

January 11, 2008

Notes to HJCS Parents

A New Award— Strictly for Kindergartners

The Junior CAMP Award

Since the beginning of the year, our Henry Johnson Kindergarten scholars have made tremendous growth in their work in their special classes of Computer, Art, Music, and Physical Education, but when they go

up against the First Graders—a whole year older and more experienced—they just haven't been able to compete for the original CAMP Award introduced in September. That honor has gone back and forth between 1A and 1B, with our younger scholars left sitting on the sidelines.



Beginning this month, we are correcting that situation by introducing the Junior CAMP Award, available only to Kindergarten classes. Designed by Mr. Shaw (as was the first), this award includes emblems of all four areas: a trombone, basketball-playing bears, art tools, and a web camera. When January is over, one of our KG classes will have the honor of hosting the trophy in their classroom for the entire month of February, when competition begins anew for the February award.

Please encourage your KG scholars to follow the rules and take their work seriously in each of their specials classes so they can help their classroom team to qualify for the Junior CAMP Award!



**THIS WEEK'S
NORTHSTARS:**
At left, Brandon
Akuoko, Beatrice
Johnson, Chyann
Johnson, Preston
Foster, Zaliyah
Edwards.
All Smiles!



January Proactivity Virtue: Respect for Rules

This month we are looking for scholars who consistently demonstrate that they respect the rules—whether it be in the classroom, in their special subjects, or (and here we are most interested) in the cafeteria during breakfast and lunch. Our proverb for this virtue is, "You have the right to be safe, and the responsibility to help make that happen." Boisterous behavior in the cafeteria can lead to slipping on spilled milk, tripping over backpacks and coats, not hearing the directions of Educational Assistants, and other problems. The award for scholars who qualify: a special lunch at the end of the month—maybe McDonalds!

Calendar Reminder—

Next week will be a short week for HJCS scholars as teachers attend a Professional Development Day on Friday. The following Monday is also a holiday for us all, as we remember Martin Luther King, Jr. So—**NO SCHOOL for HJCS scholars on Friday, Jan. 18 and Monday, Jan. 21.** Enjoy!

Busy Days at HJCS—



Above: Kindergartners recite "A Box of Crayons," Privina and Yasin lead the Sandpaper cheer, First Grade sings "Lean on Me."



Cluster to the Left: Scholars work in Centers in KGB, sharing, thinking, and cutting. Cluster to the Right: 1B has an ELA lesson, complete with a "That's the Way I Like It" cheer, Morning Message, and reading from the text.



Below, KGC prepares to make soup. Bottom right: Mr. Foglia enjoys the results.

