

# 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Monthly Newsletter

## OH THE THINGS WE CONTINUE TO LEARN!

### READING

#### Literature:

First graders continued reading nonfiction stories to build their literature skills. They were also introduced to plays and poems.

#### Comprehension:

Students have been identifying key details as well as the ability to re-tell the text. They have also learned to identify sequence in a story.

#### Vocabulary:

Students were introduced to new vocabulary words, as well as high frequency words. The spelling words were practiced in class in various ways. Ask your child how many years is in a century! (Century was one of their oral vocabulary words).

#### Phonics:

Students were introduced to long /a/ a\_e, long /i/ i\_e, /long /u/ u\_e, long /o/ o\_e and /oo/ and /u/. In the next few weeks, students will continue their long vowel words written without the 'e' at the end.

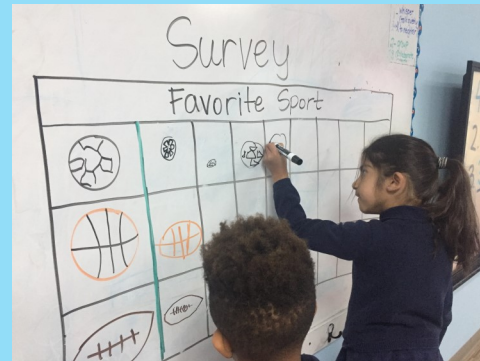
#### Writing:

Students have completed their final draft about their favorite subject in school. Some of the students sat on the author's chair and shared their writing with the class. Majority of them wrote that P.E was their favorite subject! We are now working on a class short story where everyone is taking part in writing what happens in the story. We will be editing it together and adding any details that are missing to make it more interesting and funny! The students call it the "The Monkey Story".



## MATHEMATICS

Our first graders have been learning about graphs. They learned that graphing helps us organize data that we have collected. Students also learned about different types of graphs such as picture, picto, bar and venn diagrams. They also learned to find the range, mode and median of a data. Ask your student to tell you what are the different types of graphs they learned. We ended the chapter with a project.



## SCIENCE

Students have been introduced to matter. They studied the three states of matter and were able to identify the states around the class. Ask your child to give you an example of a solid, liquid and gas. Students also finished making a moon buggy and had fun testing them on a ramp!



## SOCIAL STUDIES

Our first graders had fun with "Meeting People" unit. Students learned about the first people who lived in North America. They also learned about why people immigrated to another country, such as America. We got to study about the different cultures in class. Students learned phrases in different languages. We ended the unit with Cultural day where students came dressed in clothes from their country.





## ARABIC (SR. NAFN)

1<sup>st</sup> graders have learned a lot so far in this quarter, They learned letters (laam, noon, kaaf, and faa) sounds & shapes with examples from vocabulary words. Students learned about face parts where they were so excited to play a game about face parts, foods and drinks, and utensils in Arabic. 1<sup>st</sup> graders learned the short vowels as well. They started spelling words and connecting letters to make words, mashaAllah. They learned the present verb agreement with subject pronouns he/she by applying (he drinks/ She eats). They enjoyed eating cookies and drinking milk like the boy and the girl in unit 4 and more to come inshal-

lah.



## QURAN (SR.

Assalamualaikum,

Dear Respected Parents,

Jazak Allahu Khairan to all those parents who took the time to come to the PTC. It was indeed a pleasure to A all of you!

Alhamdulillah we have had a busy second quarter with many in school activities. Since our last newsletter, we have studied Surah Al-Qaari'ah using colorful power point presentations, listening exercises and interactive activities. We spent a great deal of time perfecting the articulation of certain letters, recognizing, and reading key words from the Surah, and of course paying attention to tajweed rules! In Nooraniya, students successfully completed the first page of lesson #9, and are well on their way to the second page of the lesson. Alhamdulillah students have shown an improvement in their understanding of the lesson, and fluency in spelling and reading the words. Students had lots of fun with words as they played hang-man games, flash card games, and putting letter puzzle pieces together to learn the words in Nooraniya Lesson #9!

