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Horse back riding was fun. At first I went walking. Then it was Ama's turn. She went, then Kody went after Ama. Then Ms. Leah took a turn after Kody. Ms. Leah made the horse trot. And then it was my dad's turn, he fell face first onto the horse but he was ok. "Horse first!" said my dad in a laughing voice. And then my dad went to ride around without Marley with him, but at first Marley went with my dad. Then it was Marley's turn.

Then I was fighting with my dad because I wanted to go again. Then he said, "If it's okay with Marley."

Marley said, "If it's ok with your dad."

My dad said, "One last time?"

And I said, "yeah!"

Then Marley helped me up. I tried making the horse go in circle around the whole entire area that we were in.

By Inti

Photos

top: Marley returning from her ride at Knox

bottom: Inti rides Milo, Marley's horse



The oldest group wrote about freedom. We had to consider when we feel free and when we may not feel as free. Sometimes you have to do something you may not want to because it makes you feel less free, but later it can bring more choices. For example, if you have to work really hard at something you may not want to do it, but it may help you have more options down the line. If you grow a garden, it is a lot of work but you end up with something good.
- Sachin

We learned about bats. Bats are the only mammals that can fly. A colony is a group of bats. A roost is the home of bats like a cave or a tree. We learned all of the bat's parts like a tragus is a part in their ear that they can hear their echolocation. Echolocation means a sonic wave from the bat's mouth (it squeaks) and it bounces off a bug and it comes back to the bat's tragus so it knows where the bug is. By Georgie

In art class we did a lot of sewing. We sewed leaves with fabric. There was a dark red and a yellow. We were talking about Thanksgiving.
By Juniper.

In music we only a clock song called Hickory Dickory Dock. I did a horse and it ran up the clock. Juniper did a dolphin and a zebra. Georgie did a bat. And Inti did a ghost. By Hazel

Stella's dad, David, came in this week to cook for us! He lived in Venezuela until age sixteen, when he moved to the United States. Katie and Stella helped to prepare Cachapas, or corn pancakes. Cachapas are a common Venezuelan dish, eaten for any meal of the day. You can fill them with just about anything. We tried them with a soft mozzarella-like cheese and syrup. Thank you for coming in, David!



Student of the Week: Farrah!

By Sarah & Sophie

This week's student of the week is Farrah. This is Farrah's first year at Mandala. Farrah's favorite pet is a West Highland Terrier dog. Her favorite color is hot pink and her favorite food is ribeye steak. The trip she liked the most is when she went to Hawaii.

Her favorite clothing brands are Pacsun and Zara. Farrah loves curling her hair. Her favorite season is winter because she gets to ski, which is her favorite sport. Her favorite class is English. She loves to watch sitcoms, and her favorite thing to do on Saturday mornings is walk to Starbucks.

We've been doing exponents. The exponent tells you many times to multiply the base number by itself. We wrote exponents in expanded form and exponential form. Here is a poem about math class, written by yours truly, Julia.

Struggle

I sit and watch
My partner struggle
To find the answer
That is easy
Four times four times four equals
Sixteen times four equals
64
That's the answer
So easy
Four to the power of three?
Yes! Three.





Showing one million

Collecting a million leaves would take a long time! At Hamlin Park we started by collecting ten piles of ten, 100 leaves. Then we pushed those piles together and made 10 of those, bringing us to 1,000! After that we used the size of that pile to estimate what 1,000 leaves looks like. Finally, we made ten of those piles bringing us to 100,000! We stopped there and that pile was really big! If we made ten piles of 100,000 we'd have 1,000,000 leaves!



This week in art class the older-middle group started sewing together felt acorns. They are all different colors and are going to be stuffed ornaments.

The older group started sewing felt leaves. These are also colorful and stuffed ornaments.

The younger group is finishing their self-portraits. These are made with scraps from a paper hole puncher.

By Brooklyn

