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Kindergarten, Room 122

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Mama Antonette and Mama Toni, Room 122

Mama Antonette

Jambo (Hello),

I would like to take this time to introduce myself and welcome you to Kwame Nkrumah Academy. My name is Mama Antonette (Parker). I began teaching at Kwame Nkrumah Academy in 2009. This will be my second year teaching kindergarten. I look forward to an exciting and productive year. Parents can correspond with me via email at aparker@kwamenkrumahacademy.org. I will be sure to answer each email at my earliest convenience.

Mama Toni

Welcome to Kindergarten! My name is Mama Toni (Antoinette Parrales). This is my fourth year as a teacher assistant at Kwame Nkrumah Academy. I am so excited about the opportunity to get to know you and your child, and I'm looking forward to a happy and productive school year. Parents can correspond with me via email at aparrles@kwamenkrumahacademy.org. I will be sure to answer each email at my earliest convenience.



Unity.Knowledge.Legacy.

Let's Celebrate Family! Umoja Karamu (Unity Feast)



Nzema Village

The Nzema are an Akan people who live in southwestern Ghana and southeast of Côte d'Ivoire. Their language is also known as Nzima (in Ghana) or Appolo (in the Ivory Coast). The Nzema are mostly farmers. A religious *kundum* festival is held annually all over the Ahanta-Nzema area, starting in the easternmost part of Ahanta and advancing southwestward.



Dr. Kwame Nkrumah was an Nzema.

Ma'at Principle—African Folktales- Book of the Month

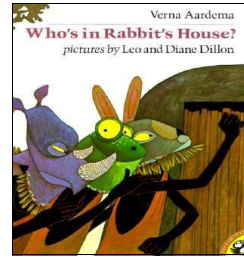
Ma'at Principle for November:

Justice

“ Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” *Martin Luther King Jr.*



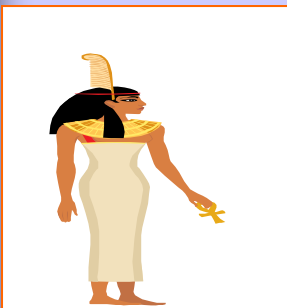
African Folktales for November:



Who's in Rabbit's House?

Book of the month for November:

Our People by Angela Shelf Medearis

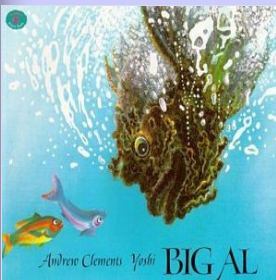


Our social development is enriched with the seven principles (virtues) of MA'AT: "truth, justice, harmony, balance, order, reciprocity, propriety."

Classroom Goals & Expectations

Kindergarten is a time of new beginnings, of making friends, and of learning lots of new things each and every day. Our days and weeks will be filled with many wonderful experiences and opportunities for learning and growing. African culture, history and values are infused through-

out the academic curriculum and classroom environment at Kwame Nkrumah Academy. Cooperation is essential to successfully bringing home and school together to promote learning.



Big Al by Andrew Clements is one of our class's favorite read

Classroom Reminders

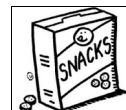
Lending Library

Students in the kindergarten are able to check out books from our Lending Library. Guidelines for the Lending Library: Read the book every night. Keep the book in the bag inside your book bag. Do not write in the book. Books are exchanged and returned every **Monday**. Students cannot check a book out until they have returned their previous book.

Show and Tell

Kindergarten will have SHOW AND TELL EVERY Friday or Thursday when there is no school Friday. I suggest posting a "SHOW AND TELL" reminder on your refrigerator!! Educational items are great - but anything special to your child is fine too! Please keep toy guns, expensive toys/items, and interactive games/TV toys at home. These types of toys can disrupt our class learning environment.

Reminder: Our class needs snacks. Thank you to the parents that have already donated!



It is also time to replenish classroom supplies: disinfectant wipes, soap, kleenex, paper towels, pencils. Thank you for your support!

Classroom Curriculum

Imagine It Reading

www.imagineitreading.com

SraImagineit.com



In this section you will list the Stories you will be working on for the month, the skills and provide an opportunity for parents and students at home to research activities.



This site is linked to Imagine It! And provides Vocabulary Instruction and Activities for parents and students.

Practice this week's VO-CABULARY

(Be sure to click on the tab that says "Word Meaning" for the appropriate practice!)



We are currently working on the poem Making Friends by Eloise Greenfield



Making Friends by Eloise Greenfield

Interactive Websites

www.sraimagineit.com

[Yahooligans](#)

everydaymath.uchicago.edu/parents/homework

[AskJeeves for Kids](#)

[Kid's Click](#)

Horizons-Social Studies

[TechMom](#)

[Starfall Phonics Games](#)

Foss Science

Student Search Engines



Nzema Village Special Schedule

Monday: Spanish
Tuesday: Gym (gym shirts and shorts should be worn under uniforms)
Wednesday: Library
Thursday: Music
Friday: Dance

This Week's Assignment (Homework due Mondays)

Monday

Language Arts- Draw a picture of something that starts with "d" and write the word.

Weekly Reader Connect- Fun With Poetry
Math- Addition

Tuesday

Language Arts- Draw a picture of something that starts with "p" and write the word.

Writing- Write your sight words 5x each trace over the vowels with a red crayon.

Wednesday

Reading - : Read "Today We Give Thanks".

Write about something or someone you are thankful for.

Math- Take an Animal Count!

Thursday

Language Arts- Write about your Umoja Karamu

Friday

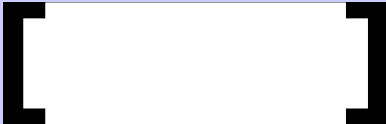
Book Report- read and book and fill out book report form

Math- Count to 100. Count backwards from 50

six, seven, eight, nine, ten

This week's words:

**Kwame Nkrumah
Academy**



Back Page Story Headline



Caption describing picture or graphic.