



Student of the Week:

Bryce

Interviewed by: Sophie & Vienna

Bryce is a nine-year-old Mandalian who has been at Mandala for five years. His favorite thing in Mandala is how nice people are and how you can learn at your own level, and he loves how much the teachers guide him through stuff.

His two best friends are Finn and Weston. The way his friends describe him is loyal to his friends, obsessed with the Buffalo Bills, very nice to talk to, and funny.

In his free time he likes to play football by himself and he likes to play sports, the sports he plays are basketball and swimming. He has two cats named Stefon, and Jebadia.

The most interesting vacation he's been on is the UK and France. Bryce has a great memory and knows a lot about history. Traveling has helped him learn even more. He is also very smart in math, his favorite thing in math is algebra.

This week in writing class we are working on writing what we are passionate about. We need to write about what interests us mostly. Last week as well as this week we work on perfecting the parts of speech like proper nouns, adjectives, verbs, articles, and so on. We also have spelling words at the end of the week to help us spell better.

Recently in art class the older group has been working on a project based on insects and in my case spiders. We are making models and ornaments with materials like string, jewels and cloth that are all based off of real life Arthropods like moths or spiders. If you don't know arthropods are just the overall group that Insects, Arachnids and whatever centipedes are classify as. So far we are not even close to done. Everyone has actually started making the insects but we are still in the early stages. It should be finished by march though so I hope somebody else reports on it then when we are all done. By Finn

In history class we are doing a project on World War 2. For the project I'm researching and writing about the atomic bomb. One fact about the atomic bomb is the first atomic bomb was exploded in the New Mexico desert on July 16, 1945. One thing I like about what I'm researching is how the atomic bomb was made. By Maggie

Arctic Animals



Puffins live in the arctic by the ocean. They only lay one egg every year. Puffins hunt and they get eaten by Arctic Skuas which is a bigger bird. Puffins beaks turn bright orange

in the spring and grey in the winter. They eat fish. They dive under the water to catch fish. They have webbed feet to help them swim.

Next we learned about Polar Bears. Polar Bears are called cubs. Mama polar bears give birth in dens. When they are born they are deaf and blind. The cubs stay in the den for about three months. They are predators and they eat seals, walruses, and squids. Polar bears can stay underwater for two minutes. They're known as "King of the Arctic!"



The Blubber Glove

Many arctic animals have blubber. Polar bears and seals, whales and walruses have blubber. Blubber is fat that is under their skin.

On Wednesday we did an experiment. First we filled a big bowl with snow and water and it was freezing cold. It was 24 degrees. The Arctic Ocean is about 28 degrees. We stuck our bare hands in the water. It felt cold, chilly, and freezing! Petey held his hand in longer than anyone else, for 45 seconds. Then we dried and our hands and warmed them up by the fire.

Then we put our hands in the blubber glove. You couldn't feel anything it just felt like a warm hand.

So blubber helps arctic animals stay warm in the icy water.

By Amelia, Charlotte, Hazel, Petey, Juniper, and Miss Kelsey

On Thursday we went to a place called the Kenan Center in Lockport. We learned about Dr. John's father, he was a part of the Tenth Mountain Division. At the exhibit there was lots of stuff about female spies during WW2, and they also had a room with a lot of books that the Nazi's banned.

We ate our lunches there, after Dr. John finished his interview with Channel 2 news about his Father's story. After that we headed over to the Erie Canal Locks. It was kind of cool seeing the canal after learning about it earlier in the school year but, it was very cold walking along it. Overall it was a fun and educational field trip! By: Stella

