



The Mandala Wetland Warriors sporting their new badges courtesy of artist Vienna! The middle group is studying wetland producers and consumers and their adaptations.

Student of the Week: Juniper!

I'm named after three things: a road, a bush, and a tree. I live in Colden, New York. After school, I stay at home. I roller skate around the house. I've been learning for a couple of weeks. I like to dance and I am starting drumming classes. I also do ninja warrior class. It's a place where you can exercise. You run up these purple walls and try to grab onto a white ball. There is a moving ladder too and you have to grab on.

I have two goats and nine chickens, and no more hens. My favorite country is China because it has ancient artifacts. There are a lot buried under the ground from a long time ago. I've never been there. My mom is my precious artifact. My least favorite food is meatballs. I love strawberries and pizza.

The thing I like most about my school is Hazel and Isabel. My first year at school has been fun. My favorite thing to learn about is volcanoes. If I could go anywhere I would go to China.

"If you could tell the whole world one thing what would you tell them?" I would tell them to work harder on their gardens!

We can describe Juniper as silly, creative, fun, enthusiastic, hard-working, playful, kind, sociable, and goofy. We love having her brighten up our school everyday.

A group interview by all Juniper's friends and teachers





This week we started learning about animals! Each student will focus on one animal of their choice as we practice researching to find out more. Georgie chose gorillas, Inti chose otters, Isabel chose snakes, Juniper chose Toucans, Hazel chose cheetahs.



Zachary became a fortune teller! It's just \$49.99 for a single and \$89.99 for two fortunes! Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity

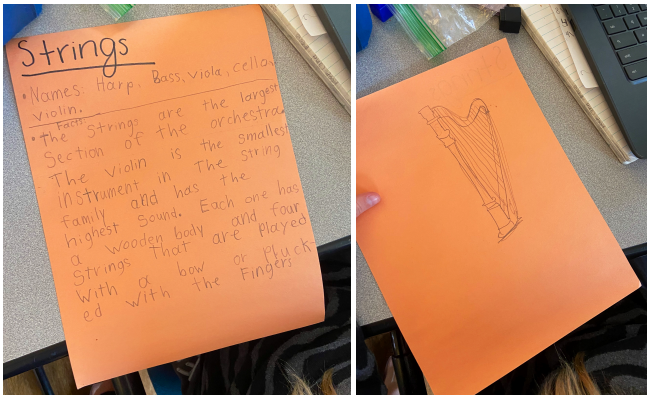
Mandala Summer Camp

Time Travelers: July 8 - 12

Earth Explorers: July 15 - 19

Register on our website: www.mandalaschool.org

ages 5 - 12, all are welcome!



This week in music Ms. Erin prepared the students this week for our field trip today. We went to see the BPO at Kleinhans. In class, students learned about different instruments they would see at the concert.



What an eruption! Juniper, Isabel, Inti, Georgie, and Hazel completed their volcano and we set it off this week, lava and ash clouds were flying!

Announcements:

🧀 community lunch Friday, April 19th. Bring \$2 if you'd like grilled cheese & soup

🌲 We will spend Earth Day at Sprague Brook. Drop off and pick up will be at the park! Busers can still come to school and we will have a car to drive them to the park.

🏕️ Please **RSVP for the end-of-the-year camping trip as soon as you can**, and no later than May 3rd. We need a final count for the group for museums!



Shadow Puppets





The stars of our show and wonderful volunteers, Sophie & Kody. They spent their time Monday at EAclipse, a community event at Knox Farm State Park. Performing shadow puppet shows for the whole day! THANK YOU KODY, SOPHIE, AND FAMILY!

It does not happen often that a full solar eclipse occurs in WNY. For the full month of March Mandala students have been working on eclipse related projects. One such project was Shadow puppetry. All students created an eclipse story, researching other cultures and their stories, then created shadow puppets to help tell their story.

We were very lucky in school to have a student named after the Inca sun god: INTI. So, a group of our 5 youngest students worked on an Inca story, how the sun god sent his son and daughter to earth to bring civilization thus starting the Inca empire. Some students looked into Norse Mythology. Several students created stories where the moon and the sun were fighting for a power position in the sky. Whether the moon was a rabbit, a wolf, a tiger, or a snake, a fight got stopped by a total eclipse. Then power was shared in a fair way.

One story had a historic truth in it: A battle in the year 585 B.C. between the Medes and the Lydians for control over Anatolia was stopped abruptly, when a full eclipse happened. Out of fear, the two armies signed up for peace on the battlefield. Mandala students presented Greek and Egyptian armies hit by an eclipse and made peace, enforced by the Greek god Helios.

For the event at Knox Farm, EAclipse, on Monday, Mandala students brought two short plays, and a variety of shadow puppets for visitors to enjoy. One of the stables turned as dark as possible by covering the windows and unscrewing the lights. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!