

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

## OH THE PLACES WE'VE BEEN SO FAR!

### READING

#### 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.

### LANGUAGE ARTS

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

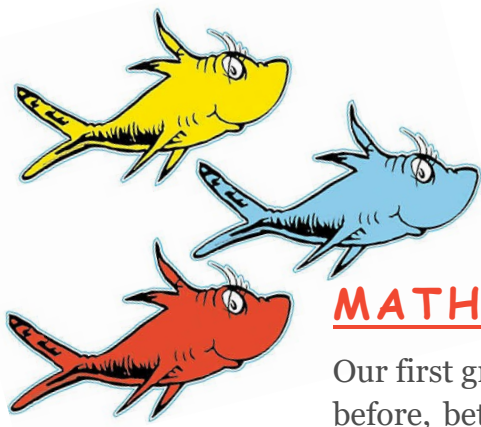


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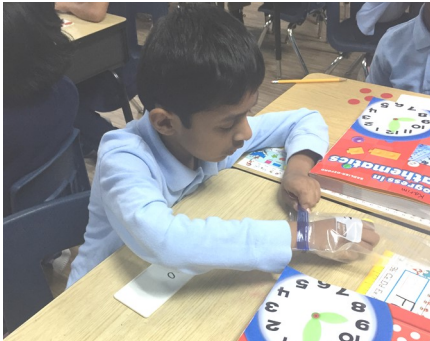
### IMPORTANT DAILY REMINDERS:

- Please make sure your child brings their folder **EVERY DAY** to school.
- Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school every day.
- Please pack a healthy lunch and snack for our learners.
- Don't forget to read every day for at least 20 minutes.



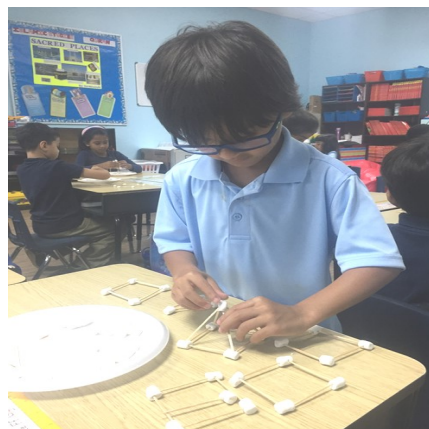
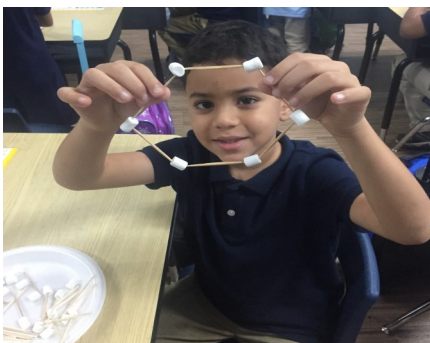
## MATHEMATICS

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 different places they live. Our first graders will be planting their own plants and watch it grow!



