

Monday's Letter
March 8, 2010

Ark Community Charter School

Dear Members of the ACCS Community,

Tomorrow our Board of Trustees will be meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. This meeting is an open meeting and teachers, parents and community members are welcome to attend. The Board of Trustees is our governing body and when they meet as a group, they approve all of our school's policies. At tomorrow's meeting, I will present to them a draft of our revised Wellness Policy and Parent Involvement Policy. The drafts are then posted on our school's website until the next board meeting in April. During this time, the community is invited to comment on the policies. At the April meeting, the board will discuss the policies, recommend possible revisions, and then approve the policies. I encourage you to visit our school's policies at: http://www.arkcharter.org/aboutus_handbook.htm and to send your comments and suggestions to me. I will bring your feedback to the board meeting if you are unable to attend.

Mary Theresa

PARENT MEETING PLANNED FOR WEDNESDAY TO DISCUSS MIDDLE SCHOOL OPTIONS

Please come to a one-hour information meeting about middle school options for your children. The meeting is on Wednesday, March 10 at 5:30 pm. and we will provide light refreshments. We want you to know that you have a number of options for middle school and we would like to present them to you.

Journaling in Kindergarten

In Ms. Mars' kindergarten we began working on Journal Writing after February break. Students have used a variety of personal experiences to begin the writing process. We write about what we know, what we have seen, or what we have done, including our families, pets, vacations, friends or games. We are learning how to put a capital letter at the beginning of a sentence and how to use a period or question mark at the end of each sentence. Students will continue to expand on their journals and the writing process for the rest of the school year. We are working hard and excited to become writers!



Kyana:

"I went to Virginia. My Mom and I played at the beach."



Dylan:

"My Mom and I went to the store."

Ms. Linnea's Super 6th Graders

Ms. Renee's Fabulous Kindergarteners

Kindergarteners Josue, Christopher, Jamani, and Joshsya practice the letter sounds using magnetic letters. The teacher asks them, "Who has the letter that is the first letter in *Zebra*?" Students have to look on their boards to see who has that letter. The teacher continues to say words until all of the letters have been used. This is one of the many fun games we play to learn the alphabet and the letter sounds.



There are many fun and interesting ways to learn vocabulary! ShaRayJah and Yainara play a game called Vocabulary Blast to practice their English Language Arts Vocabulary Words.

Here's how to play:

1. Pick a card out of the container (vocabulary word is on it)
2. Define the vocabulary word
3. Roll the dice
4. Move ahead the number of spaces that you rolled
5. The first person to make it to the finish line wins



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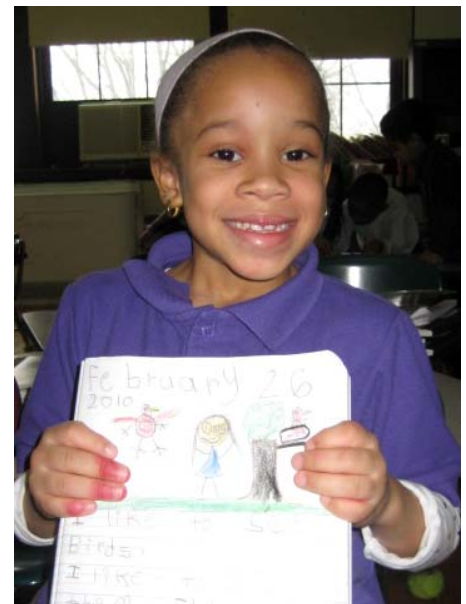
Amya:

"I like to play with my Uncle. We play tag."



Kaitlyn:

"I like to go to the park with my family."



Wildely:

"I like to see birds. I like to see them fly."



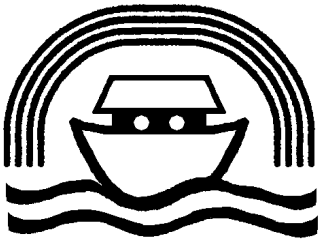
Dear ACCS Community,

Always remember to own your learning!



