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Mandala declared Thursday, January 29th, Heritage Day. To go with that, the oldest group's music class did a little research and figured out exactly where we and our ancestors are from. We will make a slide show with links to traditional folk music from those areas.

On my mom's side, my Grandma's Mom is from the United Kingdom so a small part of me is British he was also part German and her Dad was part Canadian and French.

My Grandpa's family was from Mexico. On my Dad's side his great grandparents were from Sicily, Italy. So I am part Mexican and part Italian.

My slideshow will have music from Italy and Mexico, but I haven't decided if I want to add music from anywhere else.

♦ By Brooklyn

In art class for the past few weeks we have been doing colors. We got a sheet of paper with complementary colors, warm and cool colors along with what color is and more that we had to fill in. We made a color wheel on a piece of paper from the tint to the shade of each color on the color wheel.

Now at the moment we have small thick pieces of paper to color each one with the colors from the color wheel to make designs on them with whatever shape you want.

By Vienna

If you watch the news you probably know that a record breaking snow storm has hit around half of the USA and Russia. Russia was hit with about 3 feet of snow. Lately AI videos of Russia were made that show it under 500 feet of snow and religious people think that god is punishing humanity for destroying the planet. The extreme cold is causing trees to explode because the tree sap was freezing and the pressure was blasting the trees to explode. This freezing snowstorm was clearly incredibly important and it will go down in history as one of the worst US snowstorms of the early 2000's.

- Written by Kaden

Upcoming:

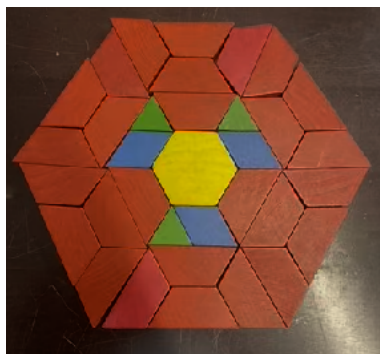
- ❖ Wednesday 2/4 Parent's Night 5:30 - 7:00pm
- ❖ February 16 - 20: Mid-Winter Break
- ❖ The next book report is due Tuesday, February 24th.
Genre: historical fiction, biography, or an author study.
- ❖ Wednesday 3/4: Winter Open House (for new families) 3:00 - 4:30pm

Bryce is the student of the week! This is his sixth year at Mandala! Bryce likes pizza, because of the cheese. He enjoys music, especially alternative rock. *American Idiot* by Green Day is one of his favorite songs. Bryce is learning how to play the guitar. He first started because he listened to songs with guitars and thought they sounded cool. He wanted to learn how to do it.

Right now he is also doing basketball and swimming. He enjoys watching football and his favorite teams are the Buffalo Bills and Jacksonville Jaguars. The coolest place he has ever been is Disney World because of the Rock 'n' Roller coaster. He has been to many countries including Costa Rica, France, Great Britain, and Canada.

In his free time Bryce enjoys playing video games and sports. Outside he likes to throw a football around with his dad or cousin. Bryce feels that he is most confident in math at school.

Interview by Jasper and Winter



This week, the youngest group learned about the structure of a snowflake and how they are formed. Notice how each one has a hexagon structure in the center? That's how real snowflakes begin.

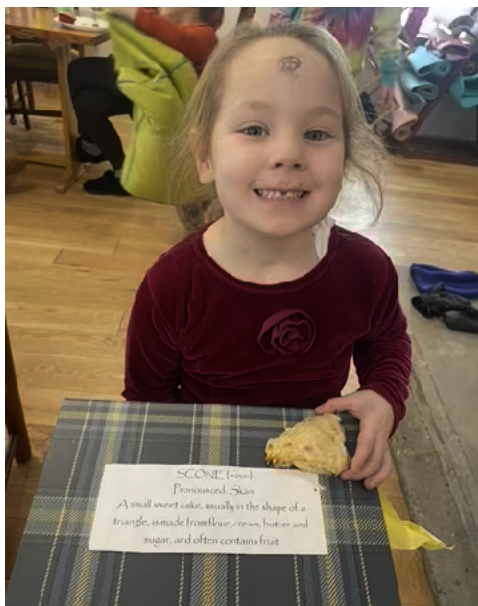
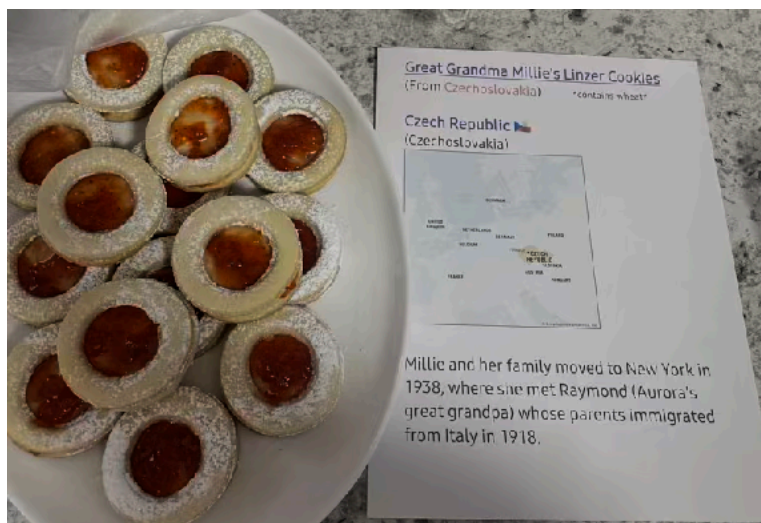


The kitchen was the place to be during lunchtime on Thursday. Head to page 3 to find out why!



The fifth grade class thought we needed something to bring some fun and spirit to Mandala, so they established Thursday as *Heritage Day*. Students worked with their families to make family trees, interview older relatives, and share and make family recipes. It was a really fun day and we tried foods from all over!

Their plan worked! We bonded over our history and where we come from, we learned new things, and sampled some amazing food. Days like this are what Mandala is all about!



Thursday was heritage day. We were eating a lot of food, listened to people's family trees, and learned about different countries. I brought in my grandmother's banana bread muffins. Other people brought in Texas sheet cake, sauerkraut, baklava, crepes, and more! My favorite thing to try was the cake. Countries represented included Czech Republic, China, Sweden, Greece, Germany, Ukraine, Scotland, and Poland! By Owen



Top: Aurora's Great Grandma Millie's Linzer Cookies from Czechoslovakia
Middle (left to right): Sophie proud of her Greek baklava; Lochley eager to share her Scottish Scones (pronounced Skän); brave Alice ready to sample foods from all over the world!
Bottom: Miss Kelsey serves up crêpes and scones