

# Rise Up & Write!

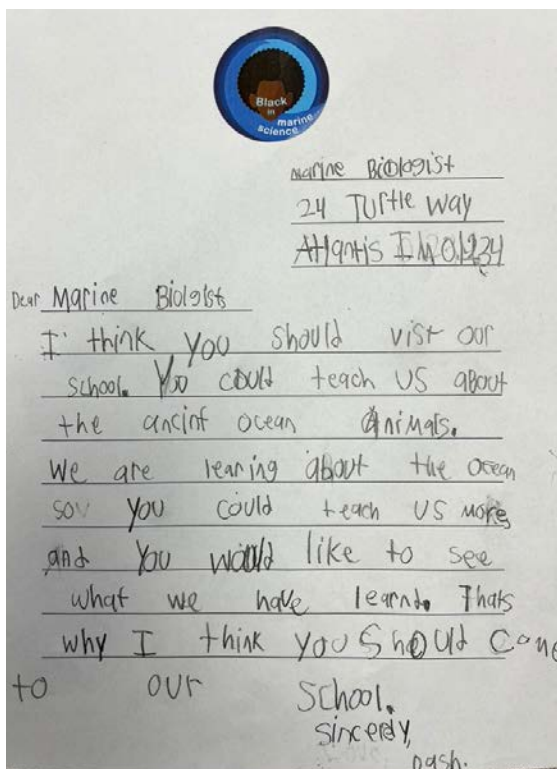


## WELCOME!

AJLA "Rise Up & Write" is a space for students of all ages to celebrate the writing that they have been working on at school. From building foundational literacy skills to crafting paragraphs of work- AJLA students cover it all! Please enjoy our class writing features, each displaying developmentally appropriate technique through drawing, letter formation, and spelling. Nurturing the progress of skills is our goal- not perfection!

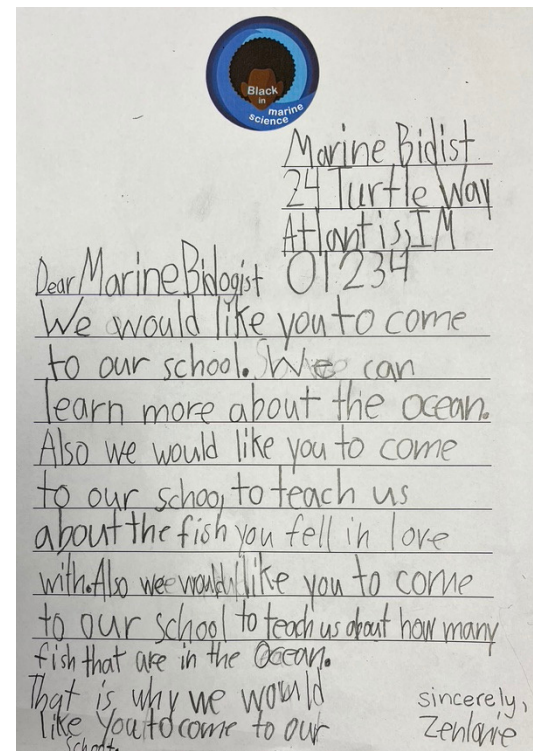
## Second Grade

Second graders are learning all about the ocean and marine biologists. They have been learning about marine biologists of color for Black History Month and came across an organization "Black in Marine Science"! They have written persuasive letters to the organization asking for a marine scientist to come speak to our class.



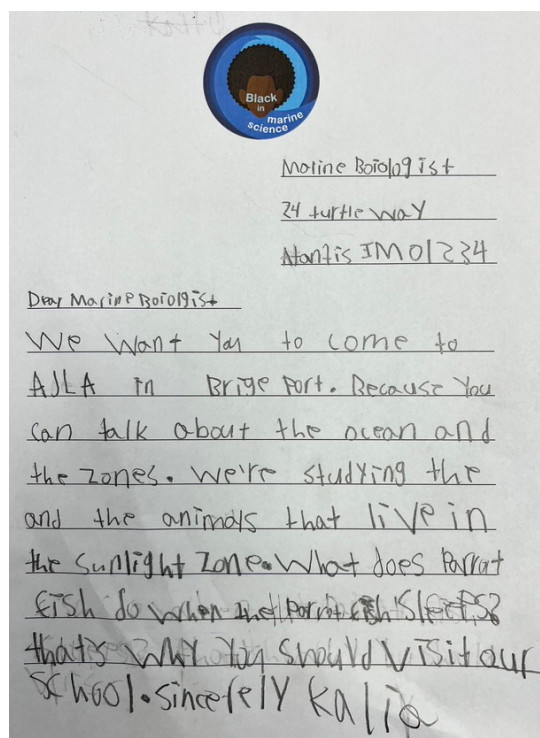
## WHAT IS IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE?

