

Mandala School Newsletter

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What is Success?
By Graham (age 9)

Success is good. Success is truthful. You have to be honest, people have to be honest to you. Success is a challenge. Success is like climbing a mountain: you try your hardest to climb it. When you reach the top you have succeeded. If you have a job and you don't like it but you still try your hardest, you will reach the goal of making a living. When you are successful you feel good. Success helps you get through your problems. Success helps you get through life.

*Disclaimer: this is not financial advice I am not a financial advisor

Recently, I (Nolan, age 11) have started the stock market game. Last year I was able to get second place in the state. I should probably explain what the stock market game is. You, the person, starts off with \$100,000. You invest in stocks to see how much you can make. Last year I made \$6,000 investing in five stocks. This year I made \$3,000 and I bought three stocks so far. These stocks were Apple, Shopify, and Google. I'm looking forward to this year in the stock market game.



Dancing and Moving, chanting and singing! Thank you Griffin for visiting our school and playing music with us.



Our Week in Kindergarten and First Grade

We made helmets. Real helmets. Me all the other people in our class made a rocket ship. It's real. We made fire. We made a steering wheel. First we used a pencil and then we used two Lego pieces.

By Starlight, Frankie, and Inti

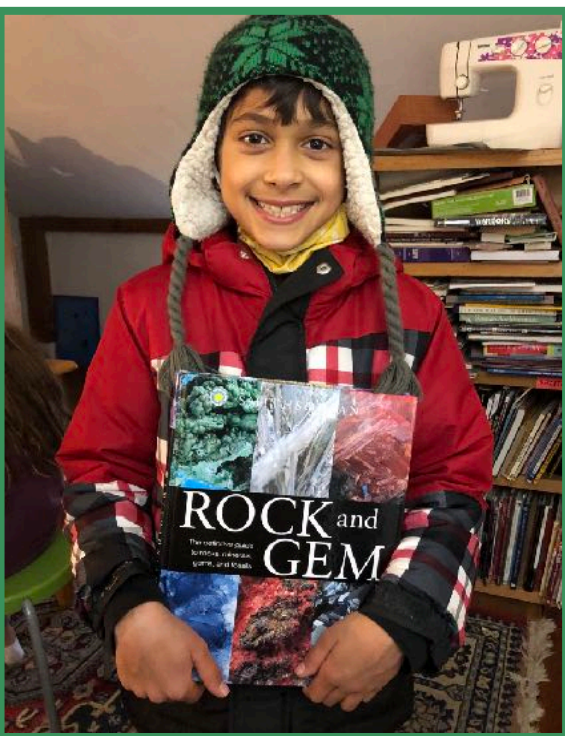
In art class we are making leaves. We used needles to make the leaf. And then I had to go to piano and that's all. By Starlight

We're making oak leaves in art, going to the library, were doing fruits and vegetables in Spanish.

We did a story about the Land of Gallon to teach us about measurements. Each Queen had a Princess and a Prince. Each Princess and Prince had two cats. All together we had 16 cats. You need a gallon, a quart, one cup, and a pint. By Millie



Ama's *Super Baby* acorn doll from art class.



Sachin, a nine-year old Mandala veteran, is our student of the week! The middle group describes Sachin as a clever, smart, math maven who is zealous for rocks! In an interview with Sachin, we discovered that his favorite animal is the immortal jellyfish and his favorite chapter book is *Harry Potter*. If Sachin opened a restaurant, he would sell Indian food. He loves jah bread and rice soup. If he had \$1,000 he would buy rocks and microscopes. In fact, he has a rock collection at home and

thinks he has more than 600 rocks. If he could find any mineral, it would be pyrite. When asked where he would go if he could go anywhere, Sachin said, "Machu Picchu!". Something Sachin wants to stop is deforestation. He hopes to be a scientist when he grows up, but isn't sure what type yet. Sachin loves math and art. He likes Mandala because if you're good at something, you can try new things to make it harder. He was bored at his old school. Sachin is always ready to learn and gets excited easily. We love being around him! Here's to Sachin!



The Mandala crêpery opened for business today! Head chef Dr. John, along with sous-chefs Ella & Zachary, served up savory and sweet French crêpes. C'est bon!

Native Voices Festival 2021



On November 20th and 21st, the Niagara Arts and Cultural Center in Niagara Falls will host an immersive celebration to showcase Native American cultures featuring music, exhibits, dance, theater, and films. The event will also feature a fashion show, a panel discussion, and a keynote address by Pete Hill of Native American Community Services of Erie & Niagara Counties, Inc. (NACS): "Culture & Healing with a Good Mind for Our Ancestors, Our Families, Ourselves, and the Seven Generations."

To learn more and to register, visit the [Native Voices Festival 2021](#) website.



We spent three art sessions creating these insects out of cardboard.

November is Native American Heritage Month. Above is some information on the *Native Voices Festival*, happening this weekend in Niagara Falls. At school we have read about the *Water Protectors* and are beginning research and composition of formal essays on various controversial and cultural topics related to Native Americans.

Ahhh, finally, book report week! We kicked off one of the best weeks of the school year this Thursday! Students of all ages shared wonderful presentations about the books they have been reading. We heard about the Medici Family by Juan (right), *The BFG* by Charlotte, *Lord of the Flies* by Ethan, *Dr. Dolittle* by Millie, and a plethora of *Magic Tree House* stories, covered by Bryce, Aurora, and Kyle. We saw dioramas, scenes built from Legos, original drawings, and more! We can't wait to see what the students bring next week!

