

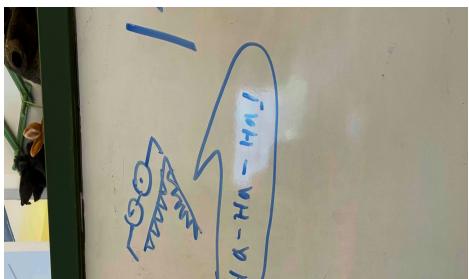
Mandala School Newsletter

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January Happenings

- * 13th: Tuesday we are going ice skating at the Classic Rink. Please bring skates or \$5 to rent.
- * 16th: Next week we are having our first potluck dinner of 2026! 5:30- 8:00 PM
- * Please help your kiddos find an age appropriate book for their book report due in February. The choices are historical fiction, biography, or an author study
- * 16th & 30th January workshops: Fridays this month



The youngest group started a unit on graphing in math. This week we read pictographs and bar graphs. We made two bar graphs. One with candy! We sorted them by colors and then made a bar graph. Red was the most common color.





One thing I learned this week:

I learned how to write a lowercase 'e'.
-Eden

I learned the coins: penny, quarter, dime, and nickel. The quarter is worth 25 cents, the penny is worth 1 cent, a dime is worth 10 cents, and a nickel is worth 5 cents. - Aurora

I learned about graphs. -Mealla

I learned about tallies in math.
-Alice



In Morning Meeting we did a compromising exercise and challenge. We had to rank items of importance for a mission to the moon. First, we had to rank them by ourselves. Then with a small group. That was the compromise part. Finally, we ranked them in a whole group.

In art this week, student are starting a unit on color theory. The 2/3 graders learned how to create secondary colors by mixing primary colors and then painted their own color wheel.





In music this week everyone started learning the string family. We played a harp and a violin. Some other instruments in the string family are ukulele, guitar, the bass, cello, and viola. We did steady beat with a video called "Snowflake." We learned a new song called "Snowflakes."

By Winter & Amelia



Teacher of the Week: Ms. Jenny



Ms. Jenny is our art teacher. It is her first year at Mandala and she is a very nice teacher. She has two sons and a dog. She does private lessons for people at Musejar. She also owns her own studio. Ms. Jenny likes the color blue and subtractive painting techniques. Winter liked the snowflake project she did with her. I, Bryce, liked all the projects that I have done with her. Did we mention that Ms. Jenny is really kind? She turned our art room into a really cool space. We are glad she is a teacher here.

By: Bryce & Winter

Teacher of the Week: Ms. Erin

By: Sophie and Petey

Miss Erin has been teaching at Mandala for five years. Miss Erin is a music teacher and everybody loves her. She is a flute and piccolo player for the BPO (the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra). Miss Erin teaches other flute lessons after school, and during school she does the best piano lessons Petey and I have ever had. Miss Erin also teaches at Buffalo State University.

She is really good at the flute. Miss Erin has no kids and no pets, she also loves salad and quinoa. Petey and I think she is the best music teacher that we've ever had, and she has the best music ideas for class, everybody just loves her!

DJ's Math Class

We measured around circles and across circles. We wanted to find out how many diameters would fit around a circle. It takes a little more than three diameters to go around. If you measure really carefully, you get 3.14. That's where π comes from!

