



KIPP IMANI TIMES

All you need to know!

KDIA FEATURED TEAM MEMEBER



Happy March KDIA Families,

This month we are excited to introduce our Wayne State University Homeroom Teacher Ms. Kenya Manley.

Ms. Manley, is a dedicated educator with over 20 years of experience in the field of education. She attended Jackson State University with a focus in music education. Kenya's passion for enlightening young minds has been unwavering.

Beyond the classroom, she finds joy in hobbies like reading, writing, traveling, golfing, and attending concerts. Having grown up in the Cody Rouge community, she is delighted to give back to the area that played a significant role in shaping her own education. For Ms. Manley, teaching is not just a profession – it's a source of genuine happiness.



MARCH

DATE	EVENT
03/04	Reading Month Activities begin
03/05	Motown by the Book: Reading Challenge Begins
3/13	Q3 Progress Reports Go home
3/14	Family Literacy Night @5:30
3/21	Motown By the Book Reading Challenge Ends
3/25 - 3/29	Spring Break: No School

March is Reading Month!

Dear KDIA Families,

While we encourage reading all year long, March is Reading Month! With that, we have lots of activities planned for our students and families designed to promote reading at school and home. Not only are these activities designed to have students reading at home, some will help parents/caregivers in developing their child's reading and comprehension skills. On the other side of this letter you will find a special calendar. Please refer to the calendar for our special Reading Month Spirit Days and don't forget, **Family Literacy Night will be held Thursday, March 14th from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm.**

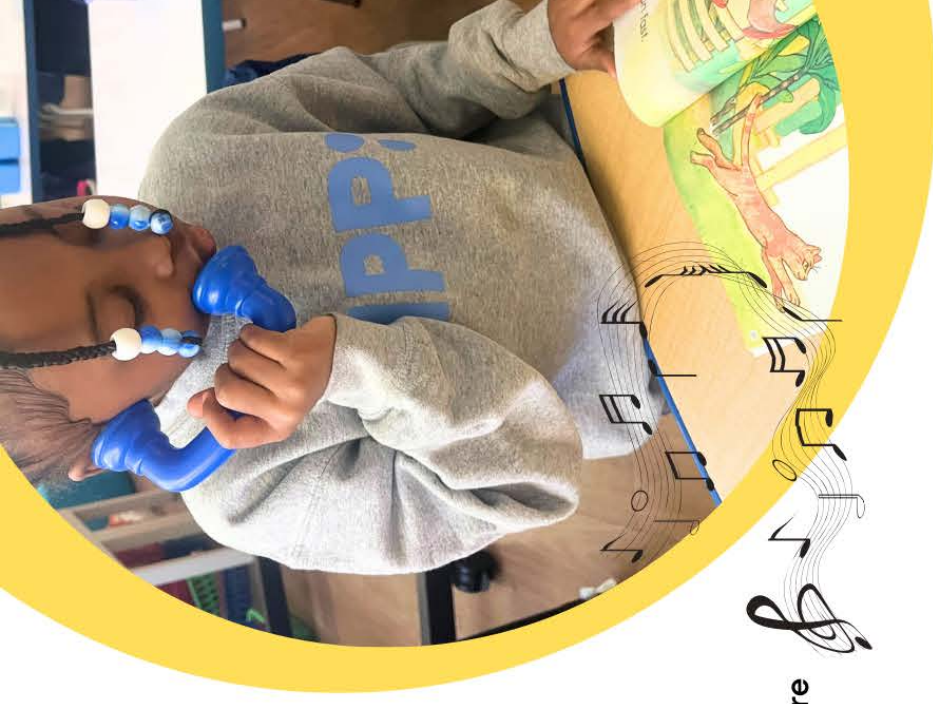
Happy Reading,
KIPP Detroit Imani Academy Staff

present

BY THE BOOK

Reading Challenge

To encourage reading at an early age, KDIA & The Motown Museum would like to offer a reward to the students who read the most books during reading month. This is your chance to win prizes, certificates, and bragging rights! The more books you read, the more points you'll earn!

