



# Obama Magnet School

## Second Grade Newsletter

Week of January 9th - January 19th, 2024

### Student Reflections



"Communicating is talking to all types of other people. You can communicate with people in your group and see what they know about [a project]." Austin James, Mrs. Eubanks' Class

"Being caring means to be kind. One time my baby sister fell and I helped her up. I got her to calm down and put on her favorite show." Karmen Taylor, Ms. de Gruy's Class

### Skills and Assessments

**Reading/Language:** Scholars will work to identify the main topic and unknown words, as well as explain the significance of pictures and diagrams in a text. They will begin their new Wit & Wisdom Module regarding civil rights.

**Math:** Scholars will begin to look at measuring the length of an object using appropriate tools.

**Science:** Scholars will begin their earth science unit, looking at patterns between the Earth, Moon, and stars.

**Social Studies:** Scholars will begin their civil rights unit by looking at the importance of traditions and cultures.

**Spanish:** Spanish Calendar, Hispanic Leaders- Cesar Chavez & Celia Cruz

**Assessments:** ELA, Math

### Save the Date

December 22, 2023-January 8, 2024 Winter Break

January 9, 2024 Students return to school

January 10th: School Portrait order forms MUST be returned with exact change

January 15th: MLK Day

### Resources on the Web

[iReady Learning Path](#)

[Khan Academy](#)

Visit the [JPS EdTech](#) page to access digital learning resources. Check out the resources available in your scholar's Clever account.

### Current Unit of Inquiry

**Transdisciplinary Theme:**

Sharing the Planet

**Central Idea:** Leaders interact with people to build and maintain communities.

**Key Concepts:** function, connection, responsibility

**Related Concepts:** cooperation, citizenship, government

**Lines of inquiry:**

- Resources in a community
- Connections within communities
- Civil Rights issues

### Featured Learner Profile Attribute

**COMMUNICATORS:** As IB learners, we express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.

**CARING:** IB learners show empathy, compassion, and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.

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