

# Mandala School Newsletter

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## Dog meets Cat

by Graham, Kyle, Ama, Aurora, Millie, Bryce, Dr. John, & Katie

The furry yellow dog named Jim ran, jumped, and climbed the brown oak tree. Jim was terrified of a little gray kitten named Fluffball because instead of meowing, Fluffball burped.

When Fluffball burped again, a squirrel popped out, dropped an acorn on Jim's head surprising him. Jim fell out of the tree, landed on the grass, and started to run away when Fluffball licked his nose. Jim got a confused look on his face and then Fluffball cuddled against his leg, purring. Jim was shaking and didn't know what to do.

Jim looked at Fluffball, sighed, and licked her.

The End

*This is an add-on story that started with "the person \_\_\_\_\_". First we added a bunch of verbs in the blank then changed "the person" to other nouns. We choose from that list to start the story.*

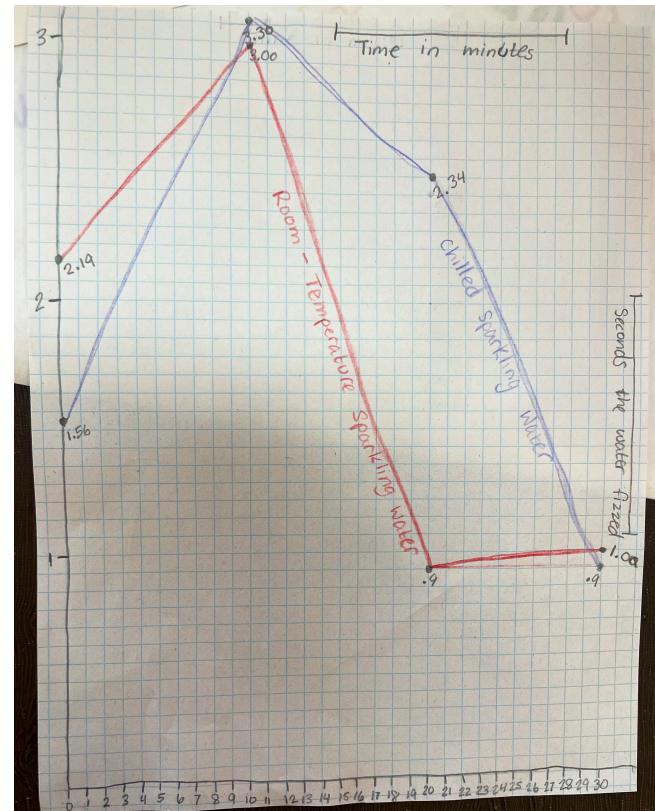


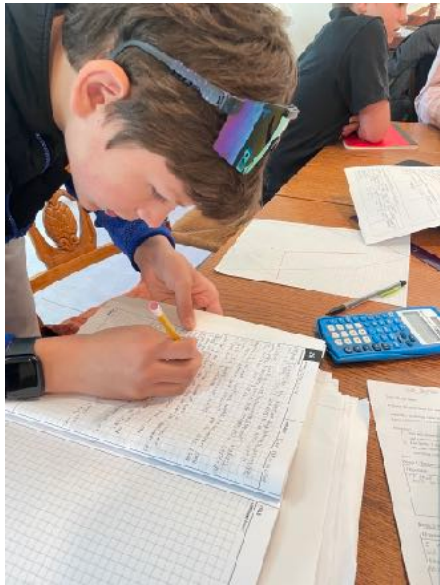
Aurora working on symmetry in art class

In math we've been learning about systems of measuring. The systems are called the Customary system and the metric system. We practiced measuring things in the Primary room in centimeters. We converted our measurements into millimeters.

Now we're doing capacity! Example: How many teaspoons fit in a tablespoon? or How many cups fit in a quart. Which is 4. 16 cups fit in one gallon.

By Bryce & Ms. Kelsey





In Earth Science we've been learning about ocean currents, temperature, salinity, and density. We did three experiments. For one of the experiments we had a bottle of cold seltzer and a bottle of room temperature seltzer. We poured 150 mL of each into separate beakers. We swirled the beakers and timed how long it took for the bubbles to settle. We repeated this every ten minutes. The water that fizzed for longer could hold more dissolved gas over time. The cold seltzer was the winner!

For the other experiments, here's what we concluded: colder water can hold more dissolved gas. Warm water can hold more dissolved salt. The colder the water, the denser it is. Saltwater is more dense than freshwater. The differences in density drive ocean currents.

Written by 'The EarthWorms' aka Katelyn, Ria, Sarah, Jackson, Nolan, Kody & Amelia

## Student of the Week: Johnny

Interview by Sachin, Mira, and Ms. Kelsey

Johnny describes himself as, "I'm me, Johnny. I try to be nice. I try to make friends and have everyone love me."

We describe Johnny as good at math (Johnny's first, second, and third favorite subjects are math). He also like reading. He loves the Percy Jackson series. Johnny is compassionate towards others.

Johnny's favorite game is *Minecraft*. He likes to play soccer, capture the flag, and sometimes Red Rover as well.

His favorite part of Mandala is the people, everyone here! His favorite of all is Jackson because he is helpful with a lot of things. We are really glad Johnny joined our school this year!

If he had a garden Johnny would plant roses and corn.

If Johnny could go to any country he would go to Armenia, as long as everything was safe, he would love to go there and see his past, where his ancestors came from. His great great grandmother survived the Armenian genocide. If you have a chance, ask him the story of his great great grandmother, it is a remarkable one!

Johnny likes to hang out with his neighbor or play video games in his spare time.

If Johnny could give the whole world one message it would be: 3031.



# Congratulations to Míra!

2nd place winner in Western New York  
for her poem, "Shoes"

I mean, I like shoes,  
But I'd rather not wear them in the woods.  
On my leathery feet I love the soft moss,  
To make my feet feel light.  
I trudge through the forest,  
Stepping on the cooped-up puddles,  
Caught by Birch tree leaves.  
Little plant heads peak their way  
Out of partly decayed leaves,  
To see the sunshine on newly-budded leaves,  
Peeking back at them.  
My feet feel the cool water and the nice sunshine  
after the cold, long winter.  
They feel good after sticking in my shoes all winter  
waiting for it to be January.  
When I go on the sidewalk it's hard on my feet, it's not as bad as the pine needle forest.  
My feet don't hurt on the rocks but the tiny rocks sting.  
I mean, I like shoes, but I'd rather not wear them on my feet.



We had a lovely visit from the Lafayette International School today! Students from all around the world who have moved to Buffalo came to spend the day in East Aurora with us!