Until the next time we meet, I pray you all have a restful and enjoyable break. I hope you will spend some time reading and listening to your child's recitation of the Qur'an. As I always tell my students, there is "no holiday from reading the Qur'an, make it a part of your daily routine, and don't miss a day of collecting rewards from Allah SWT"!

## ISLAMIC STUDIES (SR. JAVARIA)

AOA WRB

Alhamdulillah Islamic Studies students completed Unit A and worked on Unit C in November and December. We learned to thank Allah SWT (Unit A Chapter 5) for giving us Quran as a manual of our life and Seerah/Hadith as a practical guide. Students learned gratitude is the best attitude :). We strived to be strong believers by learning the details of the 6 pillars of Imaan (Unit A Chapter 6) and strong Muslims by learning the 5 pillars of Islam (Unit C Chapter 1) We learned about wudhu (Unit C Chapter 3) and Salah (Unit C Chapter 2), its importance and that Allah SWT always watches me and hears my salah, Alhamdulillah. Please note:

**We meet on:** Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

**Homework:** Assigned on Monday, due the following Monday. Homework details are on Renweb with video links and games too.

**Quiz/Test Day:** Wednesday (written/ oral/ game or competition)

**Grades:** Gradebook updated on Renweb

**Salah Chart:** Please fill out every day. Redeem at the end of the month for reward. Salah champion prize end of the year.

**Book Reading:** Read "I Love Islam" book chapter of the week 5 minutes every day. Can record in ELA log too as book read :).

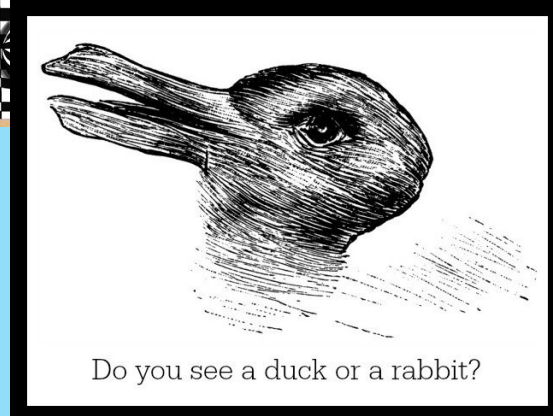
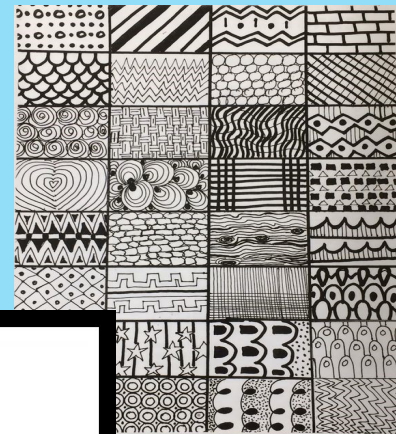
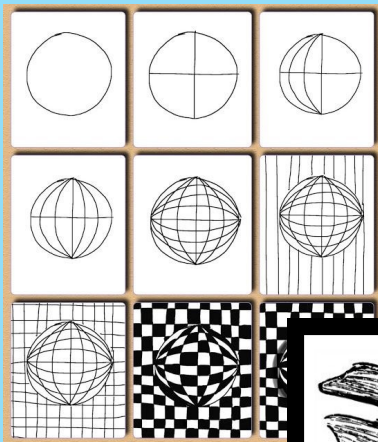
***\*IS materials sent home on Wednesdays to do homework. Bring them back only on Mondays inshaAllah.***

Please ask your child what are the pillars of Imaan and Islam and where would you place these on a tree. Also ask your child the 5 names of Salah and why they are important.



### ART & P.E (SR. HEBA)

ASA parents, We have had quite a busy month in Art and Physical Education classes these past month 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.



### I.T COMPUTERS (SR. SAIMA)

Assalamualaikum,

Can't believe how fast the year is going by and we are couple of days away from winter break. Students have started working on coding lessons on code.org. We did several unplugged lessons and loved working on the marble run project. We will now move on to lessons online and hopefully can move a little faster, inshaAllah.