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The advanced math group is working on graphing systems of inequalities



## The Zodiac Calendar

The original zodiacs came from ancient Babylonia but the Chinese came up with their own 12-year animal cycle.

This year is the year of the Horse. All of the years are: 2002, 2014, and 2026. The goat: 2003, 2015, and 2027. The monkey: 2004, 2016, and 2028. The rooster: 2005, 2017, and 2029. The dog: 2006, 2018, and 2030. I was born in 2018! The Pig: 2031, 2019, and 2007. The rat: 2032, 2020, and 2008. The ox: 2033, 2021, and 2009. Tiger: 2034, 2022, and 2010. The rabbit: 2035, 2023, and 2011. The dragon: 2000, 2012, and 2024. At last the snake: 2001, 2013, and 2025.

By Winter

THE END.

## Student of the Week: Aurora

Aurora is 6 and a half and a beloved Mandala student. She is kind and has many friends. She moved here from Texas when she was x and she drove two days to get here. If Aurora could go anywhere in the world it would be China because she loves the food and cherry blossom trees. When Aurora is at home she likes to spend time with her two year old sister and they love to make each other laugh a lot. She loves to watch the movie 'How to train your dragon'. She's very good at art and likes to paint with water colors. Aurora is very creative. Here a a few things she would love to do if she could: she would love to be able to turn invisible and the first thing she would do is play



In art this week we finished our tiny jellyfish pictures. First we practiced it in our sketchbook. Then Ms. Jenny gave us pastels and then we got to blend it in with our fingers. We made the background first, which was the ocean. Then we put the jellyfish on the background.  
By Thalia & Hazel



Examining flight maps from Pilot Ryan on crazy hair day! Before GPS these maps were how pilots knew where to go. All the purple circles are airports and the yellow parts are highly populated areas. We looked at two maps: one of the Detroit area and one of NYC area.



### Music Class

In the younger group we learned the song "I hope I get a letter." We sang it together with the piano and learned to play it on the xylophone. We also practiced Valentine's Day rhythms (Hazel practicing top photo).

The middle and older students learned about music of the Renaissance. Sophie was practicing on the recorder, a popular instrument during that time.



Happy Valentine's Day

Happy Lunar New Year

Have a wonderful break

We return on Monday, February 23rd

Book Reports are due Tuesday, February 24th!