

# Mandala School Newsletter

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## student of the week: Vienna

Vienna is funny, kind, creative, and smart. She is a good friend and loves to draw. She would like to be an artist when she is older. “I like using clay and drawing most,” says Vienna. Her favorite colors to use in her artwork are black and teal. Kody, a veteran at Mandala, is her favorite artist. Most of the things they draw are animals.

Vienna is ten years old. This is her first year at Mandala. Vienna is excited to go on a trip to Florida. It will be her first time on a plane! She hopes someday to see the Caribbean and to live in New York City. Vienna likes to eat ramen and watermelon. This year, Vienna hopes to learn about foxes because they are her favorite animal.

Written by Katie & Stella



We are reading *My Side of the Mountain*. It is about a boy who ran away from New York City to live in the Catskill Mountains. He makes his home in a giant Hemlock tree. I like that he thought of making his home there. My favorite part of the story so far is when he grabbed the bird from the nest to make it his pet. The mom bird attacked him and he fell from a cliff. That part was fun to read because I like to rock climb. By Ama

## The Sugar Cube Problem

by Farrah & Zachary

On Wednesday we were given two handfuls of sugar cubes. We made  $3 \times 3 \times 3$  cubes and  $4 \times 4 \times 4$  and  $5 \times 5 \times 5$ . We got markers and added a dot to all of the sides that were visible. We were then asked how many sugar cubes have 3 dots on them? How many have 2 dots on them? 1 dot? Zero dots? We then tried to find the differences between the shapes we made.

Example below:

Cube	3 dots	2 dots	Zero Dots
$2 \times 2 \times 2$	8	0	0
$3 \times 3 \times 3$	8	12	6
$4 \times 4 \times 4$	8	24	24
$5 \times 5 \times 5$	8	36	54







Inti, Georgie, and Juniper learned about different animal groups and which characteristics classify animals. Reptiles, mammals, fish, birds, amphibian, and insects are some we learned.

*The bumblebee bat can be as big as a bumblebee and as light as a penny. A colony is a group of bats. A pup is a baby bat. A roost is somewhere where bats sleep. Snakes can eat bats.*

*By Inti & Juniper*



In art class we made self-portraits using the style of Roy Lichtenstein. His style is using dots. We drew the self portraits, we copied them using a light box, then we hole punched paper and started gluing them on. Then we are doing the background with stickers.  
By Sophie



**The first book report will be due the week after Thanksgiving break. By next Friday, October 20th, students should choose a book and have it approved by a teacher!**



**Puppet Show:**  
A documentary by Julia

I scramble under the wooden stage giggling as I un-crumple the script paper.

I was ready to open the golden brown curtains to reveal an audience staring and waiting, with anxious eyes. I look at my project partner, Elena, and look to the curtains. I then bring my hands to the right side of the curtain as she brings her hand to the left.

We were assigned a poetry project and we had to write about Amanda Gorman. We decided to make it more fun by doing a puppet show interview. We used Kermit the frog and a random moose puppet.

We wrote a tiny script and added some funny parts also. When we practiced, we used our puppets and added some parts to entertain the crowd. When the time came we got called to perform our project, we squeezed underneath, hiding our faces, and opened the curtains. Clapping and clapping, the audience does. As I am nervous, I finish with a smile, filling my face.



This Sunday, October 15th,  
Miss Erin will be playing in  
*Symphonic Spooktacular*  
with the Buffalo  
Philharmonic!

2:30 pm, pre-concert  
activities at 1:30 pm

tickets \$7  
more info: <https://bpo.org/event/symphonic-spooktacular/>



Titles for the next adult Discussion Group:  
*Finding Flow* by Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi  
*The Meaning of Happiness* by Alan Watts  
Read one, read both, or read none...

We will meet Wednesday, November 29th at 6pm. Please encourage others you may know outside of Mandala to join. Happy reading!

Are you interested in becoming a certified yoga teacher or expanding on training you've already done? Shine Yoga WNY is beginning two trainings this month. Sara, the owner of Shine and an instructor of these programs, is a valued member of the Mandala community. Sara trained and certified Kelsey in 2020. Please feel free to talk to her if you're interested if you have any questions!