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Ama & Georgie enjoy a picnic lunch in front of the fire

My First Week by Johnny

As my first week I really liked all the energy and how kind everyone was and how accepting they were too. I have only been here for a week and I love it here. We get to have fun and do our work. During this week I learned a lot about math. I also did my own biography project about Marie Curie. I have made a lot of friends and was able to do harder math that I could not do in my last school. Also this week I got to read a lot about Marie Curie and other important people. I really enjoyed my first week here and I hope I can continue to learn and have fun.

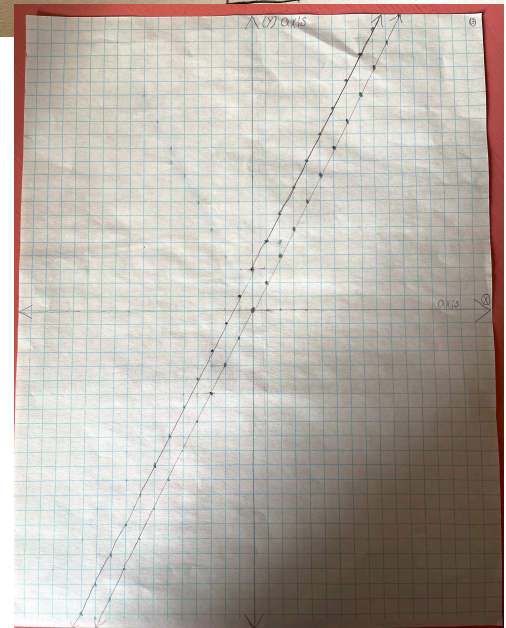
In Spanish we draw pictures and write the names of the pictures that we draw. We were drawing pictures of rainbows, people, and weather. I did the rainbow. By Millie

Math Class by Ama

In math we are doing graphing. First we got graphing paper then we have to draw, in the middle, a line across and a line up and down. Those are called the axis. Then we put arrows and labeled y-axis, up and down, and x-axis is left and right.

Then we plotted points which are called coordinates. The points came from number machines (top right photo). We did two lines, one yesterday and one today. The lines were parallel lines they will never cross each other. You can see them in my graph on the right.

X	$X \times 2 + 3$	Y
0		3 (0, 3)
1		5 (1, 5)
2		7 (2, 7)
3		9 (3, 9)
4		11 (4, 11)
5		13 (5, 13)



In the music classes they are making rhythm trees. They start by making seven measures with four beats in each measure using Whole, half, quarter, eighth, and rest notes. Then they glued their measures to a popsicle stick and to top it off a pom pom on top. The oldest music group had to research a popular Holiday song, for example Silent Night and Las Posadas. Some music classes Danced at the end of their class to Christmas music rhythms. By Ella



On Tuesday December 13, 2022 we played a game where you roll the dice and then pick which dice you want to go in the X and Y place. Then you figure out which equation works for the two numbers you rolled. Example, I roll a six and a six

$$X - 2 = Y - 2$$

We also did a game where you take turns with your partner and fill in all of the spaces. The board had fifteen little circles and you had to end with an odd number to win.

By Omi

Student of the Week: Sarah

Sarah, who is in her third year at Mandala, is described by others as “an entertaining person, who I enjoy being around.” Her favorite things about Mandala are the teachers, students, and the way we get graded. Sarah spends most of her time with her sister and cousins, and says that they are funny and exciting.

In the future, Sarah would like to live in a place like East Aurora, because she likes how small it is. She would like to have a big house so that there is more room for stuff, like Hogwash, puppies, and gum ball machines. If she could go inside any app on her phone, she would choose Snapchat, she thinks it would be such an amazing life.

Some other things about Sarah are, if she could meet the cast of one show, she would pick the Gilmore Girls, as it is her favorite show. She does cheerleading and skiing, and we are trying to break her habit of drinking too much Hogwash.

When asked why she chose to dye her hair purple, she simply said, “No comment.”

By Amelia & Clara



In Earth science we have been learning about plate tectonics and earthquakes. We learned about the kinds of tectonic plates: Oceanic and Continental, and the ways they move: Convergent, Divergent, and Transform. Continental plates have continents and oceanic plates have oceans and seas.

Convergent is when the plates are moving towards each other, Divergent is when the plates pull apart, and Transform is when they scrape past each other.

We also learned about earthquakes. We learned what causes earthquakes, how to read seismographs, and how earthquakes work. Earthquakes are caused by plate movement and are waves, there are two types of waves: P-waves, or primary waves, and S-waves, secondary waves. Overall, we are learning lots of things and we are learning very fast.

By: Jackson



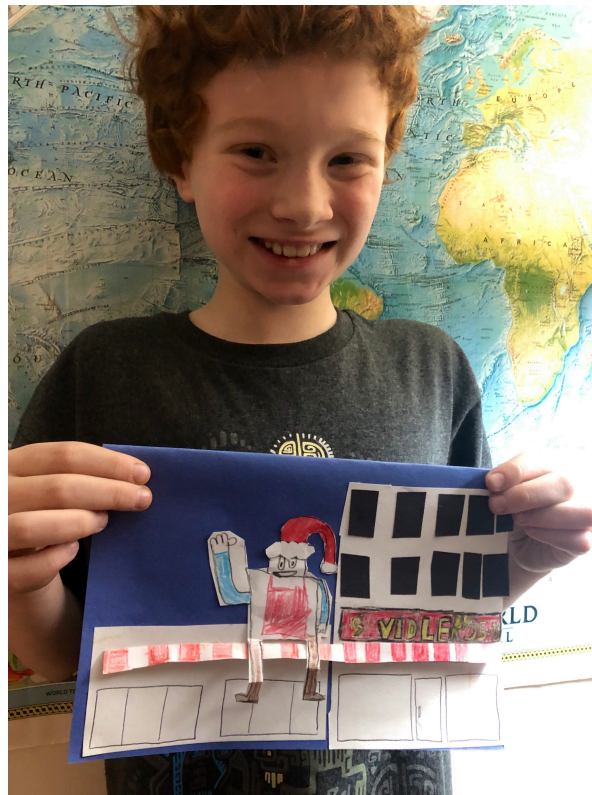
Have a fantastic winter break! We can't wait to be back at the schoolhouse in the new year. See you on January 3rd!



On January 10th we'll take a field trip to The EA Classic Rink for ice skating! Please bring your own skates or rentals are available for \$4. There is also a snack bar if you choose to send additional money.



Happy birthdays this week to Kyle (9) & Aurora (8)!



We are making holiday cards for a bunch of small businesses in East Aurora. I chose the Toy Loft. Graham chose Vidler's. Charlotte did a new store called Revolver Records. Omi is doing the ice rink and Mira is doing the Elm Street Bakery. For my card, I put a piece of yellow paper on my card and created the store front. I folded a blue piece to make the awning pop-up. By: Kyle