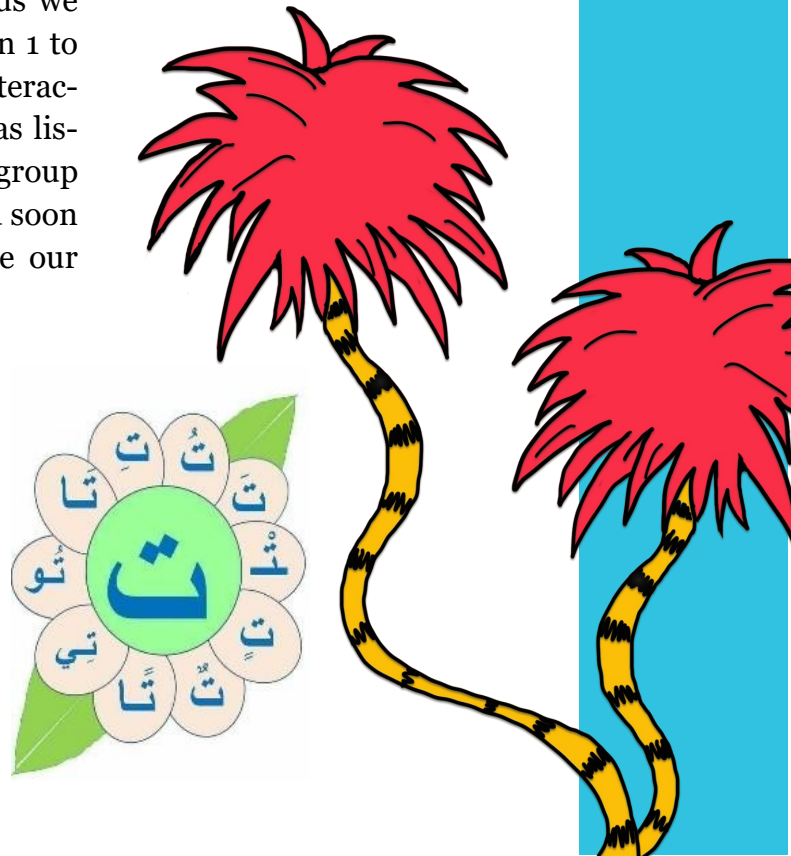
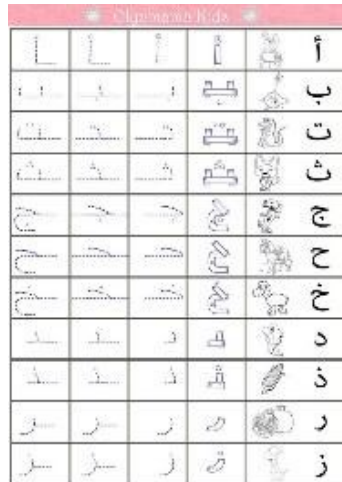
## SOCIAL STUDIES

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.



Our first graders had a great start by performing Mini Hajj in school and making passport project in class, talking about the Hajj steps, and the importance of sacred Makkah. Students reviewed the Arabic alphabet and writing their names in Arabic as well. We started unit 1 (Ismee/ My name is) where first graders interacted perfectly, mashaallah by introducing themselves to each other in Arabic.

Alhamdulillah we have had three amazing weeks of interesting and interactive Nooraniyyah and Qur'an lessons! First, we spent time understanding what the Qur'an is, why it is an important part of our lives, and how we should respect it. We then started a slow review of Surah Al-Fatiha and discussed its importance. We continued review from Surah An-Naas to Surah Al-Kafiroon with great emphasis on reading. We analyzed each ayat from the suwar to understand the tajweed rules associated with the different colors in the mushaf. We used flash cards, power point presentations and oral games to learn to read selected words from each of the suwar. We also spent time reviewing the Nooraniyyah, not just rote repetition but we tried to understand the concept of each lesson so that no matter what is presented before us we are able to read it!!! To date we have reviewed lesson 1 to lesson 4! We have been having lots of fun in our interactive Qur'an classes using a variety of methods such as listening and repeating, oral games, written activities, group activities, flash cards, power point presentations, and soon to be introduced surah activity booklets to enhance our Quran class experience and to learn lifelong lessons





## ISLAMIC STUDIES

AOA WRB,

Welcome to Islamic Studies @ ILM. We are mastering the procedures to be great learners and Ambassadors of Islam. We got to know each other, learned **Tawuz**, **Tasmia** and **Dua** for ILM. Grade 1 students enjoyed completing **Unit D: Chapter 3 Eid Mubarak** as we prepared for Eid Ul Adha and **Unit D: Chapter 1 (My Muslim Brothers and Sisters)**. Ask your child how big is the Muslim Ummah Family and what does Akh, Ukht and Ummah mean. Please note:

