



# Primary Academy

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## WELCOME TO THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR!

Dear Primary Academy Families,

We will be publishing this bi-monthly newsletter to highlight the learning, activities and happenings in the Primary Academy. The information in this first edition has been provided by staff, but watch as future editions will contain articles and features written by our students! The start of this school year has presented us with a few challenges, yet we remain committed to making this school year a great one for all! Thank you for your continued support for students and all here at The Village!

Sincerely,  
Dr. Washington



## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

### FROM MR. WASHINGTON AND MS. AMBLER

We have continued to work on building community in our classrooms, reinforcing expectations and routines, and introducing and exploring various materials. We will begin to delve into curriculum work next week.

Please check your student's backpack daily, as well as their folder and planner. Establish and practice that your student is to be responsible for taking care of all items inside their backpack, including I pads.

Please check our Class Dojo pages daily, as we will send messages and post pictures and videos.

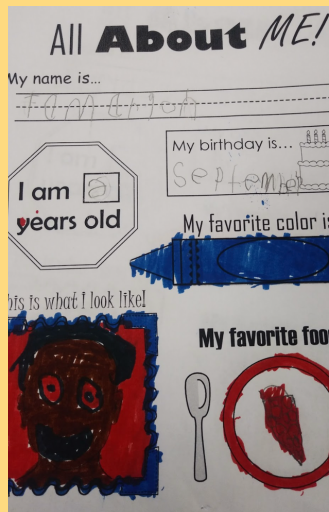
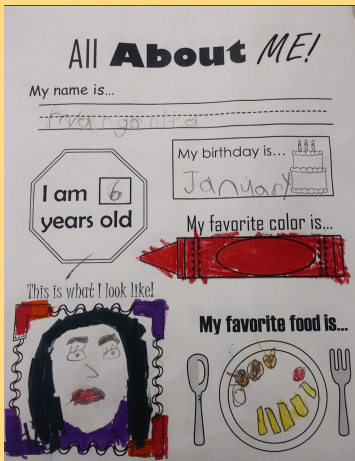
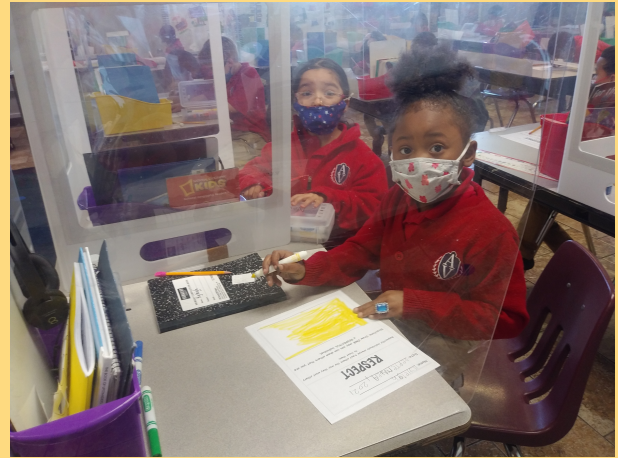
Please ensure that your student gets plenty of sleep each night, and is ready to navigate their way through a full, busy, fun day of school!



# 1ST GRADE

## ALL ABOUT ME!

Our 1st grade students have been busy building community in their classrooms. This includes the opportunity to share about themselves in an "All About Me!" project. Learning about one another's likes helps to build relationships between students. Ask your 1st grader about the new friends they have made in class this year!



## Handwriting!

All Primary Academy students will be receiving direct teaching on handwriting this school year! First grade is beginning with all letters of the alphabet, focusing on proper pencil grip and directionality. Remind your student, letters start "at the top!"

## 2ND GRADERS: LEADING THE WAY!

As the oldest in the Primary Academy, our 2nd grade students are poised to lead! While our Town Hall Meetings are still being held by Zoom each week, 2nd grade leaders are already preparing to speak to their classmates as we share about our Village Values!

Current focus skills in 2nd Grade:

- **Math:** Place Value and Identifying the Value of each digit in a number; Counting by 5s and 10s to 120
- **Science:** Sound Energy and the Properties of Matter
- **Reading:** Fluent Reading, Rhyming Words and Patterns, Blends with the long a sound

