

Monday's Letter
June 14, 2010

Ark Community Charter School

Dear ACCS Community,

I want to begin by welcoming Christina Francis to another year on the ACCS Board of Trustees. Thank you for sending in your ballots and a special thank you to Regina Harris, Janet Gamble and Christina Francis for volunteering to serve on the Board.

This week, parents will receive a parent satisfaction survey for each child. The ACCS Board of Trustees and Staff are committed to our partnership with you to give your child an excellent education and are always working to refine and improve our school. Your thoughts and opinions about our school are very important to us as we reflect on how this year went. Would you help us evaluate how we are doing by completing the survey? Please have your child return it to the office at school or you can drop your survey off when you come to the 2010 Show of Work and June Performance this Wednesday, June 16. For each completed survey the office receives, **your name will be entered in a special raffle for a \$100 Price Chopper gift certificate.** The drawing for this raffle will be on June 24, during the Moving-Up Ceremony.

On Wednesday there will be two opportunities for families to join us in our performance and year end show of student work. The first performance begins at 1:30 pm and the second at 6:30 pm (Doors open at 6:00 pm). Please come and show your support to our staff and students.

Next week is our final week of school and we begin the week with a picnic at Grafton Lakes State Park for students in grades 2-6. Families are invited to attend, but must find their own transportation. We'll have plenty of food, so please join us. During this last week of school, students do not have to wear uniforms, but must come in appropriate attire for school.

Mary Theresa

Silly Sentences with Mrs. Brickman!

Gianneliz and Mhmoud are having fun with our Silly Sentences Game. Each word is printed on a puzzle piece which can be snapped together to make a sentence. They are using articles, beautiful pictures of nouns, and verbs to make the silliest sentences possible. They love to play this game!

Gianneliz: *The firefighter ate a caterpillar.*

Mhmoud: *The frog ate a donkey.*



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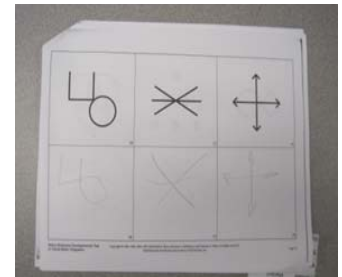
Kindergarten Screening Week

Last week we welcomed our new kindergartners who will begin in September 2010. For the past month, Ms. Petra met with all of the families to register their children, and this week the children came back for kindergarten screening tests. Ms. Oliveira oversaw the kindergarten screening process.

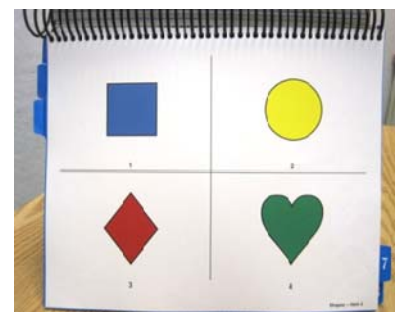
When the children and parents arrived, they were greeted by Ms. Hope and Ms. Mars, the kindergarten teachers. Ms. Hope and Ms. Mars met with each parent and talked about the kindergarten experience at ACCS. They also presented the parents with small gift bags filled with workbooks, flashcards, crayons and books to use with their child over the summer to get them ready for kindergarten.



While the parents met with the kindergarten teachers, the new kindergartners met with Ms. Linnea, Ms. Mariann, and Ms. Renee for three different screening tests.



Ms. Linnea administered a picture vocabulary test. This test assessed the child's vocabulary knowledge by asking children to name objects, actions, and concepts pictured in the illustrations. Ms. Mariann administered the Beery VMI. This is a paper and pencil test that assessed students' visual and motor abilities by asking children to copy geometric shapes.



Ms. Renee administered the Bracken test. This assessment tests color, letter, number, and shape recognition. It also assesses children's knowledge of sizes and comparisons.

The families concluded their visits with a tour of the school and classrooms. We welcome all our new families and look forward to seeing them in September!



Miss Klem's Class Catches the Reading Fever!

