

Mandala School Newsletter

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Alice & Lochley practicing with their puppets

I was six and we did feeling puppet shows. Miss Kelsey told us a situation and we had to act it out with our puppets. Thalia and me were doing it together. Thalia was a unicorn and I was a bee. I had a sharp stinger and Thalia had a sharp horn because she was a unicorn. My favorite one to act out was someone brought a new toy to school and the other person was jealous. We did this so people can learn how to be nice. By Louise



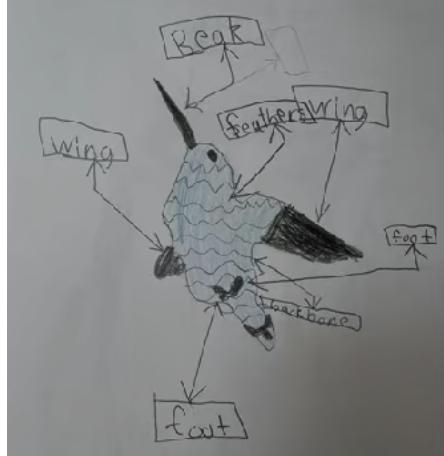
Lochley is the student of the week! She is five years old and it is her first year at Mandala. Lochley loves to eat plain chicken nuggets. She likes to look at the colors pink and purple. Her favorite shape is a triangle. She also likes butterflies and cheetahs. Lochley likes to make art, especially painting. With Ms. Jenny Lochley enjoyed making collages, leaves, and pumpkins.

Lochley and Alice have a lot of fun together. They like to walk around. They are new friends. At home she likes to play with her Barbies. Lochley is very excited about the snow because she can go snowboarding with her dad. Lochley is also learning how to skateboard! We think Lochley cares about her friends and she is kind, smart, friendly, and brave!

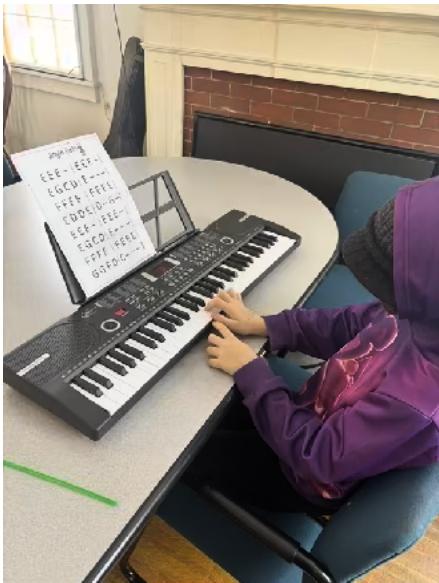
This week we learned about birds. Birds have feathers and they have wings. Some can fly but some can't. All have beaks and two feet. I (Mealla) drew a picture of a penguin and the first time I drew a blue jay. I (Aurora) drew a snowy owl.
By Mealla & Aurora



Above: Louie's toucan
Right: Amelia's hummingbird
Top right: Winter's bald eagle



During rec, Jasper and I made a contraption out of the wheelbarrow and the snowboard. It goes ten times faster than the snowboard. It is super fun. We wanted to just use the wheelbarrow but it wouldn't work because it has a metal piece on the back that you use to rest it on the ground. We put the snowboard under the metal piece and then we can stand on the snowboard and drive the wheelbarrow. Someone sits in the wheelbarrow and can throw snowballs. They can use a shovel to plow, scoop up more snow, or brake. We want to add to it even more! If you flip the wheelbarrow you can leave it on its side and use it as a shield from snowballs. - By Owen



January 13th Mandala is taking a trip to the East Aurora Classic Rink. The last time we were there was very lively and fun. It took a while to get everyone's skates tied but once we did that everyone had a great time! I hope we can replicate last year if not, make it better. I love how we can play certain songs over the loud speakers and we have the whole rink to ourselves. By Brooklyn



The Holidays

The holidays are coming around and what is not to like about it? Santa, Christmas trees, ornaments, and presents plus there is hot chocolate! We also have New Years coming up and Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and many more. Personally, my favorite part of December is playing football in the snow with my cousin, Hayden, at my house. Jasper feels that togetherness is the best part of the season. Kaden looks forward to celebrating Christmas and building snowmen. - Written by Bryce with help from Kaden and Jasper



Sunny, chilly walk today coming back from the Boys and Girls Club



Brooklyn reading at story time

Solstice Break

12/22/25 - 1/2/2026

We will return to Mandala on Monday 1/5/2026

Have a happy, healthy, warm weekend!