

Mandala School Newsletter

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Since it is women's history month we did a women history project.

Charlotte G. did Elizabeth Cady Stanton. She was a suffrage activist and she died 100 years before women got the right to vote. Clara did Ida B. Wells she also was a suffragette although she also focused on writing about lynching in the newspaper. Now we are on to the next part of our project. We are writing a letter to an activist that is trying to fix a cause we care about in today's world.

By: Charlotte G. & Clara



Sunrise on the first day of spring!

Student of the Week: Iam

Iam started at Mandala in January. He likes this school because he likes the way we learn and his friends. His favorite part of the school day is lunch because he likes to eat. He also likes to write stories, realistic fiction. And in math he likes to play the trading game and math machine. He likes to eat at Olive Garden where he gets a medium rare steak with fettuccine alfredo combo. He loves cooking and if he was able to cook for the school he would make chocolate chip cookies with walnuts.

If Iam could travel anywhere in the world he would love to go to Cancun, Mexico or Florida because he likes that it's sunny. He likes the *Unwanteds* book series and if he could he would want to be friends with Alex from there. He would live in Artime, which is where the *Unwanteds* live. But if he could pick another planet to live on he would pick Uranus because it rains diamonds. Iam likes to spend his free time going to Urban Air, playing *Overwatch 2*, and being with his mom.

He looks up to his mom, he says she is nice, and she is forgiving. His favorite animal is a ferret because they are fuzzy and funny, but they are stinky. He's hoping to get one for his birthday.

Interview by Sarah & Katelyn



In math we had to push a car a certain distance, we went up by 20 cm each time we pushed it. We used a stopwatch to time it so we could figure out how long it took the car to travel the distance. Each time we had to push it with the same amount of force. Then we put the data in a box and whiskers graph. Then we graphed it and found the average by adding all the times up and dividing by the number of times. We did the same with the distances.

By Ella



Georgie, Millie, & Frankie reading at the library

Bryce shows off his art work. "It took a really long time. First, you need a big piece of paper. Then you draw a straight line in the center of it to show the horizon. Then you paint the top blue and the bottom part green. You have to let that dry. Then you use smaller piece of paper and then you draw a snowbell. Then you cut it out, the snowbell. Then, once you have as many as you want, do the same thing with a daffodil." Beautiful work, Bryce!

Older Art: In art we were finding how to paint or sketch light reflecting off of crystals. I used watercolor pencils and blended them out with water. I enjoyed blending it out because it was very delicate work. By: Kody



Reminders:

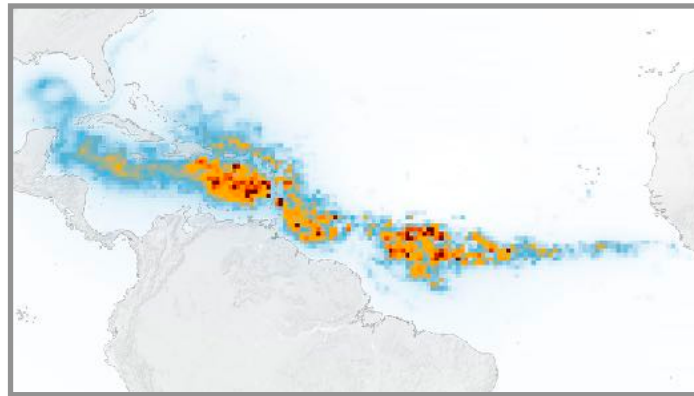
- **Please keep your child home if they are sick!** We share our spaces and materials. Help us keep everyone healthy.
- Spring break is April 3rd - April 10th. We resume classes on Tuesday, April 11th.
- Summer camp registration is almost completely full! Be sure to sign up and claim your spot. Registration and payment available on our website.

Mo Willems

By Frankie, Aurora, and Bryce

The younger kids have started an author study on Mo Willems. He is an author and an illustrator, which means he writes stories and makes pictures. We learned he's gotten lots of Caldecott Honors for his books. His books are very, very funny! He uses silly words in his stories. His daughter's name is Trixie. Some of his books are dedicated to her or inspired by her.

Mo Willems has made a ton of books! We think his most famous series is probably the Pigeon series. That includes, *Pigeon Wants a Puppy*, *Don't Let the Pigeon Stay Up Late*, *The Pigeon HAS to Go to School* and *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*, which was his first book ever published.



In Earth Science we have been learning about weather and air temperature. Humidity, temperature, and pressure affect the weather.

A high pressure system is typically colder and more dense. Low pressure is warmer air and less dense. When they meet the high pressure air will push the low pressure system up which creates movement, wind, and weather conditions. As low pressure air rises it cools which usually leads to precipitation. If it cools enough it falls which continues the cycle.

By: Jackson

Next Week:

Tuesday: Asian Day

Thursday: Silly Sock Day

Sargassum

By Sachin

There is a large amount of seaweed called sargassum floating around the Caribbean Islands, but it also reaches Florida and parts of Mexico (see the map above). Right now it is more than 5,000 miles long, double the width of the United States! It is growing rapidly. Since November 2022 the bloom has doubled its size every month.

This seaweed lets out toxins. Scientists think it could be from fertilizer that lots of people use. When it rains, fertilizer can be washed into streams which lets out into the ocean. Some countries depend on tourism to boost their economy so if tourists stop coming because of the sargassum, it can create lots of problems in these countries.



Music: In music class we have been learning to play the ukulele. We learned the grand scale first, chords, and the names of the open strings. I'm learning a song, but I don't know what it is called. P.S. Sarah doesn't remember what it is called either. By: Nolan