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working on topography in Earth Science

In math I am learning to add fractions together. I love math because it makes me think about it and I know a lot, so it is easy. But these past days, adding fractions is challenging for me. Here is an example: $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{11}{8} = \frac{1}{14} \cdot \frac{16}{16}$

So, you find the common denominator, which is 16. So you multiply $\frac{1}{2}$ by 8 and you get $\frac{8}{16}$. $\frac{11}{8}$ times 2. And you get $\frac{22}{16}$. Then you add the numerators, 8 + 22 = 30. $\frac{30}{16}$ then you do, "how many $\frac{16}{16}$ are in $\frac{30}{16}$ " which is 1, and there are $\frac{14}{16}$ left over. By Mira

Writing Class by Charlotte W.

In the school of Mandala one of the students' favorite classes is writing.

There are many different reasons why, one reason is, you can write as creatively as you would like. Also you can help the teacher decide when is a reasonable date to turn in your writing piece.

Right now one of the assignments we are working on, or at least the oldest kids, is a persuasive essay. The teacher gave us an endless amount of choices on what to debate about, but if you wanted to you could make your own debate to write about. A lot of kids in Mandala love to write and love writing class, because of what we can write about and how great the teacher is.



Ama sharing her book report Waiting for the Biblioburro

Student of the Week: Amelia

Amelia is an upbeat person who loves to dance. She was four when she started. Her favorite types of dance are tap and ballet. When asked what it feels like, Amelia responded, "It just makes me happy."

She likes to read historical fiction especially about the industrial revolution.

When asked about changing Mandala, Amelia said, "I would keep it pretty much the same. I like the ability to be able to get up and move around."

Amelia would like to dance on Broadway and teach Kindergarten or preschool to make money while getting well known.

We find her to be a curious, kind, smart, and dedicated person. She is always positive.

interviewed by Nolan & Dr. John



Above is Ria's art work with a note, "This is a cardboard Ria. Taking only 2 weeks to create, Ria was a perfect replica of me. I am very proud of this cardboard creation. -Ria (non cardboard version)"



Don't forget!

We are going to Niagara Falls on Monday! Make sure you are on time, we are leaving at 8:30 A.M.

if your child rides in a carseat or booster seat, please arrive early so you can install it

Art Class By Ethan

In art we are making self portraits but made out of cardboard.

We have to cut, glue, and draw. This takes skill and a mindset of an artist. I would say it's some pretty hard stuff. Miss Jeannet is a great art teacher and knows exactly everything to do in art. She's very creative and responsible and we love her as our art teacher.

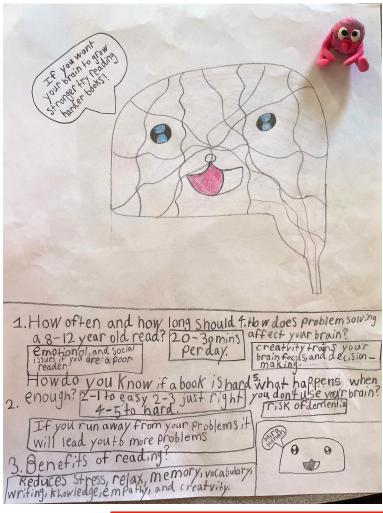
Step one: you grab card board, step two: cut some card board in the shape of a head. Then you want to cut out other parts like a nose, ears, and neck. Glue it all together, you will then start to draw out your face on the card board, and then you're done.



We put the rock in and then we filled the container with 2cm of water. We put in a measuring stick and taped it so 0 was at the surface. each time we added 2cm until the rock was fully covered. Every time we would draw in our notebook what the rock looked like from above. The lines we drew are contour lines and



This morning we heard Health and Hygiene PSAs made by the middle group. We heard a lot about how to take care of yourself. Some topics were washing your hands, drinking water, exercise, using your brain (see picture below), washing your hair, diet, and being outside.



Students finished up their first round of workshops today. Kyle (left) holds his final project in wood burning. Frankie (right) shows off his weaving! Other workshops included bookmaking and ceramics.

