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Page one photos, from our Lunar New Year Celebration
top row: 1. Ama & Sophie's temple 2. Lanna and Stella "on a roll" in art making Chinese characters (right)
middle row, left to right: Lanna's snake, Lanna trying stir fry and edamame for lunch; Miss Charlie leading the youngest group in a theatre game
bottom row: Jasper smiling next to his architecture; Mira and Brooklyn painting with sumo ink

The younger group painted snakes, made gorgeous red and gold lanterns, looked at Chinese puppets, and played a theatre game where they had to find the snake who was bringing bad luck to people at a party!



On Wednesday, we had a Lunar New Year celebration because public schools were scheduled off. Since a lot of parents still had to work, the schoolhouse was still open for kids to come. During the day we had lots of activities we could do: Chinese lettering, lantern making, an asian architecture challenge, and Ms.Charlie came in to play some fun games with us.

For lunch some of us had a stir-fry and a side of edamame beans. A lot of people tried eating it with chopsticks. Channel 2 came to interview Ms.Charlie and see some of the activities that we were doing.

Every Lunar New Year there is a animal that represents the year, this year is the year of the snake. There are twelve animals in total. The animal that is considered the luckiest is the year of the dragon, which was last year. Overall, it was a fun day especially learning about asian culture.
By Stella

Reminders:

📖 Book reports due Feb. 11th (Middle and Older) & Feb. 12th (youngest group)

🧹 Family volunteer day: Sunday, February 16th from 9:00AM - noon

👤 February break 17th - 21st

🌸 March 1st: Mandala Summer Camp registration opens

We made a web of all different kinds of health: physical, mental, social, emotional. Then each kid chose a topic to research within each one of those. Brooklyn chose food and nutrition. One of the questions was, "What is MSG, and is it bad?" Some more ideas were empty calories, food dyes, sugar, and proteins.

Student of the Week: Finn



Finn is a 13 year old sunny boy who has been at Mandala since he was in second grade. Sadly, this is his last year at Mandala. If he could go anywhere, he would go to Paris. He'd like to see the landmarks. He's been studying French for about six years, so that would help!

Finn has been to California a few times, the first time he went was his favorite. He went for a few months and visited the Redwoods and some other national parks. He has also been to Vancouver, Ontario, Toronto, and Texas a few times.

Finn has three pets. A lizard named King, a dog named Bella, and a bunny named Fog. His best friends are Bryce and Wes. The color that he likes most is Black. Finn likes cooking, swimming and his bunny. His favorite thing to cook right now is fish, he prefers cod. Finn also enjoys collecting random things like rocks and coins.

If he opened a store or business he would sell private jets because they're expensive.

*By Bryce+Wes
with help from Brooklyn, Julia, Zachary, and Miss Kelsey*



Petey's (left) and Amelia's (right) arctic animals camouflaging to the beautiful snow.