Sign up to give your Advantage Card Points to ACCS!

Our school number is 15879.



Now Accepting Applications for 2010-11 School Year

Will you or someone you know have a Kindergartener next year? If so, get your child's application in today.

The LOTTERY IS APRIL 1.

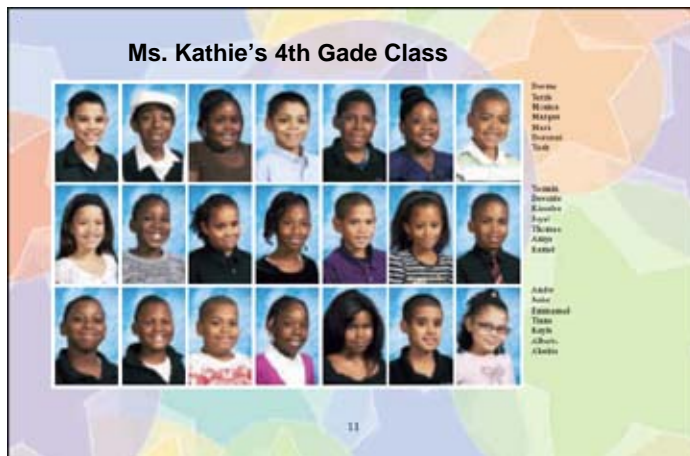
Let us know where you've seen our bus signs.

School Yearbook

For several years ACCS has put together an in-house yearbook with the effort of many staff members. This year we have decided to have Lifetouch create our school yearbook. Below you will find samples of the yearbook. Please be aware that the yearbook will not have any candid shots. On the sample class page below, there are no last names. The originals will have each student's full name. **The yearbook will cost \$6 each.** All checks must be made out to the Ark Community Charter School. Call the school for extra info.



Front Cover



Back Cover

ESL Talent

In the ESL classroom the students work very hard to reach their personal academic goals. ACCS is very proud of their effort and would like to celebrate some of their wonderful work.

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Hector

Activities I do in school are gym, recess, and computers. Why? So I can learn lots of things.

Gym is fun because I get to play different games! I like the game snow ball fight. We use bean bags because real snow balls can hurt us.

I love recess! In recess I can have a lot of fun. How? I play taps with my friends. Taps is fun because I can jump and then throw the ball. It's fun because I get to trick people.

Computers are exciting! Why? They are exciting because I can play different cool games. I can also type my own paper. I like typing!

Music is fun because I get to play instruments. My favorite instruments are the drums, and clappers. I like to play the song I've Got Peace Like a River.



Maaaad HOT Smart Kids Corner



This is someone we celebrate during Women's History Month. Who is it and why do we celebrate her?



Bring your answer to Ms. Petra

For this week, Ms. Kim is serving:

Monday: Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup
Salad Fruit Milk

Tuesday: Chicken Nuggets Tater Tots
Green Beans Fruit Milk

Wednesday: Stuffed Shells Tossed Salad
Corn Fruit Milk

Thursday: Tuna Fish Sandwich
Veggies & Dip Fruit Milk

Friday: Pancakes Turkey/Ham
Applesauce Fruit Milk

What's Coming Up at ACCS?

Tues, 3/9	3:30pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
Thurs, 3/11	8:30am	Grade 5 Field Trip to Mass MOCA Grade 6 Field Trip to Clark Institute
Fri, 3/12	7:45am	February Attendance Star Special Breakfast
	8:30am	All School Morning Meeting
Fri, 3/19		NO SCHOOL—Professional Development Day
Fri, 3/26	8:30am	All School Morning Meeting
Sat, 3/27	10-12pm	Open House for 2010-11 Lottery Get your Kindergartener's applications in now!
Fri, Apr 1	3pm	2010-11 BUS APPLICATIONS DUE 2010-11 Lottery