



# MLK K-2 NEWSLETTER

November 2013

## THE MONSTER MASH:

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of October we had a performance of the Monster Mash. Thank you all for coming out to support your talented children. It was entirely choreographed, casted, and performed by the kids and they, as you saw, did a spectacular job. We are very proud of everyone and we hope that you enjoyed the show. Based on the positive response of the children, we will be hosting a variety show sometime in early January. We will keep you posted on it as we get closer to the date.



## NOVEMBER IS WORLD TRAVELING MONTH

This November we are packing our bags and indulging in our wanderlust as we visit the countries of our heritage. We will be making passports and filling them up with stamps from countries like Germany, Dominican Republic, and China. We will be exploring traditions and culture of the places we visit by playing the games, listening to the music, and eating the food from these exciting locales. The children will learn about the flags and histories (at least as much as afternoon visits will allow) of the places we go and the places we came from. If you have any cultural traditions that you would like to share, please let us know.

On December 5<sup>th</sup> we will be holding a family potluck at 5 o'clock with the King 2-5 program. This will cap off our globetrotting adventure. Families are encouraged to bring cultural family recipes to share.

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- November 7<sup>th</sup> - Early Release Day (program is open)
- November 11<sup>th</sup> - Program is closed for Veteran's Day
- November 27<sup>th</sup> - Early Release Day (program is open)
- November 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> - Program is closed for Thanksgiving
- December 6<sup>th</sup> - Family Potluck

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## INTERVIEW WITH ALINA

J: Hello Alina, you have been reading to the kindergartners during homework time on Mondays, how did that start?

A: Well I don't have homework on Mondays so Melissa asked me to read to them and I just started doing it.

J: Do you ever have trouble getting the kindergartners to listen?

A: Usually, I let the person who is sitting the nicest choose the book. It is easy to get them to listen. I say that if you want to pick out the book, you have to be quiet and patient. I just wait until they are.

J: Where did you learn that?

A: In my school, the boys play guns and make noise when we are trying to read Chinese stories as a class. And you really want to listen to hear everything so my teacher just waits.

J: Do you like reading to the Kindergartners?

A: Well, I like it because it feels like I *am* a teacher and I always liked thinking about teaching little kids and it feels good.

J: So other than the kindergartners, do you read to anyone else?

A: I pretend that my stuffed animals are kids and I teach them.

J: What about your sister?

A: My sister is in love with books. She sits criss-cross applesauce and listens. I love to read to my sister. She is potty training and my mom got a book called *Potty*. And in it, it is funny because the baby flushes his diaper and says bye bye diaper.

J: Do you want to be a teacher when you grow up?

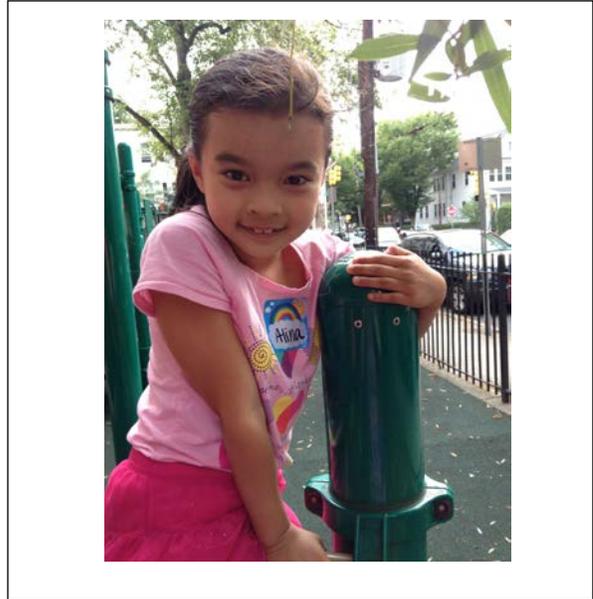
A: I have a lot of choices. I want to be a math doctor or an artist or a statistician or a teacher or a kid's librarian who reads to the children.

J: It is pretty safe to say that you love reading.

A: I like reading a lot. I read chapter books. *Magic Tree House* is my favorite. Reading is my favorite thing in school, then math. Besides snack recess and lunch, I mean.

J: Thank you Alina.

A: No problem.



## CLASSROOM REPORTER: FAVORITE THING WE DID LAST MONTH.

Rory liked making monster masks.

Iris liked dancing in the Monster Mash.

Ayani liked the monster masks.

Callie liked the cabbage juice acid/base science experiment.

Xela loved planning and dancing in the Monster Mash.

Acadia liked doing the Monster Mash.

Nia liked making a mask.

Micah liked the monster science experiments.

Yaslin liked the Monster Mash.

Siani loved the corn maze and monster mash

Lilliana liked the Monster Mash.

Jae-Lillian liked the Monster Mash.

Jasper liked being a mad scientist in the Monster Mash.

Jackson liked the Monster Mash

Jenna liked the Monster Mash

Zoey liked making the apple mummies.

Alina liked the Monster Mash

Eliza liked the Monster Mash.

Taliyah liked the Monster Mash.



### Parent reminders:

We will be outside a lot during our program especially on vacation days. As the weather gets colder, please be sure to dress your children appropriately.

Also, if your child will be missing the program for the day, please be sure to call and let us know or leave a message at 617- 349-6271 before 1:30.