



Elijah is a Phalen Leadership Academy at George H. Fisher School 93 scholar!

SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT: ELIJAH RYLE



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Learning at Home: Elijah has been enjoying virtually learning this summer. He likes having a daily Math or English language arts objective. Elijah doesn't just let his learning stop after his Blackboard class ends, he continues his learning into the afternoon with his family at home. He shares what he learns with his older brother, who then challenges him to learn more. Elijah says,

"I am liking Summer Advantage because I have good teachers like you. You teach us things that we don't know.

There's some things I learn on my own, but there's some things I wouldn't have learned without your teaching. I've learned times. My big brother knows how to do times and we worked on it together after the morning time learning about addition. My brother taught me how addition and times are related."

Elijah works hard daily to master the skill for the day,

"I'm not good at subtraction and I try and I'm learning. Sometimes it's hard for me to get it, but I'm learning."

"It's hard to get up early, but I like **Summer Advantage**. My mom wakes me up 30 minutes before start time, but I am good with it because she makes me pancakes and bacon. There's one pancake still in my desk right now, but I'm too full. It's a great start to my learning for the day."

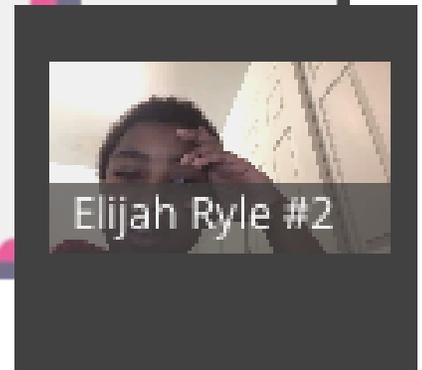
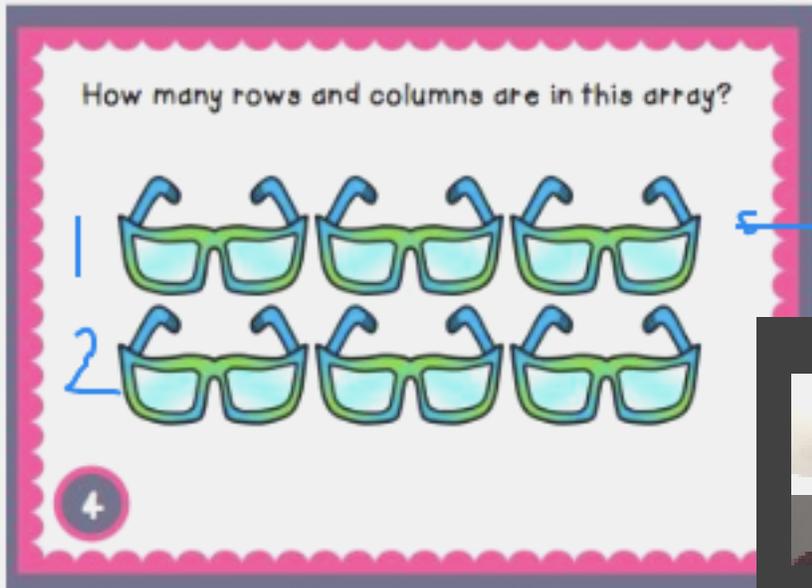
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Elijah hard at work solving a math problem during class.

Enrichment Groups: Elijah Ryle loves participating in enrichment groups. He has participated in the Exercise and Arts For Learning Dance for additional fun. He loves learning from his Arts for Learning teacher **Ms. Ronnie Stone**.

"She teaches dance moves. She let's us jog. She is a good teacher."

He likes using the dance moves he learns in class.

"I don't really like to exercise, but both classes have taught me how to make exercising more fun."

Technology: "I like technology. Phalen [Leadership Academies] gave me an iPad to use for **Summer Advantage**."

Elijah didn't know how to use Blackboard, at first, but quickly learned to engage by raising his hand, answering questions via a poll and through chatting, and talking through a video cam.

He knows that he has to be on Chrome and not Safari to engage with Blackboard best.

He says, "When I'm in exercise class and the teacher wants me to put a song on, I do that using Blackboard."

He likes leading and encouraging others to participate. In the chat box, to encourage others to participate, he types to his friend Quicy Jackson, "I made you a moderator."

Learning Doesn't Stop: Elijah loves to continue his learning and researching on his own.

He says, "After enrichment, I get on PBS Kids and play a couple games like Xavier Riddle and The Secret Museum. They tell you about people in the past who have done lots of great things. Like MLK who worked to stop racism. And Boxy Brown - he shipped himself in a box to the US." Then, I find my mom to tell her everything I have learned."

This has been such a great opportunity for Elijah this summer. Elijah not only enjoys it, but is learning a lot. He will be prepared for third grade because of the experience provided by **Summer Advantage**.

