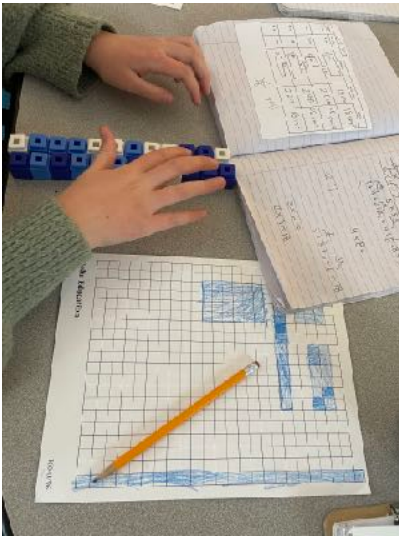


Mandala School Newsletter

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Last week we had three snow days in a row! It snowed 11 days in a row in January. We are keeping track of the weather in our classroom. "It snowed a lot at my house in West Falls," said Inti. "It also snowed a lot at my house on Chestnut Hill," said Georgie. Inti says he planned to go snowboarding but we actually couldn't. We were happy with the snow days but we also missed school. By Georgie & Inti



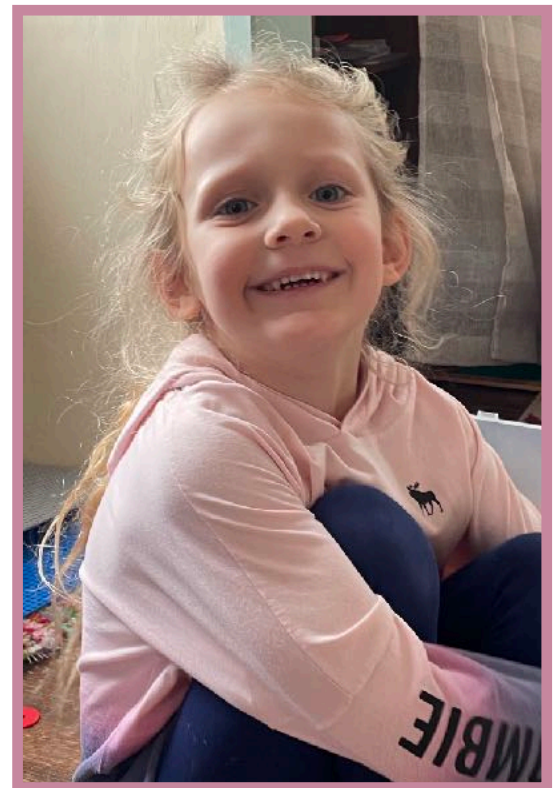
In math this week we did area and perimeter. Perimeter is the distance around a shape. To find perimeter you need to add up each side. Example: 3 feet + 3 feet + 6 feet + 6 feet = 18 feet Area is the inside of the shape. To find the area, you need to multiply the length and the width. Example: 3 ft X 6ft = 18ft²



Student of the Week: Hazel 🐎

Hazel's favorite animal is a horse. Hazel's favorite thing to do at school is eat pancakes. Hazel has a grandma, mom, dad, Kyle, Gene, Rose, Cleo, and two goats. Her goats are named Billybob and Charlene. She also has chickens with silly heads. One of them is named George Washington and he lays big, white eggs. The white ones name is Santa. The black one is named Raisin. The brown one is Brownie. Hazel lives on a farm. Hazel is five years old. She wants to work at the Red Apple scooping ice cream when she grows up. Her favorite colors are pink, purple, and blue. Her favorite food is pancakes. The students of Mandala describe her energetic, clever, silly, and curious. Miss Kelsey says that she works very hard in math and writing. Hazel is a great addition to Mandala!

Interview By Clara & Katie. Scribed By Zachary. Color Chosen By Hazel.