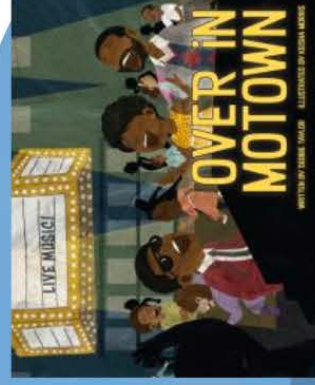
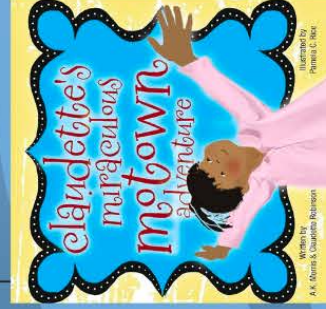


Each time you read a book, fill out the Reading Response Sheet and turn it in to your teacher. You will receive more blank reading response sheets as needed. Each KIPPster will receive 1 point for each Reading Response Sheet submitted.

Prizes:

- The top 50 students who read the most books will receive a tour of the Motown Museum on a designated day. Each student is required to be accompanied by 1 adult who will receive a ticket at a discounted rate.
- The top 50 readers will also receive a Motown-themed children's book (see below for examples) and a reading certificate.
- The KIPPster that reads the most books will win a Motown Magic Reading Trophy.

Final day to submit Reading Response Sheets is Thursday, March 21st!!



Roll out the red carpet for...

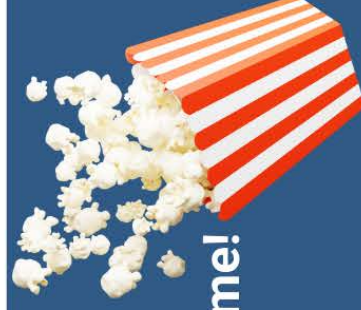
FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT

Thursday, March 14th

5:30 - 6:30

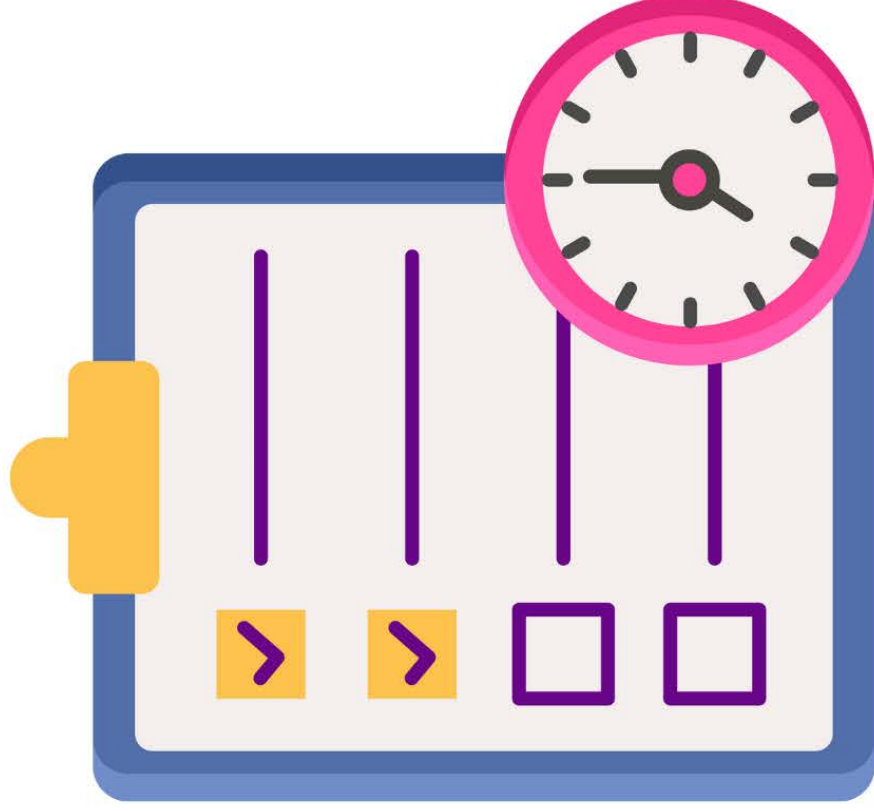


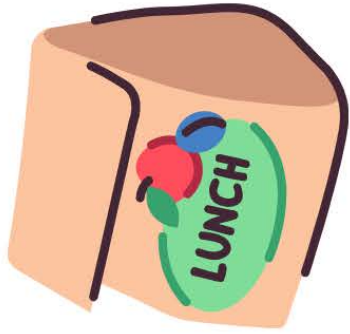
- Learning Games
- Resources
- Creative ideas on how to help your child read at home!
- Light refreshments will be provided.



