

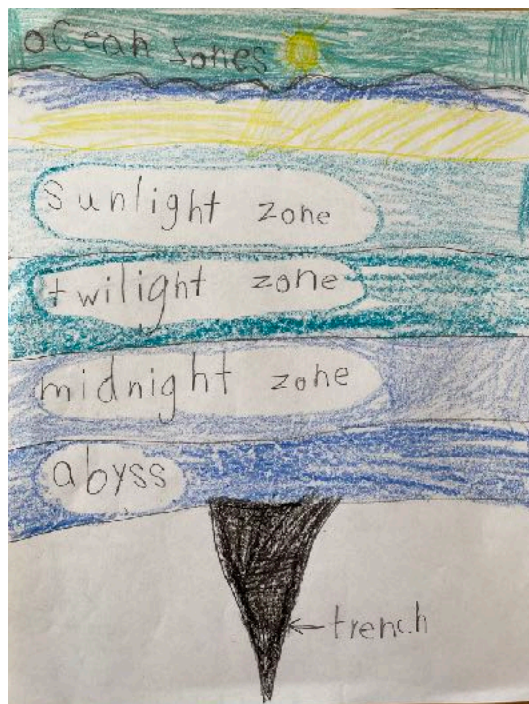
Mandala School Newsletter

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Exploring Shells

by Aurora (7)

On Tuesday we looked at shells. Some were smooth and there were black things with holes in them, everyone thinks they are whale or dolphin poop but we're not really sure. There were little baby shells in the other section. There were even the kind of shells that you can hear the ocean in! They came from the Atlantic Ocean! Also there was a shell with a dead crab in it... it smelled horrible and it really did! Everyone got to take two home. I took home a little shell that you could hear the ocean in and the flat, white shells in the picture. Some of us even drew pictures of our shells.

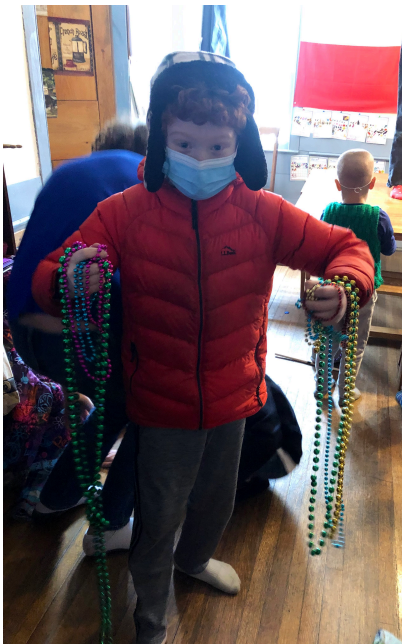


We did the ocean zones and zones are different parts of the water. And the top of the water is called the surface. There is the sunlight zone, and then there is the twilight zone and the midnight zone and the abyss. You can't see in the abyss. And then it goes to the trench where it's all black because it's so far from the sun.

By Flora (age 7)

In art today I made India. Ms. Jeannet brought stamps made out of wood and you press it really hard and you have to keep it in the same place. When you take it off you have to hold the paper and take it off carefully and there is a form of it. Then you have to use paint with the stamp and you dip the paintbrush. but the paint dries fast so you have to do it fast.

Celebrating Mardi Gras



Mardi Gras is a holiday is translated from French as “Fat Tuesday.” Lent begins the next day, that is when people give up something for 40 days. So before people give something up, like meat, they over-indulge on Mardi Gras. We celebrated by throwing beads, trying on masks, and making and eating beignets!

By Nolan (11)

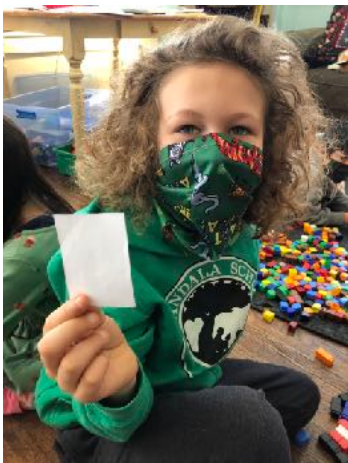


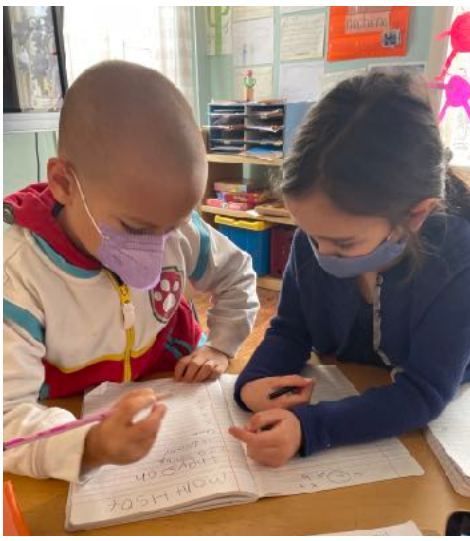
100th day of school!



Left: in math, students made 100 “gum-balls” by counting by 10s.

Below: students had a challenge to balance 100 blocks on a tiny piece of paper!





Millie teaches Inti the months of the year

Student of the Week: Inti!

"I like Halloween and going on camp trips. I like to go to Argentina. I want to go to California and Hawaii. My favorite food is chicken nuggets. I like chicken on the grill too. When I lose my teeth I'm gonna put it under my pillow and get something." - Inti

Inti means Sun ☀️

It's a "Quechua" word/sound. Quechua was the language of the Incas, and the language of other native cultures from the Andes territory. Inti lives at a house with his sister Ama. They play all kinds of games (especially tag) in his spare time. He also watches and reads Paw Patrol a lot (his favorite book and movie). He reads books about his favorite animal: the jaguar and his favorite dinosaur: the t-rex. When he goes to school his favorite subject is math. His favorite thing happens to be plants!



The oldest writing class working on their heart maps, a visually appealing art & writing project on what they care about most

Next Week we're spicing things up with a dress-up week!

Mon. Mandala day [dress in green & white or in Mandala gear]

Tue. 1980s

Wed. Wacky Wednesday [dress in your wackiest clothes]

Thur. Dress as your favorite book or movie character

Fri. Pajama Day!



Favoritism by Nolan (11)

A good amount of people believed that teachers, and even some students, were showing favoritism. Favoritism can be described as having one student or friend that they like the most. That was making people jealous or sad. Students that didn't do better, or get a better grade, or get a compliment from their teacher would get jealous and it might bring them down. Like, one student said, he felt like no one liked him and he didn't like himself. The idea of favoritism was beginning to effect mental health.

We addressed the problem in Morning Meeting (which sadly made me miss math class because it went on for an hour). Not a lot of people talked because, I think people do better when they are with their own peers but it was a mix of ages.