

Monday's Letter
December 20, 2010

Ark Community Charter School

Dear ACCS Community,

On Wednesday we will begin our winter holiday and will return in the New Year. As we end this year and begin a new one, we hope for a year of peace and prosperity for all of the children of the earth. On behalf of the ACCS staff and board of directors, I wish you a peaceful and happy holidays. *MaryTheresa*



Exploration of World Culture with Ms. Flores

My students and I have finally completed our World Culture Unit on India. The students had fun learning about a different culture. We decorated our classroom doorway with *Rangolis*. The purpose of a *Rangoli* is decoration and it is thought to bring good luck. Each student used their creativity to decorate their *Rangoli* in their own unique style.

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Ms. Renee's Terrific Learners

Below, Yemen and Christopher partner read together. They take turns reading pages in the story "Pests in the Garden". Partner reading is a great way for first graders to practice reading to one another.



Above, first graders Sanyiah and Ducilia do a word sort together. They take turns choosing a word card and deciding what sound the "y" makes at the end of the word. Some of the words sounded like they

had an "E" sound at the end of the word like funny, happy, and messy. Other words sounded like they had an "I" sound at the end like shy, spy, and fry.



light up at night as "lightning bugs," and people in the West say "fireflies"? What do **YOU** call them? Kevin, Yairaliz, Ixis, and Katherine take a moment from their hard work to smile for the camera. On this particular week, they read about conquering challenges. They read about different people who triumphed despite the challenges they were facing.

Ms. Linnea's Super Students

Tiana, Amya, Yasmin, and Joyal are reading a story called "Trading Phrases". It talks about how the United States has many regions. In these regions the people speak in their own dialects. For example, did you know that people in the East refer to beetles that



4A's Featured Articles

4A has been hard at work writing feature articles. We visited the Troy Public Library and researched our topics online. When we finished the unit the students graded each other. They were listening for voice, exciting sentences and facts. Renard and Sherwin's articles were two of our favorites. We hope you enjoy them.

Learn to Dance Online

By Renard

You can learn dance moves on-line. If you want to learn to dance and can't go to classes you can go on the internet and then search the website www.dancemoves.com. After you find the website watch the videos about dancing. You can watch salsa steps, tap dancing steps, and hip-hop moves on this website.

Are you interested in doing a split or learning some dance workouts? You can learn these things on the website too. You can watch singing and dancing videos. You can see some of Michael Jackson's, Justin Bieber's and Beyonce's moves. Dancing is exercise for your heart and mind. Get moving!



Cheesy Facts

By Sherwin

Here are some cheeesy facts.

Did you know that there are more than 2,000 cheeses? The most popular cheese is cheddar. Cheddar cheese is really orange. Cheddar is nothing like other cheeses. I'd eat it any day. The 2nd most popular cheese is mozzarella. Cheese is made from cows and goats milk.

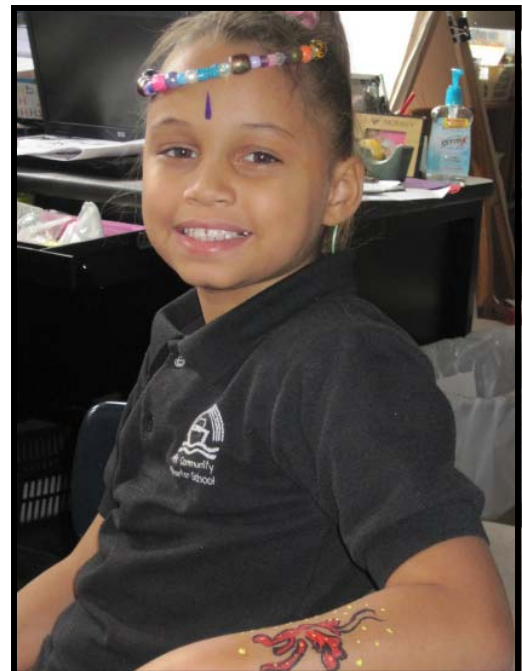
Why do people put holes in Swiss cheese? They don't! Bacteria forms while the cheese is set out, which makes carbon dioxide. The carbon dioxide builds up and explodes in the cheese, leaving the holes.

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Lastly we finished our unit with two engaging activities: Henna Tattooing and enjoying Indian food. We made a special drink called Lassi. Lassi is a popular and traditional drink of India, made by blending yogurt with water or milk and Indian spices, such as ground roasted cumin. Lassi can also be sweet; the mixture is blended with sugar or fruits instead of spices. Try making this delicious treat at home; you and your family with love it!





By: Daniel C. 2009

PAJAMA DAY!

The time has arrived for us to have our second Whole School Pajama Day. On December 22, come to school wearing your WINTER pajamas.

NO SHORTS, TANK TOPS, NOTHING REVEALING, OBSCENE, VIOLENT OR VULGAR.

Maaaad HOT Smart Kids Corner



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Bring your answer to Ms. Petra
For a NEW SMELLY BOOKMARK!

BE SAFE ON THE BUS ACCS Starts CLICK IT! Program

Parents:

Durham and the Ark Community Charter School supports the *Click It* program, which requires everyone to wear a seatbelt on the bus. We know this will greatly improve the safety on your child's bus ride.



ON MR. DARYL'S MENU THIS WEEK:

*HOT BREAKFAST: **French Toast, Hash Browns Bacon, & Orange Juice**

LUNCH:

Mon: B Day BBO Chicken Corn Muffins
*G3&4 Coleslaw Fruit Milk

Tues: A Day Nachos Refried Beans
*G6 Fruit Milk

Wed: B Day Turkey Stuffing Vegetable
*K Fruit Milk

Thurs: No School

Fri: No School

What's Coming Up at ACCS?

Wed.	12/22	Pajama Day
Thur.	12/23-12/31	NO SCHOOL Holiday Recess
Mon.	01/03/11	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
Fri.	01/07 8:15am	Community Morning Meeting
Tue.	01/11 3:30pm	Board Meeting
Fri.	01/14 7:45am	Attendance Star Special Breakfast
Mon.	01/17	NO SCHOOL: Martin Luther King Jr.