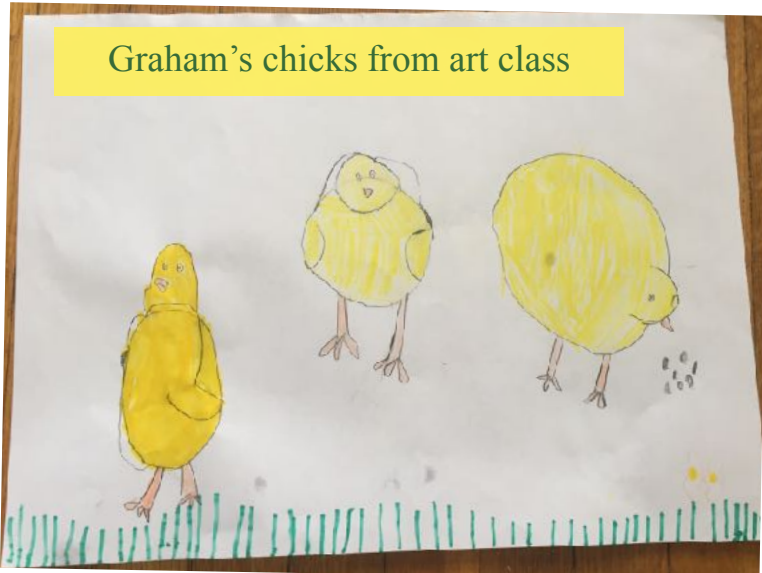
Zachary's Lego Mandala School!

Things to be working on:

1. Environmental Research (older)
2. The Ransom of Red Chief Vocabulary (older)
3. French or Spanish
4. Art Projects - Egg & Dusty
5. Music Listening Project (older)
6. Small Group Writing
7. Math Assignments
8. Insect Scavenger Hunt (younger & middle)

Ruby is
happy to
have
Nolan &
Graham at
home

Graham's chicks from art class



Siblings, Ria & Sachin, sharing their stories (in matching green!)

Passover Writing

By Aviva

In the Jewish religion, Passover, or Pesach, celebrates the freedom of the Jews from slavery in ancient Egypt. It is believed that Moses was chosen to go to the pharaoh, to demand that he free the Israelites from slavery. The pharaoh said no, so God sent down 10 plagues (or punishments) to force the king to change his mind. The word Passover comes from the 10th plague, in which the firstborn sons of the Egyptians were killed. The Israelites were spared from the plague because Moses had told them to mark their door posts so that the angel of death would pass over them. The son of Egypt's pharaoh died from the plague. In his grief the pharaoh ordered Moses and the Jews to leave Egypt.

The festival of Passover is one of great joy. It takes place for about one week in March or April. A special family meal called a seder is held the first and sometimes the second night of Passover. Before the meal the story of Passover is told through the songs and prayer of the Haggadah, which is the book used during the seder. The most important food of the holiday is matzo, which is a bread made with only flour and water. It is unleavened, which means that it is flat. This reminds the Jews of the bread the Israelites took with them when they fled Egypt for freedom. They did not have time to let it rise because they were in a hurry to leave..

Passover is special to me because It gives me more time to spend with my family.. However I do enjoy not eating bread for a week. I like the food that we eat during passover. For example, charoset which is a passover dish that my sister likes to make., consisting of honey, apples and walnuts which are meant to symbolize the mortar of the bricks in Egypt. Last night I had an online seder though Zoom with my family in Connecticut, Westchester, and as far away as the West Coast. I enjoyed seeing my cousins and singing songs with them. I hope we can really be together next year.

Happy Passover & Happy Easter

have a wonderful weekend & stay safe

classes will resume Tuesday



We spotted 29 Easter eggs.
How many can you find?

