



# Mandala School Newsletter

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Last week for writing we were given two sentences to choose from to write a winter story:

1. "When I opened the door the footprints were there again, right there under my own feet in the snow."
2. "I gripped the steering wheel hard, my knuckles white. I hung on for dear life. No matter how careful I thought I was, I slid. BAM."

For my story I chose the first one. It was about a girl who met Santa in her own living room, but he made her forget everything, or so he thought, but when she woke up, she didn't forget a thing.

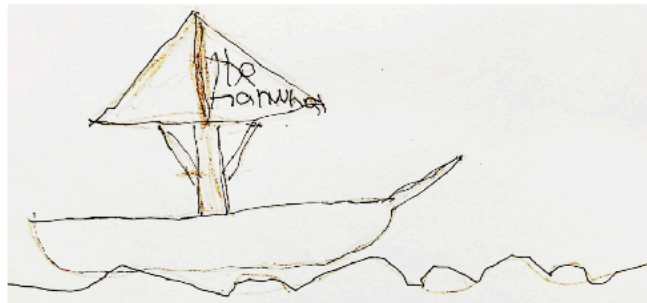
Everyone's stories were very creative and I would love to have another writing assignment like this again!

-Brooklyn

**Holiday Break:**

**12/23- 1/1**

## But Gone By Jasper DeAngelo



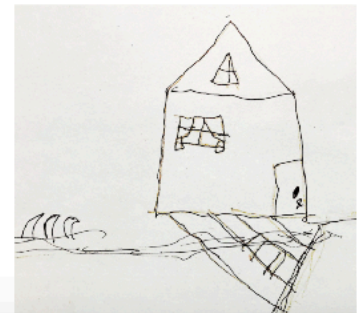
A man is in a boat sailing across the ocean. Eventually he reaches a bay and at that bay there is a beach house. He lives in the beach house. He goes sailing every day in his

sailboat. Because he is an old man he loves to be out in the ocean, fishing and sailing. He was out sailing all day and he was feeling tired. So he went to bed.

The next day he didn't wake up. The mailman knocked on the door. He didn't answer so the mailman said, "I'm coming in!"

He went in and went upstairs to the sight of the old man in a rocking chair, not awake, not alive, but gone.

*Written in response to listening to "The Swan"*



*Two pieces of Weston's artwork: a donkey ornament and his self portrait*

This week in German, we are doing projects on Germany! It is so much fun! Brooklyn is doing Freiburg, Inti is doing the Rhine river and I am doing Berlin! Some of us are going to Germany in the spring so everyone who is going, have fun! By Bryce

## Curiosity Club

is a great place to spend time after school. Miss Charlie is a fun, funny, and creative teacher with games and activities.

At Curiosity Club we do games, acting, dance parties, mime, and improvisation activities. Anyone can join, you just need to register!

By Ama



Zachary is a 13-year-old, he has been a student at Mandala for five years. Zach enjoys sushi for dinner. He has a baby brother and a little sister. He describes himself as funny, creative, smart, and kind. In his free time he writes, watches tv, and plays with baby brother. He is a talented writer!

Zach loves to listen to music, some singers he likes are Taylor Swift, and Lana Del Rey. Zach enjoys Mandala and thinks it is so much different than other schools but what he likes most about it's the freedom and the ability to work on your own skill level. If he could live anywhere in the world he would live in New York City, Rome, or Sicily.

Only two months ago he visited Italy and went to Venice, Florence, Levanto, and Rome. On his visit to Italy he liked Venice the best because of how relaxed it was. What Zach liked the least was Florence because of how busy it was and the sidewalks were very small and the pedestrians did not have the right of way. Overall he is a good friend to me (Mira) and a good friend to all.

*Interview by Mira*

The youngest group has been learning about snow and ice science! We did an experiment to see if we would have more or less snow once it melted. We put 15 cups of snow in a metal bowl then we waited. When it melted, there was only 3 cups of water! This means when water freezes, it expands. The snow had some dirt or something in it because the water didn't look very clean.

Next we learned about snowflakes. The four kinds we talked about were star, plate, twin, and column. A twin crystal is when two crystals get stuck together and they have 12 arms instead of six. Snowflakes need something to form on. This can be dust, salt, ash, pollen, and more. Water vapor sticks to the particle. They usually make a hexagon shape, which is why snowflakes have 6 arms. The shape of a snowflake can change depending on how wet or cold it is.

On Wednesday we did an experiment to see which material would melt ice the fastest. We had 5 different ice cubes. We put sugar, salt, baking soda, water, and nothing on a cube. We made a hypothesis about what would happen. The salt melted ice the fastest. The ice that had nothing added melted slowest. This is called a control.

Written by: Hazel, Juniper, Amelia, Charlotte, Petey, and Mealla



Thank you to all who participated in our Holiday Workshop yesterday! It was a lovely morning.

There were waffles and syrup and playing and painting, snowballs and cocoa and laughing and reindeer games! Little silly elves and lots and lots of holiday cheer! We hope you had fun 🎄

