



## Newsletter Date

Week of November 21,  
2011

### Reminders:

- Check BEE Notebooks daily for homework and notes.
- Read daily and record on Reading Log
- Field Trip (Nov. 23)

HAVE A HAPPY  
HOLIDAY!

## Volume 1, Issue 1

### Teacher's Welcome

Welcome to the Village of NDONGO ,  
Room 118.

My name is Mama Yvonne (Johnson) Teacher, and Mama Kendra (Clayter) is my Instructional Partner. We are looking forward to another exciting and rewarding school year. Our desire is to meet each child's need. Our curriculum is very rich and has been infused with learning about our heritage and culture. Our children will learn and practice the Seven Principles of Ma'at. We believe these principles are essential to the development of the whole child.

Parent communication is crucial. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to call the school to set up an appointment or email me at

yjohnson@kwamenkrumahacademy.org.

### African Village Name

Our Village name is the NDONGO Village.

The **Kingdom of Ndongo**, formerly known as **Dongo** or **Angola**, is the name of an early-modern African state located in what is now day Angola.

The [Kingdom](#) of Ndongo is first recorded in the sixteenth century. It was one of a number of vassal states to [Kongo](#) that existed in the region, though Ndongo was the most powerful of these with a king called the *Ngola*



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### Ma'at Principle—African Folktale- Book of the Month

MA'AT Principle of the Month : African Folktale of the Month :

Justice

Why do Mosquitoes Buzz in People's

Character Trait of the Month: Ears? By Aardema Vera

Fairness”

### Classroom Goals & Expectations

Our classroom behavior plan runs off a color card system. Children will start each day on green. If they have difficulty remembering the rules, they will receive a warning. If the behavior continues, their card is then changed to yellow, then to red if no improvements. A note will then be sent home. Please sign and return. Please encourage your child to do his or her best each day.

Our Classroom Behavior

1. We are good friends to each other.
2. We use quiet voices in the classroom and village.
3. We listen when others are speaking.
4. We make safe choices with our bodies.
5. We keep our area clean.

### Classroom Announcements & Classroom Schedule

Weekly Schedule

Monday Spanish 1:20-2:00

Tuesday Music 10:00-10:40

Gym 2:10-2:55

Wed. Technology 1:20-2:00

Library 2:00-2:20

Thursday Spanish 11:40-12:20

Friday Dance 12:30-1:10

**Classroom Curriculum**

Imagine It Reading

[www.imagineitreading.com](http://www.imagineitreading.com)

[Sraimagineit.com](http://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 story \_\_\_\_\_*



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**Interactive Websites**

[www.sraimagineit.com](http://www.sraimagineit.com)

[everydaymath.uchicago.edu/parents/homework](http://everydaymath.uchicago.edu/parents/homework)

[Www.harcourt.com](http://Www.harcourt.com)

Foss Science

Student Search Engines

[Yahooligans](#)

[AskJeeves for Kids](#)

[Kid's Click](#)

[TechMom](#)

[Starfall Phonics Games](#)

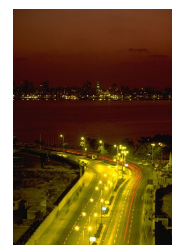
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**This Week's Assignment**

**Homework For The Week:**

Children are to read daily and record what they read on their Monthly Reading Log. An incentive is given for completion of the logs, which is a free pizza (Book-It) from Pizza Hut. Homework Logs listing daily homework is

placed in binders on Monday. Please check your child's binder daily.



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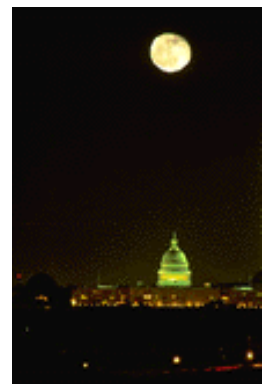
**Kwame Nkrumah  
Academy**

Ndongo was built by the [Mbundu people](#), a [Bantu-speaking](#) people inhabiting northern [Angola](#).

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