1st Grade



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Issue

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 it's 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.

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.



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 differ-



ent places they live. Our first graders picked a real plant and labelled its parts.

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. [] Mashallah, they finished unit 1 (Introduction to themselves, asking questions about peers, etc). Students learned new letters (,(, , , 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!

-Sr.Nisreen



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 nooraniah 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!









ISLAMIC STUDIES (SR. JAVAIRIA)

Bismillah AOA WRB

Welcome to Islamic Studies @ ILM. Alhamdulillah Grade 1 students have been analyzing and assessing demonstrations to see how can we build an effective learning community. We are mastering the procedures to be great learners and Ambassadors of Islam. We got to be comfortable with each other, learned Tawuz, Tasmia and Dua for ILM. Learners enjoyed doing activities on (16) Saying Salam, (18) Classroom Rules , (76) Hajj, (20) Alif to Ya of Little Reminders and (24) Who Am I (IS Book page numbers written next to them for easy reference).

Guide . Jamarat Magam Ibrahim Ka'ba Safa Marwa Mouzdalifa Arafat Zamzam

Please ask your child how should we greet a Muslim, how does it make the other person feel and why are manners im-

portant?. Please note



We meet on :: Mon, Tue and Fridays (Students can post a letter to IS Mailbox anytime:))

Homework :: Assigned on Tuesday. Due on next Monday. HW Details on Alma with video links/games too and in Homeroom note.

Quiz/Test day :: Tuesday (written/ oral/ game or competition:))

Grades:: Gradebook Updated on Alma

Salah Chart :: Please Fill every day. Redeem end of month

for reward. Salah Champion prize end of year

Book Reading :: Read "Islamic Studies Book" chapter of the week 5 min every day. Can record in ELA log too as book read:)

*IS Materials sent home Tuesdays. Bring them back only on Monday In Sha Allah.

We did practical in school Salam activity to learn the significance of Muslim Greeting and how it builds effective learning community. Please ask your child what are the 5 key Islamic behaviors ILM students are getting recognized for and how? Please ask your child some activities of Hajj? We are enjoying our STEAM Show and Shares on fridays. Please continue to share how your child is sharing the leanning at home and applying it and we would love to recognize the same in our Student Spotlight In Sha Allah and do not forget.. R E A D Read to Succeed:). May Allah SWT increase us all in beneficial ILM. and Amal Ameen.











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.







