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## Monthly Newsletter

### READING & WRITING

**Literature:** First graders were introduced to realistic fiction and fantasy stories to build their literature skills.

**Comprehension:** We discussed realistic fiction and fantasy genres and learned to find key details while reading stories to comprehend its meaning in a text.

**Vocabulary:** Students were introduced to new vocabulary words and learned their meanings to build their understanding of high frequency words.

**Phonics:** Students were introduced to short /a/ and short /i/ words. They also learned when to add an /-s/ to verbs that follow he, she or it.

**Writing:** Students have been working on their drafts about they did during the summer. Students are learning about the writing process. They will start writing in their writing journals about what they do in school and what is it like where they live.



### SCIENCE

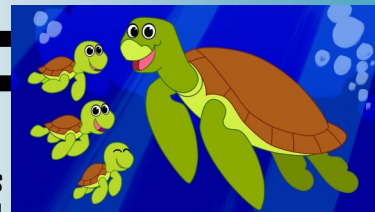
Students have been studying about plants.

They were introduced to the parts of a plant and discovered that some plants are edible and we can eat different parts! We will be studying its life cycle and different places they live. Our first graders picked a real plant and labelled its parts.



### ELA

First graders learned about sentence structure and punctuation. They learned that their sentences need to start with an uppercase letter and end with a period if they have statement, a question mark if they have a question and an exclamation mark if they want to express their emotions.



### MATH

Our first graders learned about ordinal numbers, comparing numbers, before, between and after numbers. They are also learning to solve word problems using different strategies. We will be learning how to formulate sums using the vertical and horizontal standard, and addition facts up to 12.

### SOCIAL STUDIES

Our first graders learned about rules and cause and effect. The students learned why it is important to formulate and follow rules in school and in the community. We will be learning about the different places people live, how to read a map and what continent and state we live in.





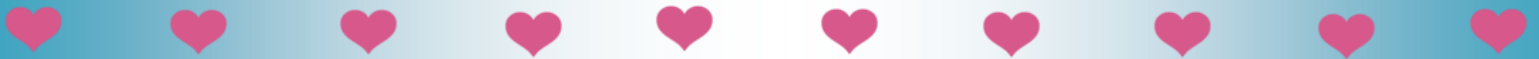
## ARABIC (SR. NISREEN)

Dear parents,

1st graders have learned a lot so far in this month. ﷻ Mashallah, they finished unit 1 (Introduction to themselves, asking questions about peers, etc). Students learned new letters ( ا , ب , ت ) how to write those letters in different forms , learning Mahatha and Mahathi. They learned how to place those words in a conversation and know the differences between them. We are learning Mahtha fi Hakebtik and vocabulary related to school. Words like : ( Hakeba, Madrasa, Waraka, etc) \*All of this is Arabic.

I'm very excited to show you parents how intelligent my students are! ﷻ

-Sr.Nisreen



## QURAN (SR. SAUDA)

Assalamualaikum,

Dear respected parents and students,

Alhamdulillah the first few weeks of school have flown by so fast! It has been an honor to meet my bright little first graders and I look forward to spending a wonderful and fruitful year with them! During the past few weeks we have been performing many assessments in order to determine each student's instructional level. Time has been spent reviewing and correcting student's recitation of suwar and lessons already learnt. In addition, students learnt why it is important to learn the Qur'an, and how to take care of the Qur'an with utmost love and respect. Your first grader learnt why it is important to begin the day with the recitation of Al-Fatiha and the three Quls. The first graders have been working hard as they learn to read and recognize words in the Qur'an while identifying and applying tajweed rules, thus far we have covered an in-depth study of Surah Al-Kaafiroon to Surah An-Naas. In noorianah students enjoyed the lesson about friendly letters and are currently on lesson four. Ma Sha Allah I am so proud of the progress I have witnessed within just a few weeks! What's more is students are learning about an important character trait; being responsible! They have been practicing this trait in Qur'an class while assessing and adjusting their behavior based on routine self-evaluations that require students to reflect on their behavior, set target goals for the week, and observe and nominate responsible classmates. To see what your first grader has done and will be doing in Qur'an class please don't miss our curriculum night on September 6, 2019 In Sha Allah. There are lots more fun, interactive, and exciting activities planned, and I look forward to sharing them with you next month In Sha Allah! Until then please ensure that your first grader spends at least twenty minutes daily to practice their Qur'an homework.

Jazak Allahu Khairan!







## ART (SR. HEBA)

Asa Dear parents

Our students worked on two art projects this month. The first project was the color wheel. They practiced Art ROAR expectations and agreements. They learned about color theory and how to create a color wheel. The second project was about learning how to draw parts of the plant such as roots, stems, leaves, and flowers. They also learned to identify the right atmosphere for the plants to grow in.

