

Mandala School Newsletter

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On Monday we went to Reinstein Woods to walk around and study the earth. Now we are in the final days of winter. We saw these huge cherry trees that the beavers have been gnawing on. We did not see a beaver, but we found lots of evidence that one was nearby! We did see an Eastern Screech Owl, a raccoon in a tree, many kinds of birds including chickadees, robin, downy woodpecker, white breasted nuthatch, cardinal, tufted titmouse, and more! There are so many different species of plants and animals. We are beginning to study the earth. Miss

Leah's group is going to start wetlands and Miss Kelsey's group began learning about seeds.



Seeds

by Hazel

We had to guess what seeds we saw. I know what pea seeds are, pumpkin seeds, zucchini squash, and avocado. Can you guess what these seeds will grow?



Spring
by Julia

As winter leaves
It brings the rain
Flowers come and take the stage
Mud everywhere
As it rains oh rains
But the clouds turned away
And revealed a blue place
A rainbow
It spreads
A raincoat
It gets wet
As the rain pours
The storm settles
You now see a rainbow
The sun shines through
And the clouds brighten
Spring came today
And Easter is coming
This moment is precious
But this won't last forever
Because the seasons will change
And spring won't stay.

Starshine
by Kody

all at once
a shooting star
glistening oh so far
it smiles at me
and then is gone
all in a glimpse
all is one

Spring
by Kody

The color of spring
across the ground
peppering it with a little sound
birds and bugs out to play
listening to the pretty spring day

**RAINBOW GIBBERISH
BY ZACHARY
HERFI LURGI RED
GURMI NURMI ORANGE
HOPSCHI BOBPI YELLOW
GORGON GREG BRIBLE BLOPCK
FERGI BOGERT GREEN
BROPBI GROPI BLUE
HEGLI BEGLY BORBLE PURPLE
BLECKZEK RELOBI POBI BRINKI
CORNI PLUMPLUMPIT
BLOKIORKI RAINBOW
GRONTORSKI ZERX BERK-BOPK
RED SHLEPZOPLEDEK
ORANGE PLOPKINGE
YELLOW SCHLELLO
GREEN GORGONEEN
BLUE POPLU
PURPLE HURTLE GIRTLE
FURMT OFTO DOPPLE KOP
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GURMI UM RAINBOW
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Student of the Week: Lanna!

Lanna is the student of the week. She just moved here from Vermont, but she was born in Buffalo. She is a new Mandalian and she is 10 years old. Lanna has two brothers, Jasper and Beau. She loves to draw and ride her bike. Lanna really likes the color white because it is a mix of all the colors (even though white is technically a shade). Lanna's favorite food is sushi. And her favorite animals are turtles, frogs and squirrels! She loves petting the next door neighbors' horses. The owner's name is Miss Jen (the horse lady). Her horses' names are Chocolate (you can call her Coco for short) and Petey. Lanna is a very fun, kind, creative, and patient addition to our school!

We were given an assignment where we were told to use two emotions but you can't say what the emotions are when you're writing. You have to use clues and the reader has to infer. The stories turned out amazing.

Sarah wrote a story about Zachariah, a music artist who went on an adventure which was very fun to listen to. Kody did a very deep story about a cat who was a girl's best friend that ended up being an imaginary cat. Julie did a story about a boy who was depressed until he got a dog. I wrote a story about a guy who was alone until his mom tricked him into a plan to come back to his hometown.

Overall everyone did an amazing job and this assignment has definitely improved our writing skills.

By Farrah



We have to find out what x and y equal in each equation. Sometimes you have to use other equations to help solve it, which is called a system of equations. It's really hard because it's algebra. You can use all of the operations- division, multiplication, subtraction, or addition- to solve. We also do algebraic word problems and there are twenty problems we get to pick which one we do. For one problem, the sum of two numbers was 13 and the difference between the two numbers was three. I wrote the equations $x + y = 13$ and $x - y = 7$. X is 10 and Y is 3.

By Marley

Interviewing our neighbor, Pat! Last Friday was International Women's Day and March is Women's History Month so we are finding amazing women in our lives and our community to interview.



In music this week in music class we learned about Ludwig van Beethoven and focused on his fifth symphony. A symphony is a long piece of music written for a full orchestra and often has three or four parts called movements. His fifth symphony repeats the same motif, but each time a little different. A motif is a repeated musical idea. The first time it was played it was the widest range of instruments ever used. He added the piccolo and contrabassoon. We each made a story to go along with the first movement. To a lot of us it reminded us of a stormy night. By Sachin