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Mandala School Newsletter

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*New Beginnings:  
our sixteenth year*



*new friendships*

Tuesday we made a play. The play was a mystery about a rich family whose mother went missing. It starts off where we meet the couple (Zach and Kody) and their children (Katie and Georgie.) The narrators (Brooklyn and Farrah) told the audience about the settings. Shortly after the couple returns from a holiday, the wife (Kody) goes missing and the maid (Vienna) was suspicious. The husband (Zach) was instantly blamed. Just as Zach is about to confess to the police that it was the maid he went missing too! After an interview with the suspect (Bryce), the husband's twin brother comes and finds the jacket that the maid was wearing the night the wife went missing, then everyone except the maid went to bow. The maid came from behind the stage and hit them all with a water bottle, and then fell. She took her bow and the play ended.







*Kody & Zachary in writing class*



*new classes*

On the first day we were asked what is math? We went very deep into what we thought math was. On Thursday we drilled holes into a jug of water with the cap on.

First we drilled a hole in the bottom to let out water and it slowly stopped pouring out. Then it let bubbles in to fill in the jar because where the water was lost, air wanted to fill in that space.

Afterwards we drilled a hole in the top of the jug. Air went in the top hole and water came out the bottom hole since there was more pressure in the bottom.

Today we put a piece of paper over an open jar of water and flipped it over and no water came out! When we did it again, I (Clara) wasn't so lucky. I got soaked. We didn't solve this one yet, so we will get to that next week.

By Clara and Sachin



When I think about Mandala I think about kindness. It's been incredible to see what happens when *be kinder than you want to be* is the number one rule. A focus on kindness truly enhances the learning environment because the students feel safe, comfortable, and included.

New students mesh with veterans, veterans show new students the way, and kids of all ages form new friendships; these have all been a special part of this week for me, as an observer. Hearing a kindergartener say she has four different best friends on the second day of school warmed my heart. Ms. Jeannet noticed Georgie being kind in art when he helped a new, younger student gather supplies. Finn said he was sitting alone at rec and Brooklyn and Juniper came over and sat with him, that made him feel good. By Ms. Kelsey





## Coming Up at Mandala

- ❖ Tuesday, September 19th is Picture Day with Terry's Photo Studio
- ❖ Tuesday, September 19th: First day of running club! After-school every Tuesday from 2:30 - 3:30 P.M.
- ❖ Wednesday, September 27th: First Parent Discussion group on *The Self Driven Child* by William Stixrud, Ph. D. and Ned Johnson. Meet at the Mandala School at 6:00 P.M. All are welcome.



*Chef Brooklyn holding her creation*

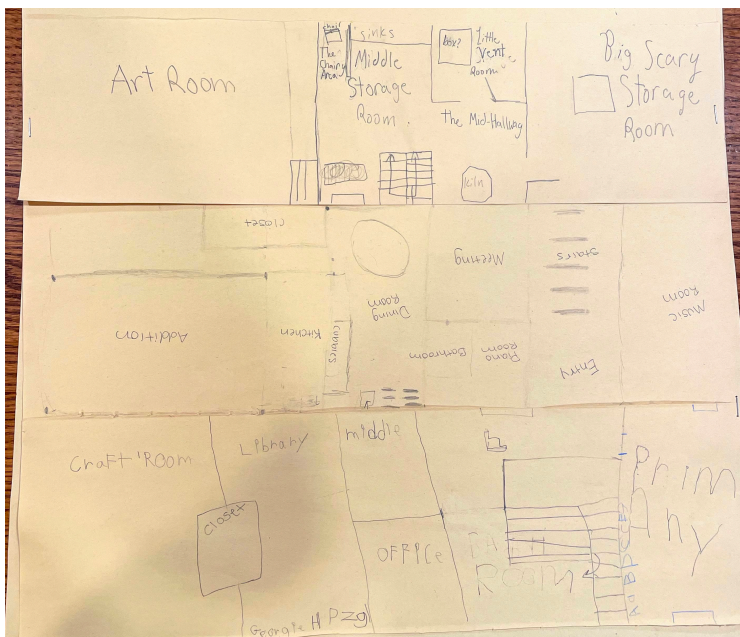


I was cutting the top layer of brie cheese and then cutting it into little pieces and putting them in a bowl. Then I set the table. It was way better than I thought it would be! It tasted really, really good. By Kody

Brooklyn, Zach, and I were cutting tomatoes into small pieces. Elena and Finn were cutting the basil. By Farrah

## First Art Class by Elena & Finn

In art we are working on portraits. First, we practiced working on the head, the eyes, and nose. Some of us were doing the sketches of the whole face. Soon we will add hair and ears.



## *new happy groups*

On the first day of school we met with our "happy groups," a small group of students who are friends and that play good together. We had to draw a map of the school. I worked with Hazel, we drew the addition, the closet, the middle room, the office and the bathroom. My group did the rest of the rooms. By Georgie

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