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In art class this week we made skeleton hands. We traced both of our hands with white colored pencils on black paper. Then we used oil pastels to color them in. We did the bones with white pencil before we colored them in. It was fun. If other people were done they could color in a pumpkin, a bat, or a spider. We did a Halloween challenge too.

by Amelia (age 7)

In art this week we had a special Halloween project- the older group made ghosts on black paper with white and gray charcoal. When we were done blending them and adding the finishing touches Mrs.Jenny sprayed it with a spray so it wouldn't smudge. We also had the option to do the same project as the younger group which was making x-rays of hands with pastels. I did both, to make my hand drawing different from the others I made the fingers longer than normal! I used blue and green to add some color to it. And for our free choice project which we are still working on, I am doing an abstract piece with water colors and zentangles over it.

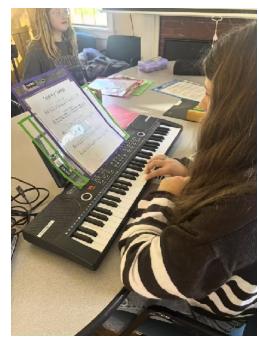
-Brooklyn





Fancy Nancy
working on her book





In music I learned three new songs; The Itsy Bitsy Pumpkin, Ten Little Spiders, and Pass the Pumpkin. We practiced a whisper voice. We had to sing the song and keep the beat. Whoever the pumpkin landed on, they had to be the pumpkin and then they would keep the drum beat. The words to Pass the Pumpkin are:

Pass the pumpkin all around Listen to the spooky sound Ooooh oooohhhh (ghost sound) Will it stop on YOU?

By Zosia (7)

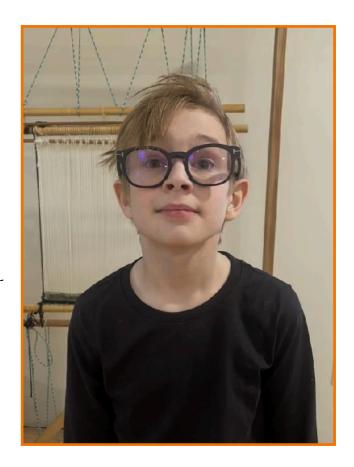


We are making Eric Carle books. We had to draw an animal on a big piece of paper and then we used paper that we painted with and cut them out in the shape of the animal. It was a collage. We are going to write a story to go with our artwork. Juniper's title is The Very Bad Bat. I don't have a title yet. I am still making my animal. by Hazel & Juniper (age 7)

Weston's Interview

Weston is 10 years old, he has been at mandala for one year. He likes to play piano. The reason he likes mandala is because of the community. Weston is very smart and has many friends. A song he likes to play on the piano is the German song LaCampiella. The way he got so good at piano was Ms Erin and hours of practice. Weston likes to do math. He likes to play Dungeons and Dragons during rec. He also likes to just talk. He likes to read comics and non-fiction books. He likes science.

We like Weston because he is so nice!



The middle and older kids have worked all week to create a picture book. They each wrote a story, illustrated each page, created a binding, and built a hardcover. Some shared theirs in morning meeting on Friday. We can't wait to hear the rest! (Jasper in the image below is constructing his cover)





