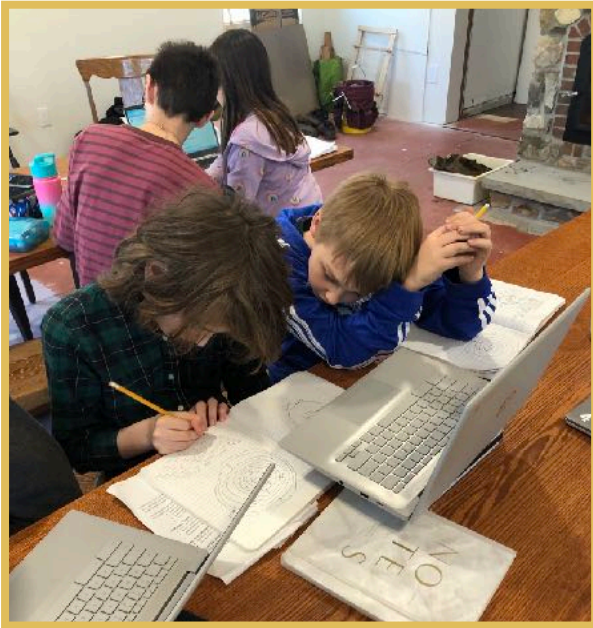


# Mandala School Newsletter

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Above: Some of our middle school students visited Lafayette International School on Tuesday. Read more about it on page 3.  
Left: Finn & Kyle study astronomy together



## *Student of the Week: Ama*

Ama is an eight-year-old Mandala veteran. Ama started at Mandala when she was in kindergarten, now she's in third grade.

Ama plays soccer in the fall, summer, and spring. One time Ama played a soccer match against Millie, one of her many friends. She also loves traveling. Ama's been to many places such as Oregon, California, and Cordoba once she took a month-long trip to Argentina to visit her grandparents from Argentina. Ama speaks English and Spanish which came in handy in Argentina because many people speak Spanish there. She is also learning French.

We asked her, "what is your favorite class?" she replied, " I like every class!" Ama loves everything about Mandala and wants to stay here forever.

Ama said if she opened a restaurant she would serve sushi and miso soup because it's one of her favorite foods.

Overall, Ama is a kind and intelligent student. She's very hard-working and a great addition to Mandala.

*By Ella & Millie*



We wanted to know more about anteaters so we learned about them! The largest one is called the giant anteater. Their tongue can be two feet long! They are longer than two yard sticks, that's seven feet long! They can camouflage with the Kapok tree.



They walk on their fists so they can keep their claws sharp. they use their claws to dig up ants and fight predators. Their predators are jaguars, mountain lions, and humans. Their tail curls around the trees so they don't fall. They have a big, bushy tail. By Georgie, Frankie, & Inti



Friends sitting in the sun at rec! 🌞

### Announcements:

🌹 February Break is February 20th - 24th

📐 Girls in Engineering Workshops are running from February 28th to March 2nd. Sign up on our website. It's FREE and open to the public!

🏠 Open House for new students (grades K-5) is March 8th from 1:00 - 3:00 PM

🌟 Summer camp registration opens March 3rd

### If I were an anteater

I would eat popcorn. I would live in the jungle. I would live with the jungle people. Sometimes I would come to New York and come to Mandala to learn some stuff about the Earth. I would be a rich anteater so I would have a backpack, I would have a hat, I would have an umbrella, I would have boots, I would have clothes. I would stand up on my hind legs. I would curve my claws in in my boots. I would buy a house and invite some other anteaters to come over to New York. I would have 200 jars of ants for every anteater to take one home. And then I would eat my jar of ants. And then I would go to sleep. The End By Georgie

Right: In Earth Science we were drawing the planets in our solar system. So in this picture we were measuring the diameter of Jupiter. We had two scales: one was the size of the planets and one was the distance apart from each other. By Jackson



Below: We finally had a nice day and went outside at rec! The girls wrote "Welcome to Mandala" in the driveway and added some color to February's gray landscapes and sky.



When I went to the Lafayette High School I realized I would love to go there, but I'm not an immigrant so I can't. All the kids needed help with English and when we went there I felt like we were helping them and they were helping us. They taught us some of their native languages and about their country. Also, I loved how they presented us their work. I loved the music they showed us especially the ones they wrote themselves. By Charlotte W.



Clara & Sachin work on their weaving in workshops