



Katie & Ms. Kelsey checking out the compost this week...

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Running club begins
Tuesday!



Parents: please pick up promptly at
3:45 P.M. at Hamlin Park

Runners need to have weather-
appropriate clothing, sneakers, and a
water bottle!



Happy Millie



Quiet reading time in the primary room 💜📖



We were doing fractions in water. So I had a 1 cup and bowl and fractions. One cup was 1 whole and some other cups were the fractions. By Bryce

Student of the Week: Jackson

Jackson has always wanted to travel to outer space because it has always interested him and he thinks it would be cool to see what's beyond earth.

One of Jackson's favorite things he's ever seen was the Eiffel Tower at night, he thought it looked cool with all of the lights.

In his family he has 5 people, a ferret, and a dog.

Jackson's favorite subject in school is science because he enjoys learning about atoms and what chemicals do. He describes it as a more in-depth way of seeing how things work and what happens behind the scenes.

In his free-time he enjoys listening to music and playing games.

In a friend, Jackson looks for someone who is trustworthy and kind.

If he could describe himself as a color it would be a purple, because "I'm a bit red and a bit blue."

His peers would describe Jackson as really kind, respectful, and very good friend. He can see different sides of things. Jackson is a problem solver.

Interview by Kate M. & Elena



Respect
I think that more people in the "older kid" age group need to respect people's personal space. I think that it's weird when people reach into my pockets and take my things. Sticking up for yourself is very important. I just feel like if you need to do it for you or someone you should. It's not mean.

A girl



The kids at show and tell last week

Year Off Saturday with Greta

Written by our wonderful volunteer, Dianna Colligan

I want to share news of Greta Thunberg with you, which I read in the April 19th issue of the *The New Yorker* magazine (p. 11). You remember Greta? She is the Swedish climate activist who took a year off from school to travel to places around the world to awaken people to the climate crisis. Students at Mandala School participated in her protests.

COVID-19 put an end to her travels. She has been home for a year, taking classes online to finish her schooling in Sweden. Later this month, a three part documentary about her travels, called “A Year to Change the World” will premiere on PBS. It shows Thunberg visiting places experiencing climate change, such as the Canadian Rockies, wildfire damage in California, and a Polish coal mine. It also shows her at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland and meeting with Angela Merkel, Germany’s Chancellor.

New Yorker reporter/columnist Lizzie Widdicombe tells readers about her Zoom meeting with Greta. During quarantine, Greta has been doing jigsaw puzzles and embroidery. She likes to embroider because it gives her something to do with her hands. She and her dad have planted zucchini, tomato, corn, and cucumber seedlings in pots they keep on the windowsill to grow local food for their family. She avoids buying new clothes for environmental reasons, but she doesn’t really care about fashion, anyway.

Greta has autism. She is critical of other people saying, “Everyone else seems to be playing a role, just like before. and I, who am autistic, I don’t play this social game.” She also says, “If we humans would actually start treating the climate crisis like a crisis, we could really change things.”

Greta is eighteen years old now. She has changed her mind about what she wants to do as an adult. She used to say she wanted to be a scientist, but now she wants to go where she can be most useful, which she now thinks will be a political action.



Charlotte & Elena work on their final research projects

Girls talking about boys

So we had done enough math for today. Their brains were strained with SohCahToa, opposites and adjacents, along with “What the heck does Θ mean?”. As can happen when we are not vigilant, the girls began to talk about other students.

The boys take their phones, sometimes out of the girls’ pockets. They say things that are put-downs then try to back up with “I’m joking.” That’s a weasley way to hurt someone but claim innocence.

They will fish for compliments by saying things like “I’m ugly.” But if a girl says “No you’re not”, the girl is accused of having a crush. What’s a girl supposed to do in that situation? Say “Thank you for sharing?”