- Class Writing Features
- The AJLA Way
- AJLA Pizza Parlor Advertisement
- Winter Weather Word Search



## COMING SOON: THE AJLA WAY

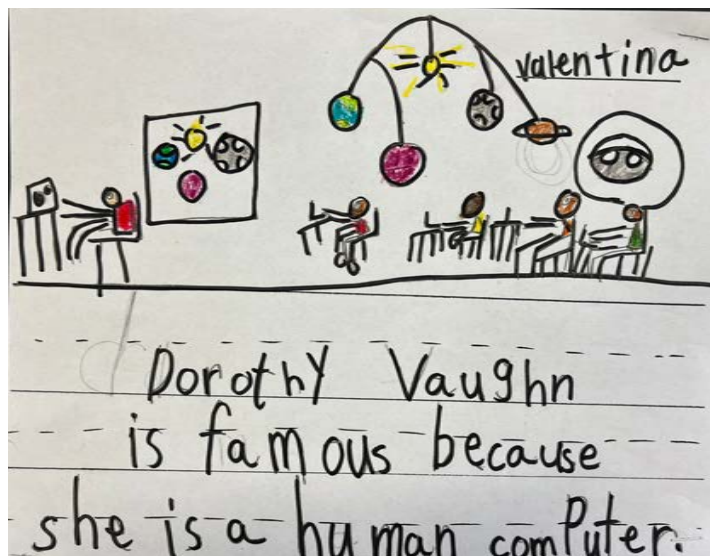
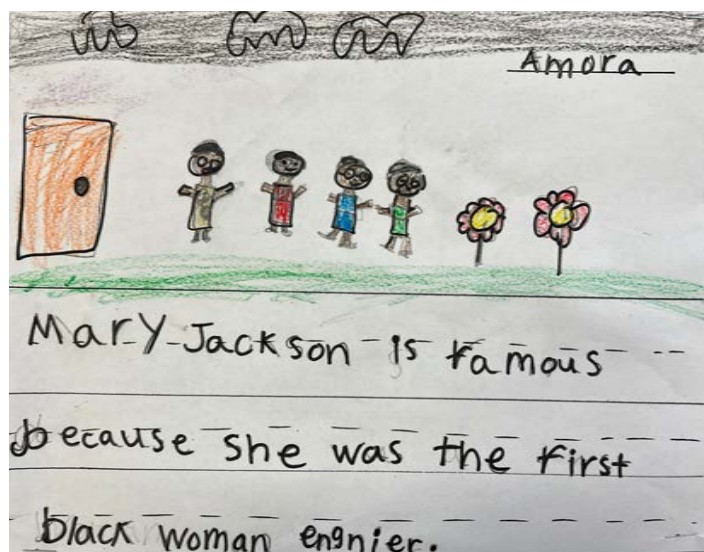
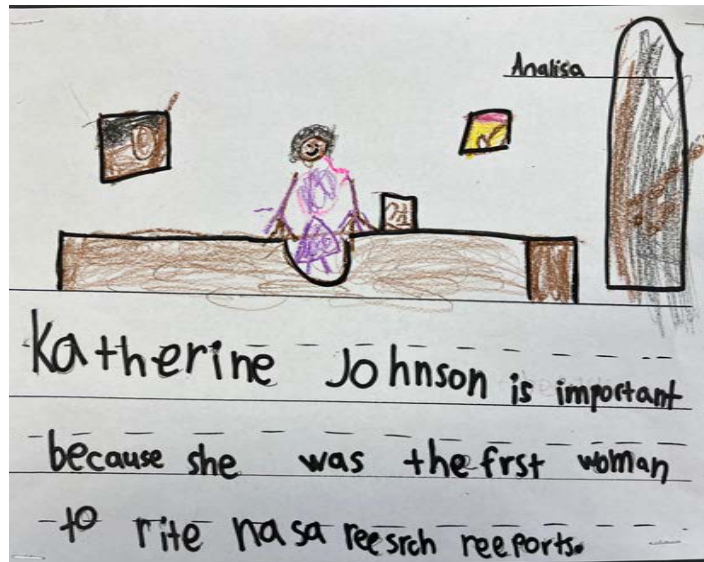
In each issue of "Rise Up & Write" we will be highlighting a special character development trait that is a pillar of the AJLA community! Check out our next issue for the first word that embodies the AJLA WAY. We will also be giving recommendations for books that exemplify each trait- a wonderful excuse to head to the local public library and borrow a copy!





# First Grade

In celebration of Black History Month, First Graders crafted expanded sentences using their knowledge of space in combination with the histories of Black scientists and mathematicians at NASA. After reading "Hidden Figures" by Margot Lee Shetterly, students shared what they learned by answering questions like, "Who? What? Why?" to make their kernel sentences pop with spicy detail!



