

# The Eagle Express



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## Let's Talk!!!!

Spring is here and excitement is in the air as we continue to have a wonderful year of learning here at AWJ. As always, we greatly appreciate the combined efforts of all as we support our students in successfully meeting the highest of standards set before them!

As we enter the month of April, our teachers and staff continue to introduce and review rigorous academic skills and content across all grade levels. With roughly three weeks remaining before our Mississippi Academic Assessment Program testing weeks, it is imperative that our students are present each day and eager to actively participate in applying the purposeful teaching and learning taking place. During this testing window, please be sure to support your students by having them at school on time each morning, having had a good, nutritious breakfast, and well-rested from the night before. We thank you in advance for your continued support as our students excel during our MAAP testing! Our third grade students are scheduled to take the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade MAAP ELA test on April 17 - 20. Please do not schedule any appointments or parent visits on that day.

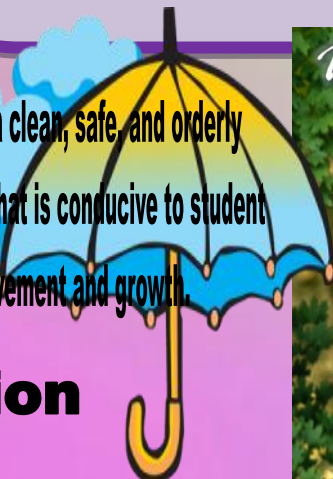
Our students have been sooooo involved in their learning this school year and they have developed a passion for it. Teachers and parents, you have done a great job of keeping our children focused this school year. We anticipate the results of the MAAP (state testing). We believe that we will grow and that we will remain a "B" Level (or above) school.

With the end of the school year quickly approaching, we want to thank each of you for your ongoing support of our students, our teachers and staff, and our mission here at AWJ. This year has been, and continues to be, a success due to the collective efforts of all in providing opportunities for our students to succeed and grow.



To provide a clean, safe, and orderly environment that is conducive to student achievement and growth.

## Mission



*We only have one home*

- David Bayliss

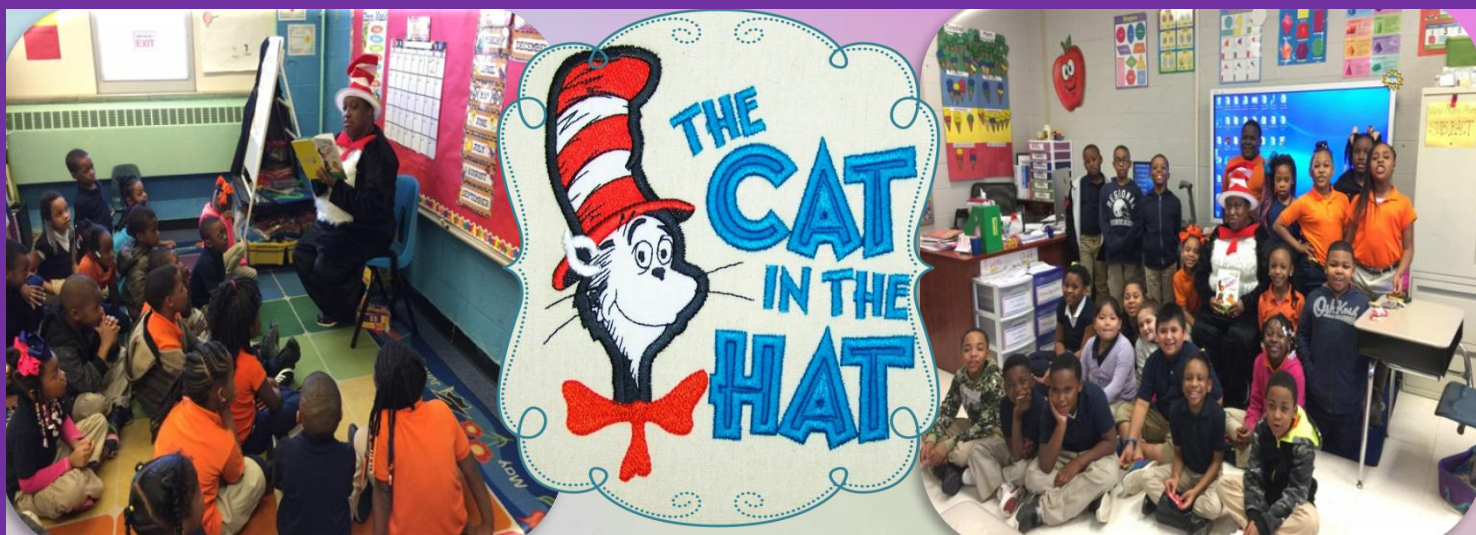


Happy Earth Day

## Vision

We envision our school as a "Successful" or (above rated) school. We hold ourselves accountable for implementing, with fidelity, teaching and learning processes that will enable all students to achieve academic growth