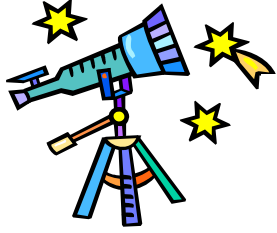
Throughout the year, Miss Klem's class has been reading many amusing and intriguing books and writing about them in their journals. They've also begun using a gumball worksheet to summarize a book they've finished and rate it from one gumball (poor) to four gumballs (excellent). Recently the students have been discussing their books amongst themselves and decided to give oral presentations about the book they are reading, including details of the characters, settings and what is going on so far, as well as predictions. The students wanted to recommend their favorite books/series so everyone can catch the reading fever!

*For some fun and interesting reads,
find these books fast! Happy reading!*

"My Sister the Vampire" by Sienna Mercer
"Diary of a Wimpy Kid" series by Jeff Kinney
"Franny K. Stein" series by Jim Benton
"Rotten School" series by R.L. Stein
"Junie B. Jones" series by Barbara Park
"My Weird School" series by Dan Gutman
"The Chronicles of Narnia" series by C.S. Lewis
"Ivy and Bean" series by Annie Barrows and Sophie Blackall
"Fudge-a-Mania" and other "Fudge" series books by Judy Blume



★ May Attendance Stars



Josue	K1	Johnny	2B	Yairiliz	5	Yemen	K1	Tatiyanna	2B	Ixis	5
Yabdielis	K1	Caleb	2A	Demetri	5	Amya	K2	Jasmin	3A	Kristhal	6
Tiara	K1	Sierra	2B	Dominika	5	Jamani	K1	Latyce	3A	Cornell	6
Genina	K2	Zainab	2B	Kevin	5	Ayanna	1B	Jatae	3A		6
Tyana	K1	Sameko	2A	Nemahni	5	Justis	1A	Sherwin	3B	Erica	
Juliana	K1	Janelle	2A	Jenice-	5	Angel	1A	Franciel	3A	Shierra	6
Raheim	K2	Semaj	2B	Marie		Sanyiah	1a	Heidi	3A	Randy	6
Jasmine	1B	Luis	3B	Yainara	6	Noah	6	Yasmin	4	Alberto	4
Ka'Shaun	1A	Sarah	3A	Khalil	6	Krystal	1a	Jasier	4	Frank	4
Johnathan	1a	Abbaas	3B	Veronica	6	Genay	1B	Emmanuel	4	Alexis	4
Erica	1B	Ambrayia	3B	Akwe	6	Precious	2A	Kejuan	2B	Zalayah	2A
Shamati	1a	Davine	4	Sauda	6						

Congratulation to All!



Year End Performance

Wed. 6/16 1:00pm and 6:00pm

All students are to come in wearing a white school uniform shirt or a plain white shirt. The shirts should not have any writing on them. The children are expected to wear blue long jeans or blue jean capris (no shorts).

Last Week of School 6/21-6/24

No uniforms, but we must remember to dress appropriately. Do not forget our school rules.

For this week, Ms. Kim is serving:

Monday:	Fish Stix	Sweet Potato Fries	Fruit	Milk
Tuesday:	Cheese Nachos	Chicken Nuggets	Fruit	Milk
Wednesday:	Han /Turkey & Cheese Salad	Macaroni Veggies & Dip	Fruit	Milk
Thursday:	Spaghetti	Meat Sauce	Green Beans	Salad
Friday:	Tuna Fish Sandwiches	Chips	Salad	Fruit
			Milk	

What's Coming Up at ACCS?

Wed. Jun. 16		Year End Performance & Show of Work
	1:30pm and 6:00pm	
Fri Jun 18	8:30am	All School Morning Meeting, Prospect Park Kindergarten Family Day
		Frear Park 1st Grade Family Day
Mon. Jun. 21		Grafton Park Family Day 2nd-6th grade
Tue. Jun. 22-24	Half Day	Field Day
Wed. Jun. 23	5:00pm	6th grade Graduation
Thur. Jun 24	Half Day	Moving Up Ceremony