# EIGHTH Grade DIGEST



## November/December 2018

#### **ELA**

We have completed **Personal Narratives** this quarter, in which students wrote a true story about an event or sequence of events in their lives. The topic can range in complexity from a story that is simple and entertaining to a story that is complex and riveting. The purpose of this assignment was to develop real experiences or events using an effective technique, descriptive details, and clear event sequences. Students produced clear and coherent writing, and with guidance and support from peers and teachers, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, and rewriting.

The final round of the Spelling Bee was conducted last month and the top winners will attend the regional fair in February 2019.

Sis. Meher

#### **ISLAMIC STUDIES**

Assalaamu'alaikum. Alhamdulillah nearing the end of the second quarter. We started studying the Seerah this year and students have been having a great time ever since. Each class consists of various conversations and good questions, which really helps and keeps the students engaged throughout the class. Students even wrote a summary of all the chapters covered to help remember each part of the life of the prophet.

**Br. Ahmed** 

## MATH

We are ending the quarter with a test on Ratios and Proportions and will begin the new quarter with more in-depth percentages.

Sis. Anam

### SCIENCE

This month we have mainly focused class time on better understanding how we use our energy resources and where we

U.S. energy consumption by energy source, 2017
Total = 97.7 quadrillon
British thermal units (Bu)
Total = 11.0 quadrillon Blu
Total = 11.0 qua

obtain them from. We covered how the energy of the future can impact our lives. We differentiated between nuclear fission and fusion as energy resources and discussed other energy resources scientists and engineers are working to harness in the future. During the last chapter we studied chemical bonding, this chapter explains how we can take this basic understanding of chemical bonds and branch off to studying the energy of tomorrow, nuclear fission and nuclear fusion.

Stay tuned for more future newsletters and stay updated on what's going on in the classroom. Thank in advance for all your support we couldn't be this successful in the classroom without all that's done to nurture these young minds at home.

As Salam Aleykum, Brother Sayel A.

ASA parents. We have had quite a busy month in Art and Physical Education classes these past months and a half. Our students have started to practice the idea of optical illusions so they can be better adapted to the use of color, light and patterns.

Focus on these factors will allow them to create images that can be deceptive or misleading to the brains of observers. For the last two weeks art and P.E. classes have been devoted to rehearsals before the fundraiser. JAK Sis. Heba



#### Reading

This month
we will
continue
with our
novel study,
Grenade
Sis. Fatimah

#### **TECHNOLOGY**

Students are working on finalizing part one of their yearlong project where they will use different components of STEAM to plan, design, and engineer a school carnival. Each grade (6th to 8th) will be responsible for 7 activities and one food related stand. Initial process of setting up roles and groups have started. I will update you throughout the process. We are also working on our lessons on python programming using online lessons on codester.com Sis. Saima

#### **Qur'an**

Assalamu Aliykom

Students in grade 8 are

continuing their continuing practice on Suratul-Hadid.
We are in Ayah 28 and about to complete the surah. The surah's final test will be after winter break. We are continuing practice for tajweed rules for (Noon Sakinah and Tanween ) through activities and projects for these rules .. Sis. Asma

## **QUR'AN**

Assalaamu'alaikum. Alhamdulillah we are nearing the end of the second quarter. Students have really worked hard and even pushed themselves in learning Surah Hadeed. We will be completing this Surah by the end of the second quarter. This Surah was a bit tricky to memorize due to some of the words being a bit difficult to articulate but Alhamdulillah through the student's hard work and dedication they were able to complete this Surah.

#### Br. Ahmad

#### SOCIAL STUDIES

This month students learned about the first government system that the United States had and how it lead to the Constitution we have today. They learned about key compromises each state made and how the Constitution was ratified. Students also read and analyzed the Constitution. The learned the purpose of each branch of government and how they check each other. Next quarter we will be focusing on the causes and effects of the Civil War Inshallah Sis. Nida



### **ISLAMIC STUDIES**



Assalamu alaykum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu, Alhamdulillah! All praise to Allah (swt) who enabled us to complete this month of School successfully. Alhamdulillah, we were able to learn about the hijrah to Abyssinia, Hamza and Umar (ra) enter Islam, the Quraysh attempt to negotitate with Rasulullah ,≝the boycott and the year of sorrow along with lots of lessons on the same with multiple quizzes and tests. Alhamdulillah!! For the coming month in sha Allah we plan to do lot more with kids learning about the journey to Israa and Mi'raaj, pilgrims from Yathrib and engaging them in Quizzes, Activities and Projects on the same. In sha Allah We pray that Allah (swt) puts Barakah in our time and make our students righteous Leaders of the Believers. Ameen Dr. Misbah

## **ARABIC**

### بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

Students are progressing in doing scale وزن from three letters past verb word root الكلمة جذر extending to present taking in consideration male and female addressee expanding to relate those words to our Holy Qur'an.

فعل, يفعل, تفعل, فاعل,فاعلة, مفعول, مفعل أو مفعلة

They are skilled in conjugating تصريف to four expressions in the Arabic language, which is past, present, action person, subject, and place from the same three letters word الجذر given.

And starting to advance in using new and different vocabulary.

Keep your kids in your daily prayers for

Al'elm Alnafe'e , العلم النافع

Jazakom AllahAssalamo Alikom

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله و بركاته

Sr. Sawsan AL-Maani

