



Katie, Charlotte, & Omi working on a writing assignment for their literature group book, *Esperanza Rising*.

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Starlight writing her sight words

Student of the Week: Katie!

The student of the week this week is Katie. She is kind, hilarious, and artistic. This is her first year at Mandala. She enjoys playing outside in her free time. In the winter she loves to sled and snowboard. In the summer she swims, bikes, and hikes! At school Katie likes reading, writing, math, art, French, music, science... actually everything! Her family just added a new member to the house! His name is Gus and he is a yellow lab mix puppy. "He is cute and funny! He loves to play chase around the house. We are trying to teach him sit, stay, and not to nibble!" says Katie. Over February break, Katie learned how to snowboard. Katie is a good friend and a true Mandalian!



This week Ms. Kelsey started a club for the newsletter! The clubs will be from 12:15-12:45. You can sign up on Monday morning- Wednesday morning. The first few weeks we will work on using the program Pages. Then, once we get better, we will make our own Newsletters. Pages is an application only on Apple. This week Zachary, Nolan, and Elena were a great help during the club meeting!



Juan working on a drawing.



(Left) Kyle & Graham making the glove for their puppets.

(below) The puppets all finished! They are currently working on a stage for puppet shows.



Before break we had a presentation about *The Chinese New Year* to celebrate the new year in China. We learned two songs. The songs are, **中国新年** *Zhōng guó xīn nián* (*The family song*) and **家庭歌** *Jiā tíng gē* (*the new years song*).

We also watched five minutes from a *National Geographic* Chinese documentary. We talked to Mr. Chang about *The Chinese New Year*. That was very fun! by Zachary



above: Students looking at maps during Morning Meeting.
right: Elena's worry doll, made in art class



Did you know?

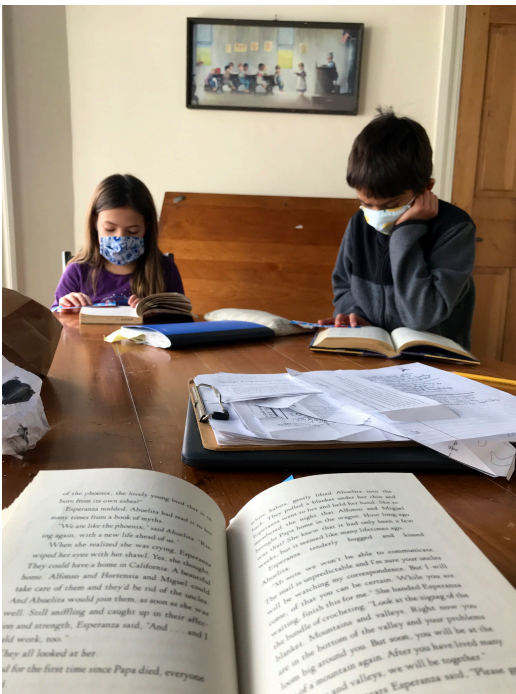
February is Black History Month

Music students researched and presented projects on influential Blues artists such as Howlin' Wolf, Muddy Waters, Albert King, Blind Lemon Jefferson, and T-Bone Walker.

We learned, through the students' presentations and discussion, that the roots of blues began on slave plantations in southern states, such as Mississippi, where most of these artists were born and lived.

All the students partnered with a peer to research other inspirational African Americans throughout U.S. history. Inventors, artists, civil rights activists, authors, filmmakers, politicians, mathematicians, poets, and more! The presentations were exciting. Learning about blacks who faced many hardships but still prospered and left lasting effects on our society was great.

Sorting triangles in math class.
Is it right, equilateral, isosceles, or scalene?



Have a good weekend!
From, The Mandala School (;