

Mandala School Newsletter  
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*Our weekly trip to the library*



*Julia's art project*

Student of the week:  
**Johnny!**

Johnny has been here for almost one full year! Last year he shadowed on the day of our Harvest Meal, which will take place next week. Johnny has been reading *The Hobbit* and it is his favorite book. He loves the way it is written and the world in which the story takes place.

If Johnny could spend the whole school day doing one thing, it would obviously be math. He once found the first derivative of calculus by accident! He is a wonderful mathematician.

His peers say Johnny is a very kind, generous, and smart kid. We love having Johnny at Mandala!

Johnny's favorites:

place: Mandala or his house

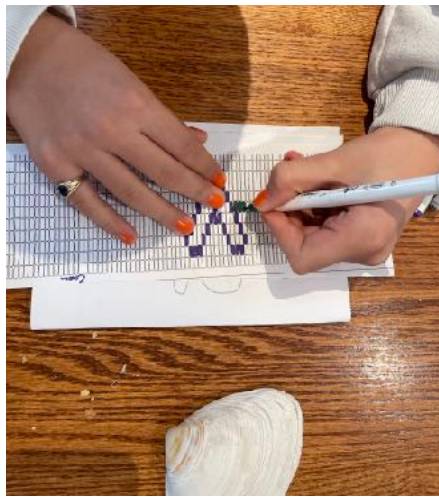
food: his grandma's french toast

animal: ducks (but only white ducks with yellow feet)



*Johnny's self portrait*





## Students creating Wampum Belt Designs

This week we began an in-depth study of the Haudenosaunee or Iroquois Confederacy. We began with the Creation Story where students saw the Hiawatha (Hayewate) Wampum Belt. Students then used symbols to create a story or show an idea on their own wampum belts. They also looked at shells which were originally made into beads, which are the colors of the flag we see today: purple and white. Wampum belts were incredibly detailed, some took a year to make just one row.

Coming up:

🌽 Harvest Meal: Tuesday 11/21

\*If you signed up to bring a food, please send it in on Monday 11/20

🦃 Thanksgiving Break: 11/22 - 11/26

📖 Book Reports: due 11/27

