



Friday Letter

February 29, 2008

Happy Leap Year Day!

Dear Members of the ACCS Community,
This week I am beginning a series that highlights our writing program at ACCS and for the first week I am featuring the writing in Ms. Tara's first grade. We have a very strong writing program and we are seeing amazing writing pieces in every grade. In Ms. Tara's first grade the students were asked to interview a classmate. They had to complete a graphic organizer before beginning their first draft or "sloppy copy." Rosebie interviewed her friend Tatiyanna and Heidi interviewed her friend Renard. This le-



Tatiyanna
By Rosebie Pierre January 17 2008
----Tatiyanna is my friend--
Her-favorite--thing-to-
do-is-play-with-Money.
Tatiyanna-is-funny-and
kind.Her-role-model-is--
Her-mother.Her-favorite-
foods-are-Chicken--
nuggets-and-frenchies.
She-is-pretty-----
Her-two-favorite----
colors-are-Pink-and-Blue.

son helped the students to learn how to organize their ideas for their hibernation research paper. Next week I will share some of the finished papers with you. Congratulations, Ms. Tara and Mr. Seymour. The first graders are becoming strong writers.

Just a reminder to all parents. Next week we will begin the NYS Math tests. We need your help in getting your children ready. Please make sure that they get a good night's rest before the test. Please talk to them about how important these tests are for our school. We will feed them a high protein, delicious breakfast before the test. Thank you to the teachers and students who have worked so hard getting ready for this test. We know you will do well and we are so very proud of you.

Have a restful week-end. *Mary Theresa*

Mary Theresa Streck, Principal



My friend Renard by Heidi
My friend is Renard. He
knows everything. My friend's
favorite thing to do is to
color. My friend's role model
is his God. My friend's two
favorite colors are blue and
green. Two words to
describe my friend are
smart and nice. My friend's
favorite food is pizza.
Renard is special.



Devante
Nice, Loving, Clever, Helpful
Brother of Ducilia Harris
Lover of pizza, mom and dad, sister
Who feels happy, caring, clever when I write
Who gives hugs to my sister, gives kisses to my mom and love to
my dad
Who fears the dark, Freddy Cougar and nightmares
Who would like to go to school, the arctic and home
Who lives in Troy, NY
Harris

Jina
Nice, honest, smart, pretty
Sister of B.J., Pam, Rosie, Jerry
Lover of books, my kids, scary movies
Who feels happy, calm, hungry
Who gives love, presents, hugs
Who Fears huge spiders, snakes, rats
Who would like to travel, be a chef, write books
Who lives life to the fullest
Harris



Music In OUR School

March is Music in Our Schools Month, so ACCS students will be participating in various activities, including a field trip to the Empire State Plaza on March 28th to perform with Integrated Arts 4th-6th Graders.

What to expect to see or hear this month:

Kindergarten- Working on various songs from a wide variety of cultures, and learning circle dances and line dances.

1st Grade- Introduction to drumming and drum circles.

2nd Grade- An exploration of music in children's literature (see excerpt below).

3rd Grade- Working on a special choir piece to perform this spring.

4th Grade- Introduction to Woodwind Instruments (Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone).

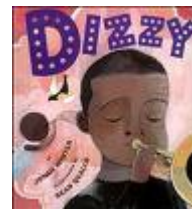
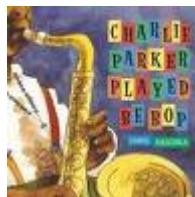
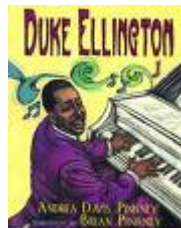
5th Grade- Class Piano, Drum Circle, and Private lessons on Band Instruments

6th Grade- Class Piano, Drum Circle, and teaching small lessons to 1st Graders about drumming.



GREAT BOOKS IN MUSIC!

Although March is MIOSM, February was Jazz History Month, and classes spent the month learning through children's literature about famous people in Jazz. Here is a look at some great books- Check them out at the library or in the music classroom if you're interested!



Jazz Cats by David Davis, *Ella Fitzgerald* and *Duke Ellington* by Andrea Davis Pinkney, *Charlie Parker Played BeBop* and *Mysterious Thelonious* by Chris Raschka, *Dizzy* by Jonah Winter, *Satchmo's Blues* by Alan Schroeder, *Jazz ABZ* by Wynton Marsalis, and *Jazz* by Walter Dean Myers

MAD HOT SMART KIDS




Starr Darnley (Grade 6) is challenging us with two puzzles to solve this week:

Starr, Mairim and La'Miya went to the mall. They bought 3 shirts. The shirts cost \$10 each. They had a \$50 dollar bill. Did they have enough money to buy the 3 shirts? Did they have enough money left over to buy Nyzinga a shirt?

There were 32 seats on a bus. There were 30 kids getting on the bus and two teachers. Will all the students and the teachers fit on the bus?

Bring your solutions to Petra for a prize! Do you have a puzzle you'd like to submit?

March 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 7:45am Special Breakfast	4 NYS Math Test Grades 3-5  5:30 PATT meeting	5	6	7 G5 Field Trip (Federal Court-house) 7:45am G2 Field Trip (NYS Museum) 9am	8
9	10	11 3:30 Board of Trustees Meeting NYS Math Test Grade 6	12	13  SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES	14	15
16	17	18 HALF DAY 11am Dismissal  5:30pm Family Night @ Friendly's	19	20	21 NO SCHOOL	22
23	24 NO SCHOOL	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	To Do this Month: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return completed 2008-09 bus form to school Send in completed applications for 2008-09 kindergarteners, friends & siblings who are not yet attending the Ark 				

Parents: When there is a 2 hour delay, breakfast is not served, so please make sure your child has breakfast before coming to school!



Arkie Winners for Best Behavior in the Dining Room

Dear Miss Kenia and Mr. David,
We want to let you know that we are taking great care of Arkie the Bear. The kids read to him, and give him pencils and supplies to work with! During the day, Arkie sits next to Omar who pets him to calm him down if he gets frustrated. Yesterday, the kids thought he was hungry so we offered him cheese and crackers for a snack. Do bears like cheese?
Sincerely,

Ms Nguyen's 2nd grade class

LUNCH MENU for week of 3/3 - 3/7

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Tenders French Fries Fruits Milk	Sloppy Joes Tossed Salad Oranges Milk	Grilled Cheese Sandwiches Tomato Soup Fruits Milk	Baked Ziti Green Beans Fruit Milk	Pancakes Ham Apple Sauce Cheese Stix Milk

Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are always available as an alternative.