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Left: Charlotte & Zachary writing a script together

Right: Elena & Omi think of elements on the periodic table on the 100th day of school! They had to write 100 specific words.



The student of the week is Will. Will is a very good pianist, woodworker, and fisherman. He is eleven years old. Right now, Will is working on building skis and restoring old axes. It is challenging getting the dimensions right and finding the balance point, but he is learning a lot. He likes restoring tools because you can use them again and make them better.

Will loves composing music. Most recently he has been working on blues. We love hearing Will play throughout the day!

The creek in Will's backyard has Steelhead, Creek Chub, Bluegill, Redbreast Sunfish, and Alligator Gar, and some unknown strange species. Will has named this mystery fish the Citrus Fish because of its weird smell. The hardest fish he has ever caught is a Steelhead, which was two and a half feet long!

If he could travel anywhere he would like to go to Norway because the nature is really beautiful. There are lots of trees and snow. It seems peaceful.

Will likes that at Mandala everyone is nice and there are usually no hard feelings. Will is a good friend and student.



Interview by: Charlotte G.



Students performed their puppet shows this week in our new art room on a stage built by Dr. John. Students of all ages created hand-made puppets and props, gorgeous backdrops, wrote scripts, and practiced for weeks. The shows were funny, emotional, well thought-out, and adorable!



How mighty it is, The son of clouds,
shall it snow today?
Or should it pass around?

It covers the trees, the leaves are gone,
but it is pretty in its own way.
As the sun melts the snow
it freezes again.
Ice gets made by the Sun.
birthing a new Son.

So pretty indeed, the cycle of snow,
how dangerous it can be.
How it shimmers, and crunches under your feet
and can get stained by the littlest of impurities.
So pure it is, straight from the clouds,
ready to be made again after it melts.

By Will



Katie, Aurora, Zachary, Katelyn, & Ria writing 100 acts of kindness for the 100th day of school!



girls who engineer

Thanks to DiscoverE we were awarded the Bell Grant to hold three engineering workshops this week.

Day one was only for girls. Days two and three were for everybody.

Middle school engineers worked on building a "Thing Flinger." They had to make a ping pong ball fling. But they could not roll it or make it like a slingshot. It needed to be launched. You could only use a certain amount of materials like cardboard, rubber bands, string, paper clips, and brass fasteners.

Younger engineers had a building challenge where they had to use limited materials to get a marble from the top of a ramp to the bottom. then they build cars that were powered only by a balloon!