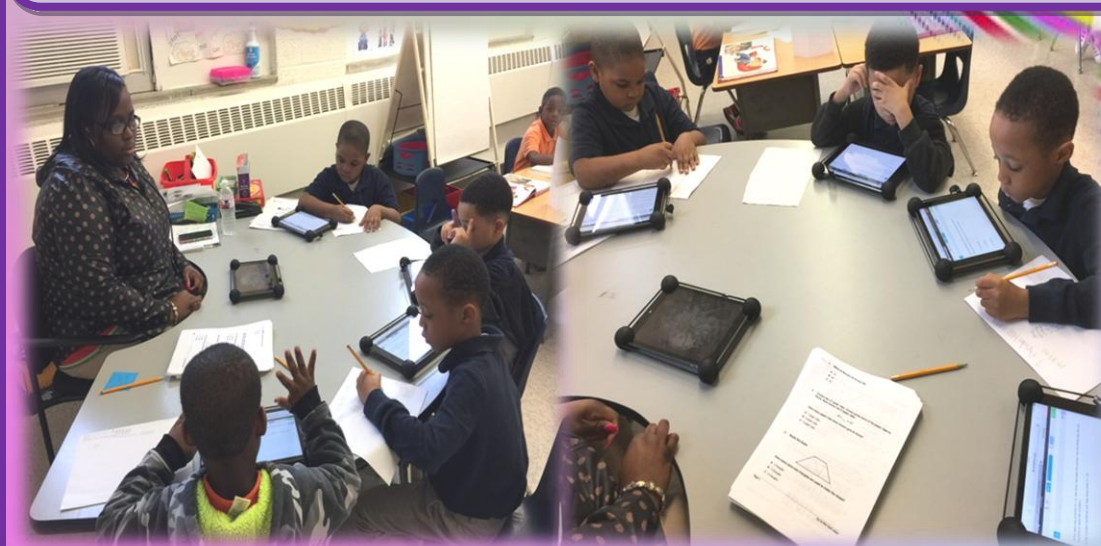




**Read Across America week prompted a surprise appearance from a welcomed visitor. The Cat in the Hat visited students in grades Pre-K - 2nd. The students were very excited to have the cat come and share a story with them. They look forward to the cat's return next year.**



**Ms. Luckett's Kindergarten class is hard at work having a great time getting prepared for the 3rd 9-weeks assessment. The students participated in many hands on activities which brought love, joy and excitement to the learning environment. Way to go Kindergarten!**



**Ms. McBride's 1st grade class rotates throughout centers to practice answering questions in the student assessment program to help prepare for the 3rd 9-weeks assessments. Keep it up 1st grade!**





**Ashley Chism**

## WELCOME TO THE TEAM

The faculty and staff of A.W. James would like to welcome its two newest members - Pre-K assistant Ashley Chism and Skibble Bryant who assists in both 2nd and 3rd grade.



**Skibble Bryant**



Mrs. Jefcoat's 2nd and 3rd grade gifted students are presented the opportunity to showcase their artistic ability after studying a unit on Mexico. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Jefcoat for challenging our students and creating an environment that enables them to continue towards progress.



Students from Mrs. Lienard's 1st grade class enjoy the benefit of collecting Eagle bucks through their display of good behavior. They are granted the opportunity to shop at the PBIS store where they trade their Eagle bucks for different prizes. Keep it up 1st graders!





**THANK  
YOU  
TEACHERS  
AND STAFF**



During the latest Professional Development session, faculty and staff members were presented with small tokens of appreciation to say thanks for making a difference in the lives of students every day. It takes a big heart to shape little minds and we thank our wonderful staff for all that they do to educate and motivate students.



A birthday celebration sponsored by the parents of Ryan Foster allowed students in Ms. King and Ms. Townsend's Pre-K class to witness the acts of a magician. We certainly want to thank Ryan's parents for making it possible for both classes to experience such a wonderful event!

**Spring Learning Walk**  
**April 11th**

**3rd Grade MAAP Assessment**

  
**Questar**  
**April 16th - 20th**

**DATES TO  
REMEMBER**



**April 24th**

**MKAS<sup>2</sup>**  
**Assessment**  
**Pre-K & Kindergarten**  
**April 23 - 30th**



**STAR<sup>TM</sup>**  
**Assessments**  
**April 23 - 30th**