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Poetry Class By: Omunique In one of our most recent poetry classes we had to write a poem about nature and I wrote a very silly poem about scraping knees and climbing and getting stung by bees. It was very odd but hilarious. Read it below!

The Nature Poem by Omi

I walk in the woods. Shirtless, shoe less, pantless, I'm in my underwear, But I don't care I look up at the tree and see leaves with caterpillars Eating. I see two squirrels and six birds I thought I saw seven but I must be absurd. I climb the tree scraping my knee but I didn't care Then a bee flew my way and I shouted "Heyyy, Get Away! Leave me be!" The bee stung me and I fell out of the tree and scraped my other knee and yelped and yelped in pain.

I get up and walk back to my camp

On the way back I saw some worms.

So I pick it up and eat it, Slimy, chewy, and dirty, the whole thing all in one big gulp.

This is Charlotte's first and last year at Mandala. She is an 8th grader. Some of the students here describe her as "Intelligent, creative, Unique, Passionate, and Intense." Charlotte is 13. When asked the question, "What is your favorite part

of Mandala?" she responded, "How sometimes they let me take care of the younger kids." When she leaves she is going to miss the little kids a lot.

She says she enjoys writing class because it lets her explore her creativity and she has always loved creating stories. Ever since Charlotte was a 3-year-old girl she has been infatuated with paleontology and dreams of discovering her own species and being able to name it. She looks up to Marry Anning who was the first woman paleontologist. In Charlotte's free time she loves to watch her favorite show, which is the Simpsons, play with her pets, and build puzzles. She loves music and she takes private singing lessons and guitar lessons.



On Thursday morning we were graced with a performance of Cinderella by Dr. John's drama class. Johnny, who played Cindy, writes about it below.







On June first, 2023 the middle kids and I performed a spinoff of Cinderella which was a more modern time. For this, I was Cindy which was what we called Cinderella. In this play, we didn't remember the lines that we got but we had a lot of fun. At the beginning of the play, I went out onto the stage and started cleaning the floor. Then Nolan (Nolina) yelled at me saying to get back to work when I stopped then the young next-to-be boss said they were having a fashion show. The step sisters left along with Nolina and then once they left Katie (the startup fairy) came over and gave me money to make my dress after that I went to the fashion show and we and the young next-to-be boss became business partners. As you can see this was a very fun play and a great performance by us all.





This week in art we are gluing yarn to a canvas to make designs. This idea came from how some Native Americans in Mexico would eat cacti and have hallucinations then use string to make what they saw. I'm making a circle with a diamond around it then eight around that with different designs in them and spikes around that.

This is mine but it is not finished yet:

In math class we were left with Kody as the teacher because Dr John was at a meeting. We had two papers. I liked the first one better than the others. There was a problem to find out the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place winners in a pet contest and we had to find the pets too. We were given clues to figure it out. We didn't finish the second paper so today we finished that with Dr John.



By Míra