



# Obama Magnet School Kindergarten Newsletter

Week of September 5-15, 2023

## Student Reflections

Talk about a time when you had to be a risk-taker



*I was a risk-taker when I went on the monkey bars on the playground. I had never been on them before and even though I was nervous, I still did it.*

-Fredrick Thompson,  
Mrs. Hayes' class

*I was a risk-taker when I opened my milk by myself at lunch. I did not have to ask my teacher.*

-Olivia Bell,  
Ms. Shelby's class

## **Skills and Assessments**

**Reading/Language:** Scholars will inquire and respond to who, what, when, where, why, and how questions about details from stories/texts. They will identify features of print and parts of a book, as well as the author and illustrator.

**Math:** Scholars will explore decomposing numbers and will be introduced to the concepts of addition and subtraction.

**Social Studies:** Scholars will continue to explore how schools and those within are organized to promote learning.

**Science:** Scholars will compare, explore and discover living and nonliving things around the school and world.

**Spanish:** Colors (red, blue, green, and yellow), feelings, and numbers 1-8

**Assessments:** Math, ELA, Formative

## **Save the Date**

September 4- Labor Day Holiday (no school)

September 8- Vocabulary Parade

September 8- International Day of Peace

September 15- NO SCHOOL for students (Professional development for teachers)

## **Resources on the Web**

[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:**

**How We Organize Ourselves**

**Central idea:** Schools are organized to promote learning.

**Key concepts:** Function, causation, responsibility systems

**Related concepts:** Patterns, cooperation, and education

**Lines of inquiry:**

- Features of schools
- School routines and classroom traditions
- Actions that impact the learning environment

## **Featured Learner Profile Attribute**

**THINKER:** *IB learners use critical and creative thinking skills to analyze and take responsible action on complex problems. We exercise initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions.*

**RISK-TAKER:** *IB learners approach unfamiliar situations and uncertainty with courage and forethought and have the independence of spirit to explore new roles, ideas and strategies. We are brave and articulate in defending their beliefs.*

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