## AJLA PIZZA PARLOR

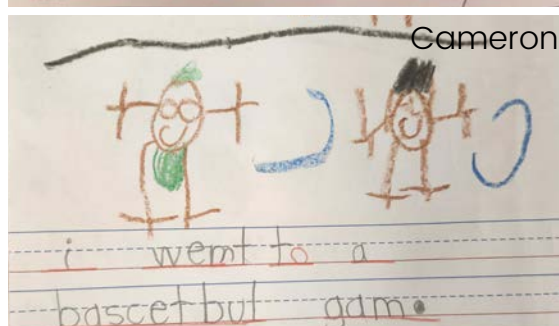
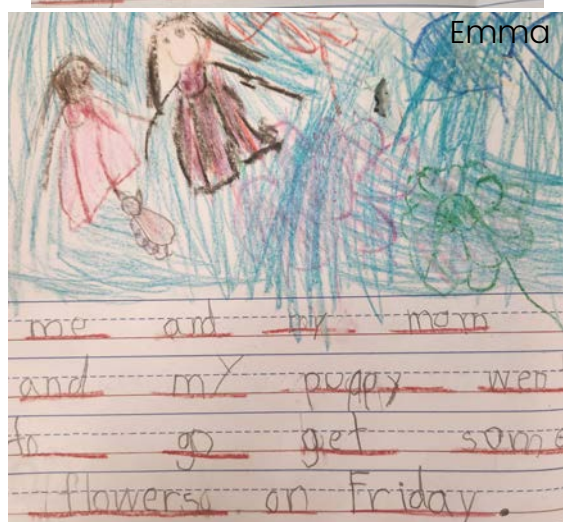
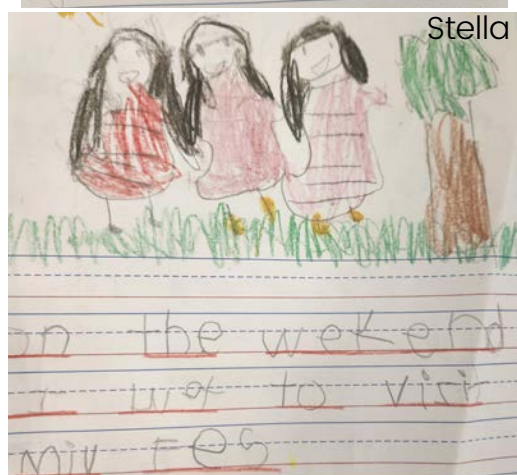
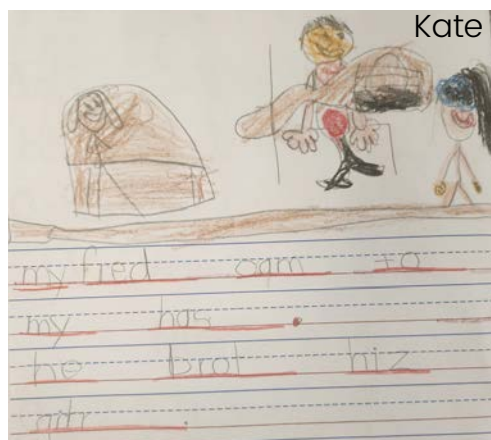
PreK Oak has been learning all about cooking. Stop by their Pizza Parlor for a delicious slice—we recommend the cheese pizza!





