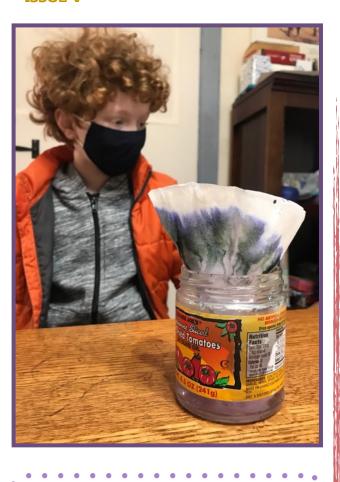
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Running club reminder: Please be prepared for cold and rainy weather. Water is important! Bring a reusable bottle to school with you, especially on running days! Pick up is at 4:30 P.M. at Hamlin Park.



The middle group continues to study the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois Confederacy). Next week, we will begin construction of a model longhouse! Students are encouraged to gather natural materials at home to share with their fellow builders.

Science Class by Sachin

We took our markers and we did not use primary colors because they cannot be separated. Charlotte used brown, Graham and I used black. We used a coffee filter and colored it with the color we chose. We just colored a ring on the filter paper. Then we folded it in half and then folded it in half again to make like a pizza slice. then we got a half a cup of water and dipped the tip of the filter into the water. But we had to be sure not to dip the color into the water. Once the color separated they got to the top then we took it out of the water.

Mine turned into green, red, yellow, pink, and blue. Charlotte's brown turned into orange and violet. Graham's turned into green, yellow, black, purple, and blue.

Charlotte's prediction before we put them in the water was black and orange.

My prediction was that the black would break into green and blue.

I liked it because you could watch it break into different colors and it would only take a few minutes.

- For lunch we walked to Warren Park. We
- had recess there after we ate. It is nice to be
- able to play in a different environment. It is
- fun to have the open space and be able to
- run around. At Warren Park some kids play
- games, look for cool animals or bugs, and
- more!
- By: Kate.M, Kate.C, and Ria







The kindergarten and 1st grade students have begun graphing in math. This week we collected different color leaves and made a bar graph together.

Student of the Week: Aviva

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: Pizza and Sushi

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: Orange

Q: When is your birthday?

A: Oct. 14, 2007

Q: What is your favorite game?

A: Minecraft

Q: What is your favorite school subject?

A: Reading

Q: What is your favorite season?

A: Fall

Q: What is your favorite holiday?

A: Halloween

Q: What is your favorite number?

A: 13

Q: What is your favorite sport?

A: Soccer

Q: What are your favorite animals?

A: Cat, rat, fox, seal, and tiger

Aviva just turned 13 and this is her first full year coming to Mandala. She LOVES cats. She has two cats Jerry and Beauty.

Older group's afternoon discussions: This week we started an afternoon talk with the older girls and Juan. We talked about some things that kids wanted to bring up. This class is kind of like, morning meeting that we have at the beginning of the day. On Tuesday we talked about the rules at Mandala and some things that have to do with the rules. The next day, we played a one word story game. How you play is one person says a word and then the next person would say a word and on and on until we had a story, and that's what we have been doing in afternoon discussions.



Once upon a time there was Flora and Maya and Kevin and mom and they were at a camping spot with their school. They stayed there, they put up the tent. Ms. Kelsey and mom and me, Maya, and Starlight all helped. We slept on mattresses and in the morning I was cold so we all snuggled up in mom's sleeping bag. We took a very long hike and we took another shorter hike and we had chili and cornbread. My favorite part was putting up the tent. It was orange and it was cozy. We read a Danny and the Dinosaur book before bed, mom read it. Dad brought more pillows and blankets to sleep on because it was cold. They lived happily ever after. The End. By: Flora

Last week we went camping at Sprague Brook. It was tons of fun and we did so much! The one thing that was my favorite was when we went on a 4 mile hike, but it was very tiring. It was a lot of fun. I saw so many color changing leaves. After a while of hiking we stopped at a creek. There were some little fish, a couple crawfish, and a snake! The creek itself was amazing. After me had lunch at the creek we started to head back to camp. As you can see, the hike we went on was great! By: Katelyn

Camping at Sprague Brook was so fun. On the first day we went on a four mile hike it made me tired but it was really fun. At night most of us played games like manhunt and bigfoot. After that we had s'mores and got ready for bed.

The next day it was raining so we had to drive down to a shelter for some of our classes. At the shelter the older kids read a chapter in the book they've been reading. After that we played heads up seven up. After that some kids went down to the playground and the other kids played a game. When we got back from the playground we had art it was fun.

The next day we packed up all our things and drove to a hiking place and went on a short hike to have lunch. Then when we were back from the hike our parents came to pick us up. Camping at Sprague Brook was so fun I hope we can go again. By: Sarah

I loved camping at Sprague Brook! On the first day, when we were hiking we kept seeing tree sap on the trees! At the end of the hike we stopped at a creek to eat lunch and then walked back to camp. We hung out for a while and could read a book. Next, we walked to a tiny playground that looked out at a pond. Once it got dark, we played games like ManHunt, Zombies Tag, and BigFoot!

On the second day, we went to a shelter to read our book, Moon Over Manifest, and have an art class. In art we were making a natural picture frame out of sticks and string! Half way through art class we got kicked out of the shelter because it was supposed to be closed! We went on a smaller hike, and during the hike we found a vine that made a swing! We got to take turns on the swing! When we got back to camp and it started getting dark we had s'mores and we went stargazing! We saw Jupiter and a few shooting stars! Clearly, camping was awesome!! By: Ria



Emilia, Sachin, Katie, & Elena played with words and different endings like -er, -ed, -ing, and -s