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Happy New Year!



We have begun an author study on Eric Carle. This famous author and illustrator has sold millions of copies of his children's books. Many of his books have been translated into different languages. *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* has been translated into 66 languages! This week Dr. John read it to us in German.

Eric Carle was born in Syracuse, New York. When he was just six years old his family moved to Germany. He always dreamed of coming back to the United States and when he finally did, his career as a children's book creator took off! He is most famous for his beautiful artwork. This week the students learned his technique and then tried it out themselves. It was messy and fun!



Student of the Week: Omunique

Interviewed by Charlotte and Kate C.

This is Omunique's second year at Mandala. She is kind, hard working, and has a lot of energy. She is nine and has a two year old brother named Octavius. Omunique likes to play video games at home like Minecraft and Fortnite. She also likes to do handstands.

Her favorite colors are red, blue, pink, and yellow. She likes to eat clams with butter and hot sauce, and salmon with tartar sauce and coleslaw. She plays hockey, and used to do gymnastics. She likes art class and playing the drums. Her favorite thing in the whole world is seeing everyone at Mandala school.

Reminders:

- ❖ The next book report is due on January 26th! The options for projects are the same the first report.
- ❖ Clothing orders are still available through Crossbar Athletics. Get your Mandala swag for the new year! Find the link on our website:
www.mandalaschool.org
- ❖ There is no school on Monday, January 18th

Religion Studies by Juan

This week, we have been researching religions. Particularly monotheistic religions. Monotheistic means that there is a belief in one god. The three main ones are Islam, Christianity, and Judaism.

Our first assignment was to research a religious figure. For example we were given the option to study Moses, Abraham, or Isaac.

yoga classes for students begin this month



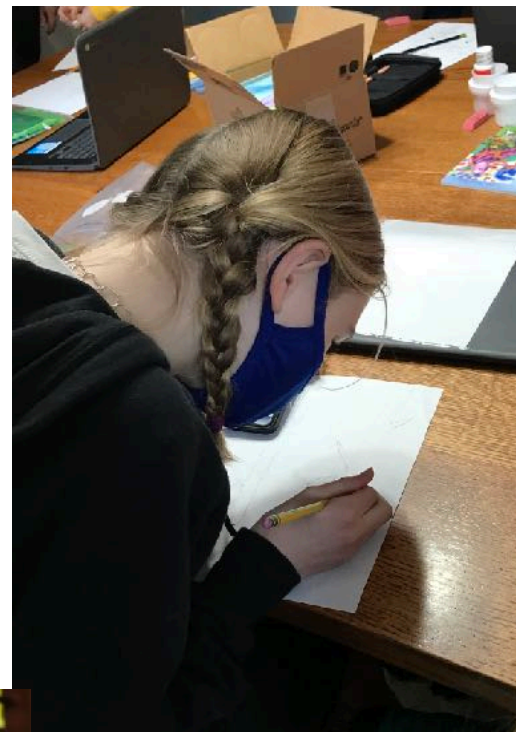
- ☀ This past fall Kelsey completed her Yoga Teacher Training and was certified by Shine Yoga!
- ☀ Yoga is an excellent way to decrease stress and anxiety and improve physical and mental health.
- ☀ Weekly sign ups will be every Monday (with the exception of week one) and are currently limited to 6 students due to limited indoor space.
- ☀ Beginning on Tuesday, January 19th, students will be able to sign up for a free class after school.
- ☀ Classes will be each Tuesday from 2:45 P.M. to 3:45 P.M. Pick up promptly after class.
- ☀ Mats are available at Mandala

Meditations by Ria

This week we have been doing meditations! We picture a calming image and whenever our mind wanders we go back to that picture. We have also done food meditations. We use all five senses. First, we look at the food and then we put it in our mouth. Meditations help to calm and focus us before class.



Kate, Juan, and Ria writing articles for the newsletter



Katelyn working in art class



You can see some of the stained glass windows at Baker Memorial Church [here](#). See the next page for more!

A brief, local history lesson:

On Wednesday we went to Baker Memorial Church and saw all the pretty stained glass windows. They were pictures of angels and important stories from the Bible. When we got there, some people got to go see the fire trucks at the new fire hall while the older group went inside and studied the stained glass windows. Then we switched. On the walk, we saw the Roycroft, and statues of Elbert Hubbard and Michelangelo. By Katie

Millard Fillmore was the 13th president of The United States of America in 1850-1853. Millard Fillmore was born in a log cabin in extreme poverty. His father made him his apprentice in the family solvet at age 15. Later, Millard Fillmore married Abigail Stillwater (that was her maiden name) at age 26. He and Abigail's first home together was in East Aurora. Millard Fillmore died in 1874 aged 74 Years. By Zachary W.

Elbert Hubbard started as an editor and publisher. He worked for a company that sold soap and came up with the idea of coupons. Later, he retired and founded Roycroft and made magazines. Originally it was a printing company but it expanded to be an art campus. There was a smithy, furniture makers, leather shops, and an art school. He died in 1915 when the ship he was on sank. Today, the Roycroft is still functioning. It now has a restaurant and hotel as well. By Sachin

At Baker Memorial Church we saw stained glass windows by the artist Louis C. Tiffany. He made glass windows from stories in the Bible. He got his inspirations from Europe and Ancient Rome. He was the son of Charles Lewis Tiffany. His studios also made stained glass, mosaics, jewelry, and ceramic pieces. By Charlotte

