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Music is one of the most popular forms of entertainment but here at Mandala we have a room and class dedicated to music. The music room has boom whackers, maracas, a guitar, an electric guitar, an electric piano, a harp, and a violin you can play.

The music room also has a small stage for puppet shows and acting and a printer and a rack to store the puppets. The music room also has a projector screen and a projector and a piano with sound effects you can play and a small chalkboard. By Kaden

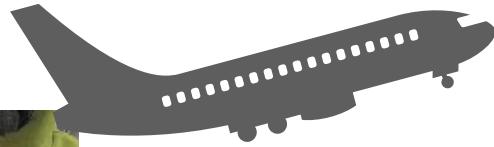


In art this week we were making penguins. Art is a great place to make mistakes because you can do different stuff with your project. I made a mistake once. I used pen and paint to make my penguin. By Aurora



On Tuesday we went ice skating at East Aurora Classic Rink. We walked there after having morning meeting and a short math class. At the rink there is a snack bar and skate rentals. There was music playing and with the help of walkers many kids were able to skate without falling down. We had a really fun time. Thank you to all the people that helped tie skates!

Prepare for Take Off!



In December we started literature groups. My group is reading *The One and Only Ivan*. It's about a silverback gorilla, his name is Ivan. The other two characters are elephants: Ruby and Stella. Ruby is just a baby so she doesn't know anything. Ruby is really funny. I love it so far!

By Amelia

In my literature group we are reading a book called *Wonder*. The main character in the book is a boy in middle school named August. He has facial deformities and had to undergo surgeries. It's his first time in a public school. The story is mostly from his point of view and how school is hard for him. The story also switches to his older sister's point of view, which I've never seen a story do before, so it's interesting. I think the book is pretty good so far. By Brooklyn

Today we had the joy of interviewing Petey. He likes art and music. He does not like writing. He has cats but did not want to tell us how many. His favorite movie is *Five Nights at Freddy's 2*. It's his favorite because it has lots of action. We asked him if he plays any sports. He gave the astounding yes of soccer. He got into soccer because his friends play it and he likes running. We would describe Petey as a wonderful soul with lots of creativity. By Owen & Jasper

The younger group is jetting off to a unit all about aviation! This week the second and third graders began with a biography on the Wright Brothers. The next day all the kids talked about different flying machines and drew pictures of them. Next, we talked about airplane and airport vocabulary and did a word sort of the words. Students worked with a partner to sort words into the three categories: people, places, and things. Finally, we discussed jobs at the airport. Everyone got to try on an air traffic controller's uniform. Where will we go next? Stay tuned!

Student of the Week: Petey



