

# Mandala School Newsletter

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#### Our Slippery-Sliding Morning

We got on the bus normally. Everything was fine until we picked up the little girl. The last kid. It was pure white outside the windows. It started getting worse as we got higher up. We were sliding into the middle of the road. We put our seatbelts on. We never put our seatbelts on. It was scary.

My mom texted me and said, "Prepare to get off at Waldorf, I called the office." Stella says. Vienna said it took her mom a little more convincing. Finally, she said, "Sure," when I asked her if I could get off. There was this really sweet teacher that walked us down to the office.

We were waiting in the office and everything was fine. It was toasty and it smelled delicious. Then the bus came back. I watched him exit then I witnessed him come back. He was radioing to people what was happening.

Then we got back on the bus and we were sliding all over still. It wasn't white anymore, it was clearing but still icy. When we were turning off of Mill Road we almost hit a car. We thought it was going to be simple but it wasn't. We finally got off the bus at school. I said, "Thank you." The driver said, "I'm glad we finally made it." We didn't get to school until 9:15. PHEW!

By Vienna and Stella



*Louise's beautiful creation*



#### color wheel mandalas



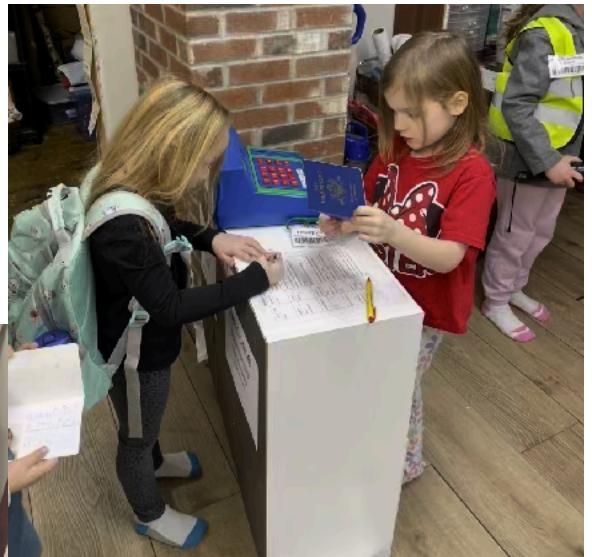
The Mandala Airport and MandalaAIR are officially open for business! This week students in Miss Kelsey's class were greeted with new job opportunities and endless travel possibilities.

The jobs in the airport are: receptionist, TSO, gate officer, and air traffic controller. The jobs on board the plane are: pilot, co-pilot, flight attendant, and mechanic.

Everyone has had so much fun trying out the different roles.

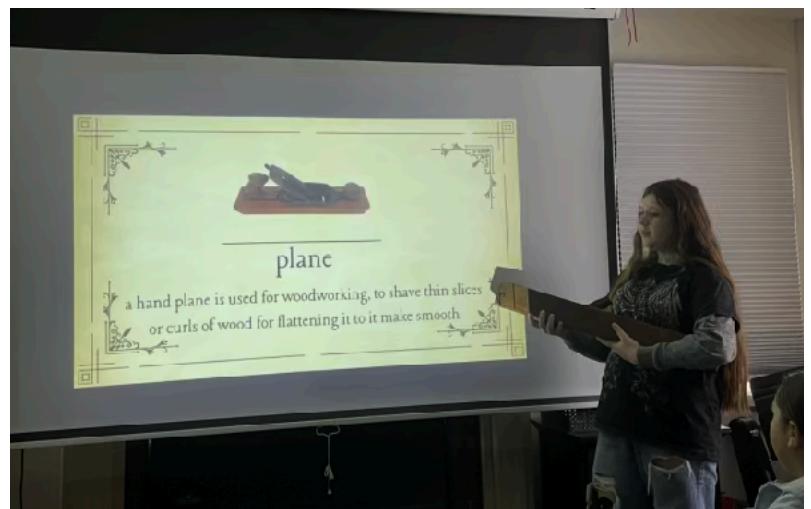
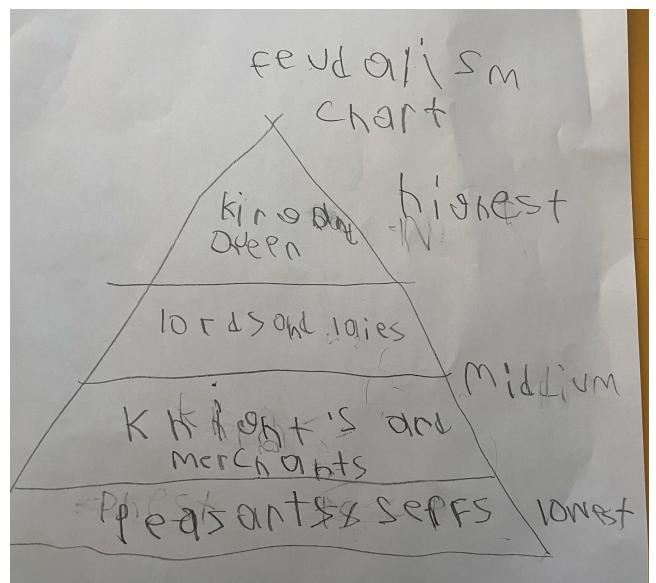
Passengers have to have a passport to travel, suitcases, and boarding passes!

This week we flew to China, South Carolina, Florida, and more!



The older students delivered fabulous and informative presentations on the Middle Ages this morning. Below Brooklyn's project on tools where she showed real planes and other tools.

Stella's project was on clothing, Vienna's was about cathedrals and the different styles, Bryce taught us about the Black Death, and Kaden's was on Feudalism (chart right). These projects were very well done!



## Congratulations to our Writing Contest Winners:

Zosia & Amelia won first place, Alice won second place for her short story, and Brooklyn and Vienna both placed third in their group! The Aurora Women's Club holds the contest each year and our student are notorious for placing in all age groups! Petey also placed third this year for his short story. Well done!



### HOW SNOW IS MADE By Kaden

It starts at the ground with H<sub>2</sub>O evaporating and clumping around a bacteria or dust in a cloud with a temperature of 32 degrees Fahrenheit or lower. After a few days it falls down as snow and clamps onto fences, cars, roofs, chairs and a lot more. Fun facts h<sub>2</sub>O is just water, h<sub>2</sub>O stands for hydrogen and oxygen.