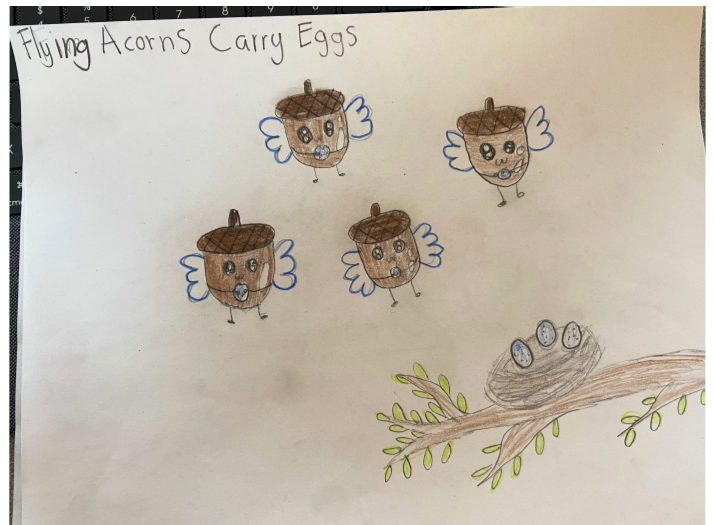
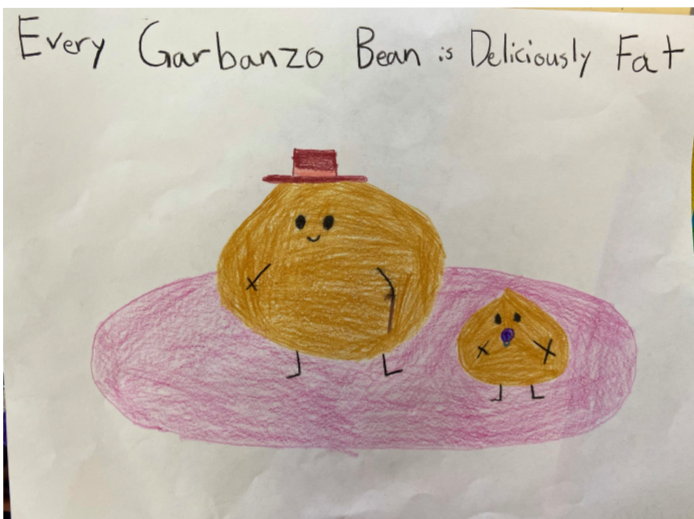


This week the older kids had an assignment to write an essay about what we are good at, and some people presented on Thursday. Some examples are Farrah who wrote about skiing, and Julia who wrote about acrobatics. Everybody who presented so far wrote great essays and I think that they are really good at the things they wrote about. By Sarah



This week, the youngest students continued their author study of Kevin Henkes. They listed the artistic styles and writing styles Henkes uses and are now going to write their own book using some of his styles. Inti's main character is Snicker the mouse, Georgie's is Bony the fox, Hazels is Rainbow the whale, Juniper's is Spis the unicorn, and Miss Kelsey's is Suzie the snail. Stay tuned for the incredible adventures and amazing art work these young author and illustrators have been working on!





The oldest group in music worked on music notes this week. We use the mnemonic phrase “Every Good Boy Deserves Fudge.” and the other set of notes spelled out “Face” which we remembered by thinking space because they were in between the spaces.

We played games and fun “tests” to help us memorize notes. At the end of class we were given the choice to practice whichever musical instrument you wanted to. Sarah, Julie, and I picked recorders while Zachary and Johnny picked guitar. Johnny and Miss Erin taught Zachary how to tune the guitar. I think the entire class can agree that we are now experts at the notes we learned and we are all ready to start playing instruments. By Farrah

above are Clara & Elena’s illustrations to help them remember the notes:
Every Garbanzo Bean is Deliciously Fat and *Flying Acorns Carry Eggs*



Kody, Katie, & Stella practicing tree pose

Announcements:

- Open house for new families will be on February 6th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. We are targeting new students in grades Kindergarten through fourth.
- Parents night out is Friday, February 9th. See our website or Facebook page for more info.
- Book reports are due in one month! Daily reading is the only way to complete the project on time!