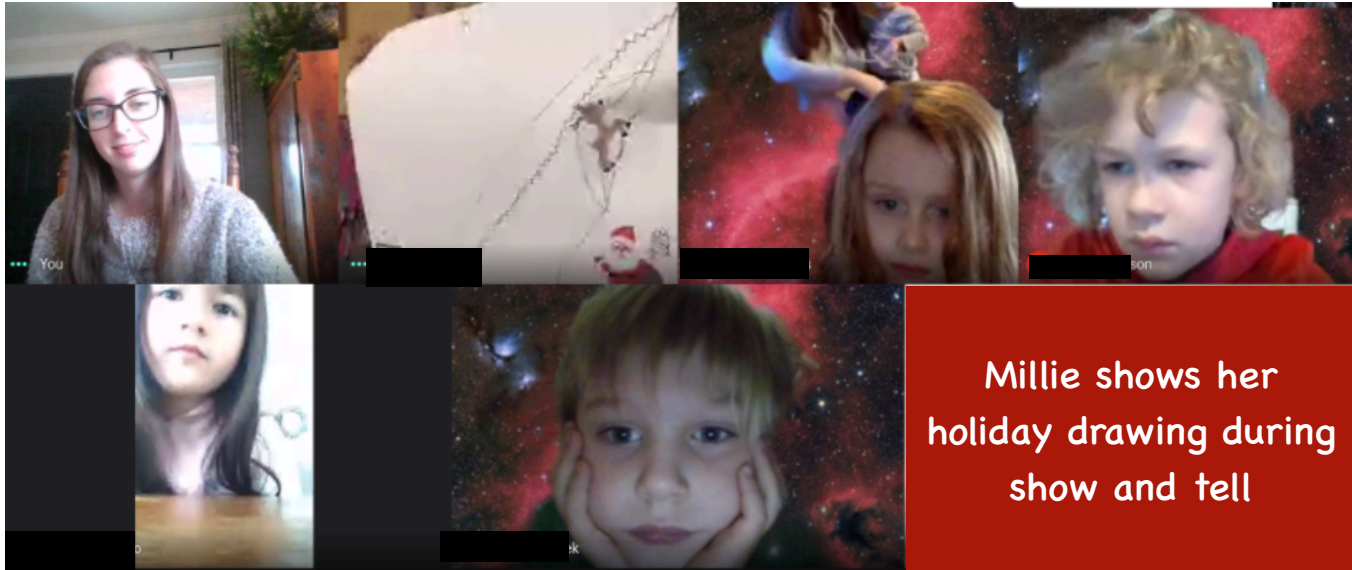




# Mandala School Newsletter

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## Student of the Week : Zachary

Zachary is a kind, unique, and intelligent nine year old boy! In his family are his mom, dad, Millie, and a dog named Daisy. He enjoys writing stories, reading, doing research, and building with Legos. He has built many things with Legos. Right now he is working on a Lego trailer. He is also working on a Lego island with a stream going through the middle and a large treehouse.

Zachary loves stir fry, buttery spaghetti with shrimp, and his great-grandma's chocolate pie. His favorite animals are dogs and arctic foxes. He does not like boa constrictors. His favorite color is sea-foam green. He likes to watch the movie *Swiss Family Robinson*, both the 1940 and 1960 versions!

The best book he has ever read is *Swiss Family Robinson* because it has adventure, survival skills, and different types of housing. They live in a tent, a treehouse, and in a grotto.

Last year's quarantine has really changed his life. If it weren't for the Coronavirus, he may not be at Mandala! Now, he loves it!

Zachary collects antiques. He found an old tax document from 1944. He also has a chest that was his great-grandfather's. He also found a glass button under his deck, but he is not sure if it is an antique, and has an antique bell on his deck!

Interview by: 'The Middle Kids'





# Writer's Workshop

## The Runaway Turkey

By: Kyle and Graham

November 30th, 2020

A family was having a Christmas dinner. They were going to have turkey. When they tried to cut it they realized it was alive! When the turkey saw them, it ran away! After the people ran after him and they called him a runaway turkey.

The turkey was running away but it got stopped by a police officer who was very hungry. The turkey ran through his legs and got away. The family was chasing the turkey and the police officer was chasing the turkey. The turkey jumped into a car and the family and police man ran by.

The turkey started driving to a food store. When he got there, after eating, he drove to his house in the woods. He had another idea, he went back to the food store and he thought he could switch a turkey with another turkey. But then he thought maybe another person would eat him. He went back to the car and drove to the forest but couldn't find his home. He saw the police officer and the family running after him again!

Then he saw a parade. He started walking in the parade. The turkey was lost in the crowd and safe from the family and police officer. The turkey kept walking and walking until he saw a whole lot of people. He started running and went into the woods and into a tree.

When he left the tree, the family and the police officer were right beneath him! He ran! The family gave up and bought a different turkey. The End.

## Katie's story

Once I was in my room and I saw a floor board that was loose I opened it and I found a little cupboard and I took it out. I looked at it carefully, it had a little door. Then I had an idea!

I would put my plastic purple llama in it for a little home. I put her in and just then the cupboard started moving for a moment then it stopped.

I opened the door and the little llama stepped out! I was so surprised that the llama that I put in the cupboard turned to real life! I fed the llama some of the fresh grass from my yard. I laid a blanket for her on my bed then I went downstairs and got some aluminum foil and shaped it into a bowl. I put the aluminum foil back then I ran up to my room to check on the llama. I put the grass in the aluminum bowl. Next I poured some water into another aluminum bowl that I made. I sat down on my knees and the llama said, "Hello. Thank you for the food."

"You're welcome."

Then I went outside and got a tuft of grass and I put it on a piece of scrap paper, and while I was doing that I thought of some names that I could name her. Then I got an idea I could name her Lavender. She was napping I picked her up and and put her on the tuft of grass. The next day we had a lot of fun and we became best friends.

THE END

## *The Indian in the Cupboard*

December 3rd, 2020

## *Character Writing - Little Bear*

By: Charlotte

Little Bear is an Iroquois Indian. He is the son of the chief. He is a skilled fighter, longhouse builder, and cook.

Sometimes Little Bear can be aggressive. For example, in the first chapter he pricked Omri's finger and later in the story he shot an arrow at Boone. Little Bear and Boone fought a lot in the story but they were good friends. At times in the story they were very kind to each other. When Omri took them to school, they wanted to be in the same pants pocket, together.

Little Bear doesn't like to be bothered or disturbed. When Omri's brothers are around he gets startled and hides.

Little Bear is brave. When the key went missing, he went under the floorboards to find it, even though a rat was down there!

I think Little Bear was lonely. He had Boone, but he wanted a wife. Omri bought him one at Yapp's. When he first saw her he was shocked and very happy.

Little Bear liked Omri but he would be happier at home with the other Indians. He wanted to return to his people because he wanted a good life with his wife.



# on your mark,



# get set,

# go!

Mandala running club had their final meet before Thanksgiving! The runners participated in a half mile run and two team relay races. They all did an awesome job! Thanks to Ms. Leah for your time coaching these speedy kids this fall!

