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A graduation ceremony can and should be a reflection of the central beliefs of a school. So it is with Lansdowne Friends School. Our graduation ceremony for eight sixth graders will take place this Wednesday, and we hope that you can attend. There are several components of this ceremony, which tell a great deal of who we are. First, each sixth grader will deliver his or her own speech on how he or she has grown at LFS, underscoring our culture that encourages introspection, metacognition, confidence and finding one's own voice. Second, each of the classes will bring a gift to each of the graduating students, which highlights our strong sense of community, and celebrates individual and communal gifts. The gifts are ones that students have written, drawn or made, reflecting our honoring of childhood with its own simplicity, pace and creativity. Third, there are many songs, exemplifying the importance of art in general - and music in particular - to an LFS education. Finally, graduation is part of a Meeting for Worship, conducted in silence, underscoring our belief that that education is inherently a spiritual endeavor. Most importantly, the graduation ceremony is oriented to the children, so that we never stray from our testimonies of simplicity and integrity. Please join us as we celebrate our wonderful children.