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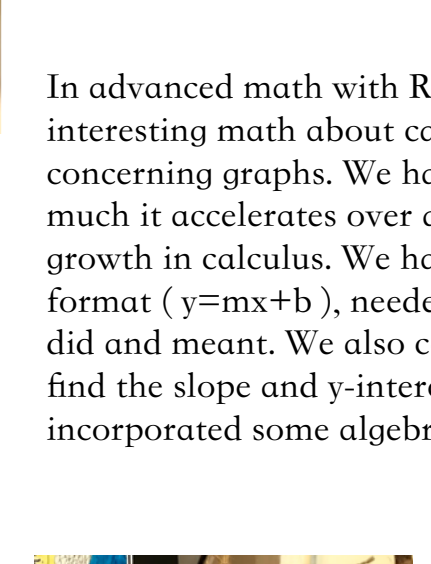
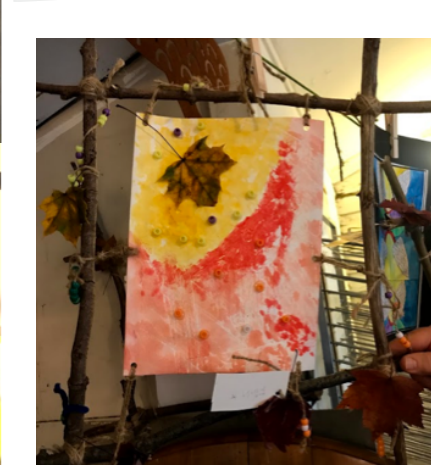
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We think a good friend should be caring and kind. If you get hurt or sad they will help you. They will allow you to go first in a game. Sharing their belongings with you is an example of being kind. They do not insult you or boss you around. They also don't make you do things you don't want to do. A good friend always tells you when you do something wrong. Then, they forgive you. A good friend believes in you and does not lie.

When we choose a friend, we like someone who shares our interests, is funny, and is interesting. They compromise with you when you disagree. They can make good jokes and make you laugh. They always are by your side.

By: Nolan, Omunique, and Elena

In advanced math with Ria, Aviva, and I, we have been doing some fun and interesting math about calculus, algebra, as well as some mathematics concerning graphs. We have studied what happens if you drop an object, how much it accelerates over any given time and learned that it is an exponential growth in calculus. We have also been learning about the slope equation format ($y=mx+b$), needed for any line. We learned what every function in it did and meant. We also completed some problems on that equation, how to find the slope and y-intercept of any line with two given points, and we also incorporated some algebra into the problems. -Juan



Student of the Week: Sarah



Sarah is 11 and in 6th grade. And she plays the Piano. Sarah wants to go to Italy so she can eat Italian bread, If she opened a restaurant she would serve sandwiches and water. Her besties are Katelyn, Ria, Kate M., and Kate C.

The most horrific thing that ever happened to her was her surgery. She has three siblings and they are all older. Her favorite vowel is U because it's also a word. If she could live anywhere she would live in Italy because its fun. Her favorite color is is orange and hot pink. Her favorite thing about Mandala is Dr. John.



Philosophy Class
by Dr. John

The older students discovered that they had too many questions and ideas to be expressed in their regular classes so they asked to have time for 'just talking". We call this time "philosophy class".

The topics have included relationships, evolution, trust, friendship, the universe, birth, death, and reality. The comments and questions flood the room without enough time to contain them.

On Wednesday I stepped away from the class to tour some visitors. When we came back ten minutes later to view the class, the students were continuing robustly on their own. In all, they held class among themselves for 20 minutes without a teacher being present.

One of the goals of Mandala is to help children become engaged, responsible citizens who practice civil discourse. These older students give me great hope.



Philosophy: this week philosophy was so fun and interesting. We talked about so many questions such as: *what do blind people see? Where is the universe? What was before living things? What is nothing? What would happen if every living thing on earth disappeared?* We talked a lot about DNA and how we were all connected. I really like philosophy because it gives time to share our ideas and talk freely without going into other class time. By: Kate M.