**We meet on ::** Mon, Tue and Wed

**Homework ::** Assigned on Mon. Due on next Monday. HW Details on Renweb with video links/games too.

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

**Grades::** Gradebook Updated on Renweb

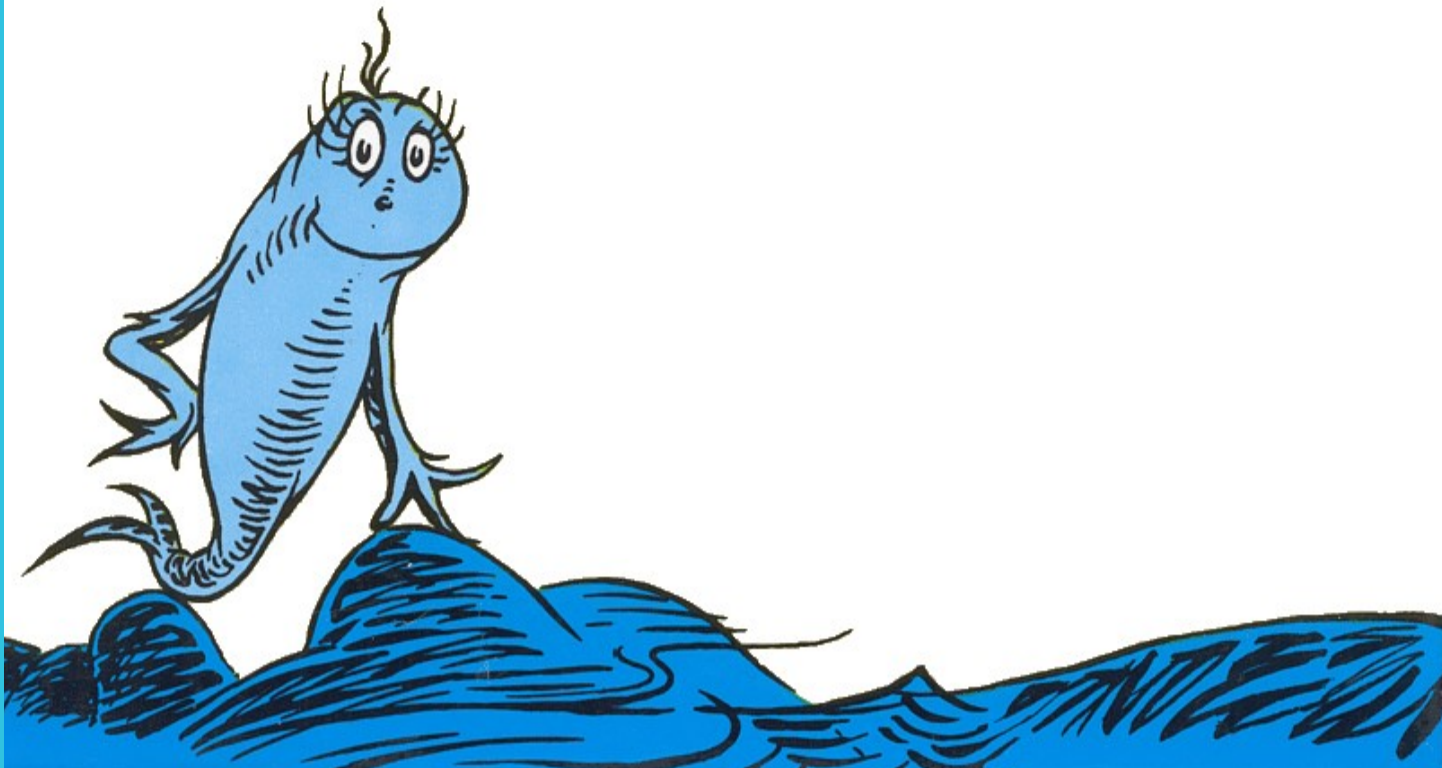
**Salah Chart ::** Please Fill every day. Redeem end of month for reward. Salah Champion prize end of year

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

***\*IS Materials sent home Wednesdays to do homework, Bring them back only on Monday In Sha Allah.***

Students enjoyed their Eid show and tell after the holiday. We did practical in school Salam tour to learn the significance of Muslim Greeting and participated in educational Hajj activities. We will continue with Unit D for this quarter In Sha Allah. May Allah SWT increase us all in beneficial ILM. and Amal Ameen.

Jazak Allah Khairan Katheeran



## ART & P.E

ASA Dear parents,

I introduced the primary and secondary colors for the start of the new art year. For the start of P.E we started the unit with light physical activity, which includes a brief few minutes of push-ups, sit-ups and squats. We end each P.E class by using the parachute and playing dodgeball.



## COMPUTER

Assalamu Alaikum,

We started the school year off on completing all our testing and assessments and have now transitioned into our technology lessons.