**What to expect this year from AG**

 Your child will get to be a part of a special community of young people that will be nurtured and provided an avenue of environments that are challenging, inspirational, motivational and goal oriented.

Third graders will be building upon thinking skills in preparation for the CogAt test in October. These lessons will involve a variety of ways to classify, sort, analyze, and determine patterns of shapes and numbers. These lessons will continue the entire first semester.

This year AG Reading will be an exciting one! Fourth grade will be taking an in-depth look at “The Power of Literate People” and the impact being literate has on individuals in all communities. Fourth grade will then take a look our “Hero Within” unit and discuss the importance of heroes, how heroes are defined, and compose an essay sharing a personal hero. Fifth grade will take an in-depth look at “The Arts” and the impact of nurturing performing, visual, and musical arts has on individuals as well as within communities. Fifth grade will then study a unit entitled “Let Freedom Ring” where we will discuss the importance of Paul Revere, Rachel Carson, and Caesar Chavez’s fights for specific freedoms. These units are filled with hands-on experiences and should resonate with the children.

AG Math will be one exhilarating quest. Fourth grade will begin with Math Quest as Fifth grade will venture “Beyond Base Ten”. From there, 4th grade will apply math concepts to “Real Life Math Investigations”, rates, ratios and proportions, and end the year with a geometry challenge unit. 5th grade will study the ups and downs of the stock market in our “Stock Market Game”, then move into a data literacy unit, and end the year with a problem-solving Math Quest unit. All students will be diligent to grasp new curriculum and various problem-solving skills as they continue their quest in AG.