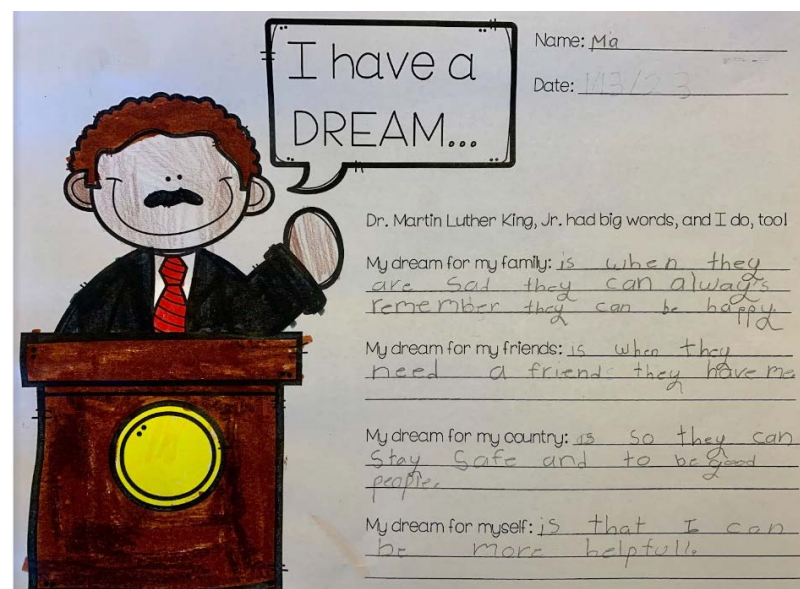
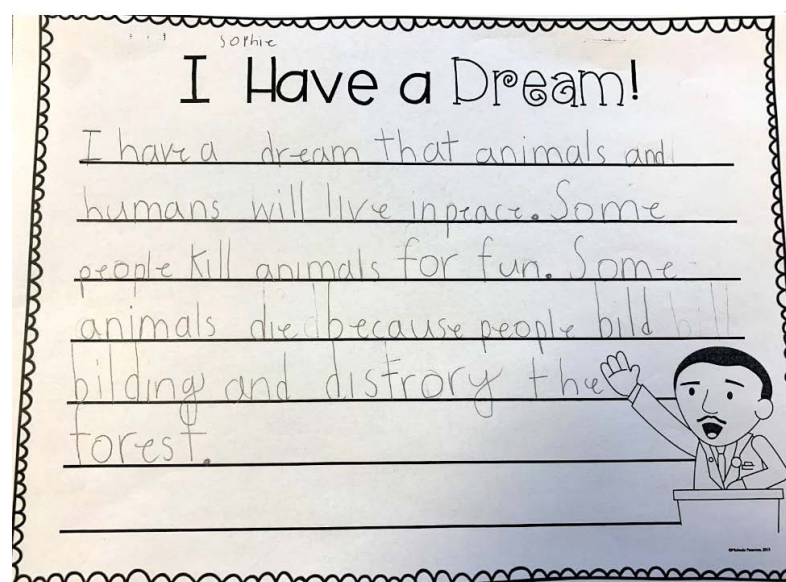
# Kindergarten

In Kindergarten, students spend writing time journaling personal stories- with a current focus on retelling what happened over the weekend. They are working on counting words in a sentence and then spacing those words out with a finger space. Once they know how many words they have, they sound out what they hear in each word and write.



# Third Grade

Third Grade has been working hard on writing. They started writing their dreams for the world. They started with MLK's birthday in January to connect to Black History Month in February.





# Fourth Grade

Fourth grade has been focused on imaginative and creative writing. Each day the class starts with a different writing prompt – it might be poetry, songs, or artwork as inspiration... it might even just start with a list of random words to include in a story!

Csongor wrote a short story using three random words for inspiration:  
snowplow / jazz / mandolin

Do Di da da sang the  
snowplow man who was  
playing jazz on his mandolin.  
He was swayin and singin  
so the whole block can hear  
it. He was playing so softly  
and so beautiful that people  
gathered around <sup>him</sup> and were  
cheering and cheering. They  
clearly loved it and just  
cheered on! Most of the  
kids were swaying to <sup>some</sup> even  
were were dancing. Yeah, you  
do you kids. When the snow-  
plow man was done he  
stepped out side of the  
snowplow and took a huge  
bow. People payed money  
and begged for more jazz!  
"Okay Okay", said the snow-  
plow man. "I will play some  
more jazz". Then he picked  
up his mandolin and started  
jazzin some more. He  
played until dusk and he  
made a lot of money.

I will rise so that fatcher  
generations will rise just like  
i did so years before them. I will  
rise out. But i will face many  
challenges. I will rise by never  
giving up on rising. I will rise  
because even when life  
kicks you down if you have  
enough confidence you can  
always get back up all over again.

Hiram wrote a poem inspired by Maya Angelou's "Still I Rise"

Jorge wrote a verse for "Feeling Good" by Nina Simone

snow Snowflakes flying in the air  
by my you know how  
bratflacks I feel  
cats Peking my cats you  
know how i feel  
dog Lising to my dog BARK you  
know how i feel  
sky Looking at the sky my  
young haw i feel  
its a new dawn  
its a new day  
its a new me  
you know  
i feel

## WINTER WEATHER WORD SEARCH

OKFEKWNFWWINTER  
GACEPSQFNLUVXSO  
ACHXDQLTVGOYXOZ  
IPITRMSEHMRZTFL  
CULSYQEUDTNDGVK  
YFLNGFZWHDVWXBW  
YRYOLTIGHTIXKFV  
BONWTQVLYWGNHJI  
RSRMNWGGIDAOGHC  
XTGABLIZZARDYBI  
BEPNAACOGVFYBMC  
SVDLMZWVHFHXUHD  
XBFLFROZENRCWKE  
NFYKTNRDMYCYMEC  
RUPITYVEOZJRGNSU

blizzard  
winter

snowman  
frozen

sledding  
chilly

icicle  
frost