



Monday's Letter
May 10, 2010

Ark Community Charter School

Dear Members of the ACCS Community,

This coming Saturday I will celebrate the completion of my doctoral studies by attending the Sage Graduation Ceremony. Over two years ago, I began the doctoral program in Educational Leadership at the Sage Colleges in Albany. It was a long, hard, and rewarding journey. During this educational journey I learned about good ways to lead a school and had the very good fortune to meet amazing colleagues along the way.

I'm happy to announce that the Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 15, will be **webcast** live! Family and friends and members of the ACCS Community who are unable to attend the ceremony can watch the ceremony online, in real time. To access the webcast, simply go to www.sage.edu/commencement and click on the "Webcast" link, which will be posted a few days before the event. (Sage suggests visiting the page ahead of time to make sure the computer is configured correctly to view the webcast.)

This Friday I will present my educational journey to the school during our All School Morning Meeting. You are most welcome to attend.

Mary Theresa



4th Grade Math Centers

Our fourth grade students have been working hard this week! We want to share some of the fun activities that we have been doing during math centers.

Applebees Comes to Fourth Grade:

This week, we pretended to be at Applebee's. The students had an opportunity to be waitresses and waiters. We used real Applebee's menus to take orders and calculate bills. Students were given a set amount of money and had to budget their spending. Oh, and don't forget the tip! During this activity, students added decimals, subtracted decimals, and made change. By the end of this center, we were all hungry!



Jeopardy in Ms. Kathie's Class

If you came in at the beginning of this center, you may have heard this: "Welcome to Jeopardy. Today the Fourth Graders will compete for Bank Book Money! The students will work together in teams to compete for the Jeopardy Championship. Buzz in when you think you know the answer! Today's topics are fractions, decimals, word problems, geometry, and place value. Team



number one, choose your category and money value." The students worked well cooperatively and cheered on opposing teams when correct answers were given. Hooray for Fourth Grade! You're all winners.

4th Grade Corner Store

This week, we also set up a Corner Store in our classroom. Students went to the corner store with a handful of cash (fake, of course!) to purchase items. During this center students needed to add, make change, and practice their real-world math skills. Students chose items to purchase and then had to total the price before approaching the cashier. The cashier would take the students money and give them change.



After School Program Update

- Mondays:** Basketball Seniors
3:30pm-4:30pm
Team Chili/Cooking
3:00pm-4:30pm
Piano Lessons
3:30pm-4:30pm
Sage Literacy/Technology Clinic
3:00pm-6:00pm
- Tuesday:** Basketball Juniors
3:30pm-4:30pm
Sage Literacy
4:00pm-6:00pm
- Wednesday:** Sage Literacy/Technology Clinic
3:00pm-6:00pm
- Thursday:** Piano
3:30pm-4:30pm
5th Gr. Math Tutoring
3:30pm-4:30pm
Sage Literacy
4:00pm-6:00pm

All Programs will end Thursday June 3rd

2nd Grade Economics

Our second grade has just finished up our Social Studies unit on economics. We had tons of fun learning about goods and services, budgets and especially income. In order to learn about these things through first hand experiences, the class was broken up into four companies. Each company had to choose a product to produce, then produce and sell their product. In hopes of making a profit, students had to budget how much money was spent on production and decide on a fair cost so that they could earn enough income to make a profit. The project was a challenge but all companies were successful in making a profit. Below are some pictures of our sale.



Saneko

"I felt happy doing the economics project because my company was very successful. Everyone loved our milkshakes and we made a lot of money."



Angel

"I liked the economics project because we got to sample one free thing. Then when we were all done we were able to buy swirly straws and other cool things with our profit."



Destiny

"I liked making our product which was pizza. It was fun selling it. I learned that we had to lower the cost so that people would buy."