KDIA Q3: PROGRESS REPORTS

Q3 Progress Reports will be going home on Wednesday, March 13th. This will provide you insight to how your KIPPster is progressing going into Spring. Break. If you have any questions, please contact your KIPPster's HR Teacher.





LUNCH GUIDE

**AS YOUR PARTNER IN KEEPING YOUR HIPPISTER HEALTHY AND HAPPY,
WE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE LUNCH GUIDANCE.**

- **Special Lunches**

- We know every child likes a “treat!” And often, bringing them a special lunch [like McDonalds] is a way to make them feel special. It is a beautiful gesture. Be advised that your special gesture can cause complications in the cafeteria. Often, it ends up where others are asking them to share and it puts your KIPPster in an tough spot. We’ve watched this special treat turn into a dramatic situation for young minds to figure out.
- **From watching this good intention go wrong, our request is that you do not bring special lunches (like McDonalds).**

- **Vending Machines**

- If you would like your KIPPster to use this vending machine, please come INSIDE and use it with them before or after school. **Unfortunately, our teammates cannot assist with this and we are not responsible for lost or stolen money.**

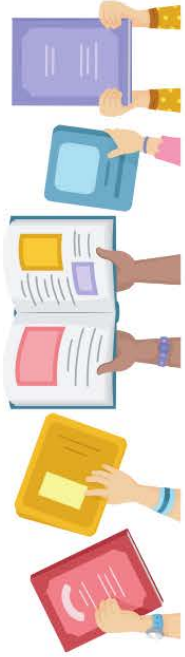
- **Drinks**

- We have noticed that KIPPsters are bringing drinks such as pop and energy drinks. Please do NOT send your KIPPster to school with these drinks.

- **Right-sized foods and drink**

- Our KIPPsters are sent with very large drinks or very large bags of chips. Often times, the sizes are so large that they don’t finish them. When making decisions about the size of the drink or chips, please purchase smaller sizes.





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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
<p>4</p>  <p>Harambee</p> <p>Kick off to reading challenge!</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>"Read My Shirt Day"</p> <p>Wear a shirt with words on it to school.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>D.E.A.R.</p> <p>Wear crazy socks to school, and read silly stories.</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>"Sport a new book", Wear your favorite sports team apparel.</p> <p>*Read about an influential athlete.</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>D.E.A.R.</p> <p>International Women's Day</p> <p>*Read about an influential woman in history.</p> 	<p>9</p> <p>Play a board game that requires reading.</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Read a recipe and create it</p> 
<p>11</p> <p>Teacher Swap!</p> <p>Engage in a read aloud read by a teacher from a different classroom.</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>Black out day! No technology! Wear all black to school.</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>READING RAINBOW</p> <p>D.E.A.R.</p> <p>Wear as many colors as you can to school.</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>Family Literacy Night! 5:30pm-6:30pm</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>D.E.A.R.</p> <p>Lucky Reader! Wear green to school.</p> <p>*Read a book about Irish culture.</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>Build a fort and read a book inside it.</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Read the street signs that you pass.</p> 
<p>18</p> <p>Wear superhero T-shirts or capes to school because reading is our superpower.</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>Special Guest Reader: Night Nina</p> <p>Pajama Day! Wear pajamas to school</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>D.E.A.R.</p> <p>Wear a hat to school for hats off to reading.</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>Book Character Day!</p> <p>Dress up as your favorite book character.</p> 	<p>22</p> <p>D.E.A.R.</p> <p>Be a Reading "Jean-ous" Wear jeans to school.</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>Write a story about something you did this week. Have your parents help you stretch words you don't know yet.</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>Read to a pet or stuffed animal.</p> 
<p>25</p> <p>First Day of Spring Break! NO SCHOOL!</p> 						

D.E.A.R. - Drop everything and read 8:15 - 8:30 am

Students must be dressed in uniform if not participating in spirit days and on non-spirit days.