

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



## HOW SWEET AND WILD IT IS TO BE IN FIRST GRADE!

### READING

**Literature:** Our first graders were introduced to new and varied stories to build their literature skills.

**Comprehension:** We discussed different kinds of genres and key details of stories read to comprehend its meaning in a text.

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

**Phonics:** They were introduced to short /i/, /a/, /o/, l-blend, r-blend and s-blend words. They also learned when to add an /-s/ to the end of a word to make it plural and adding an /'s/ when something belongs to someone or something.

**Writing:** They started writing in their writing journals about personal narratives which includes talking about their likes and dislikes, families and describing events they have attended.

### LANGUAGE ARTS

Our 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 a statement, a question mark if they have a question and an exclamation mark if they want to express their emotions.

### IMPORTANT DAILY REMINDERS

- Please make sure your child brings a water bottle to school every day!
- Please pack a healthy lunch and snack for our curious learners.

***DON'T FORGET TO READ EVERY DAY FOR AT LEAST 30 MINUTES!***







## **MATHEMATICS**

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



## **SCIENCE**

Students have been studying about plants. They were introduced to the parts of a plant, its life cycle and different places where they live. Our first graders were excited to plant their own plant and watch it grow! They discovered that some plants are edible and we can eat different 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. They are currently learning about the different places people live, how to read a map and what continent and state they live in.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

October 13: PTO Bake Sale

October 20: Career Day

October 26 & 27: Scholastics Book Fair





## COMPUTER CLASS [Sr. Saima]

Assalamu Alaikum,

We have started off to an amazing year. Students are practicing their mouse skills, learning how to log-in to various websites, and have also started working on their typing lessons. Last week, we worked on our first "unplugged" code lesson. Students joined two 3-d shapes (that they made) to create a path for a marble to travel through! We will work on various skills throughout this school year to help expand our computer skills, inshaAllah.

## ART [Sr. Heba]

I pray that this reaches you in great health and Iman. I would like to update you about Art class. The students are learning great artistic techniques, problem solving skills, and are showing great creativity. Along with these activities, they are participating in all school events like Hajj. I would also like to inform you that the Fulton Water Conservation Competition will begin shortly and the students are preparing for it.



## P.E [Sr. Heba]

In physical education, we will start a new activity known as a pacer test. Students will run laps, and each lap is timed. Students will not be assessed on the amount of laps they run but they will be assessed on the effort they portray.

## ARABIC [Sr. Raja 1<sup>st</sup> A]

### Unit 2: Usratee (My Family)

- Introduce family members
- Vocabulary related to home activity
- Introduce letter "Raa" and "Daal" in different shapes
- Introduce the "Harakat" (Vowels) "Fathah" and "Kasrah"

### Unit 3: Feel Hammam (In the Bathroom)

- Vocabularies related to the bathroom
- Introduce letter "lam" and "Noon" in different shapes
- Practice how to use "Ayna" (where)

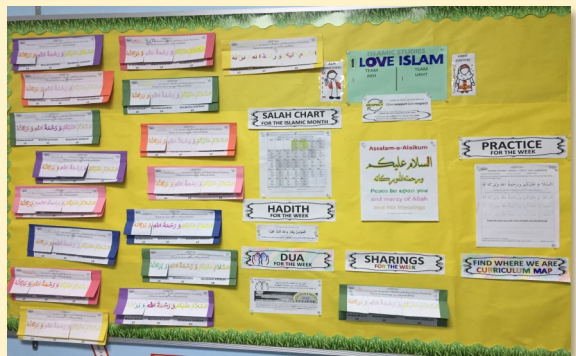
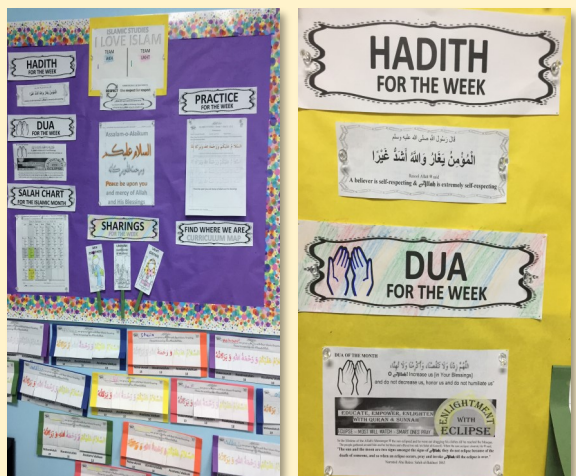
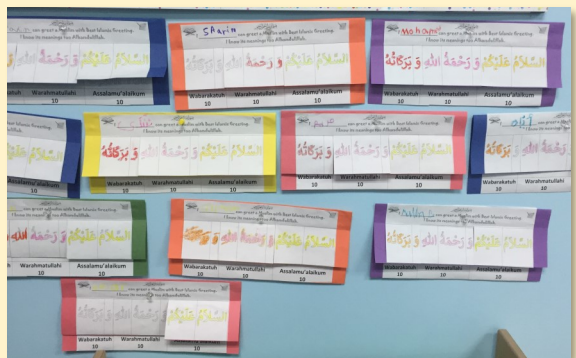
## ARABIC [Sr. Nafn 1<sup>st</sup> B]

We wrapped up Unit 1 (الاسمي) My name where students learned how to introduce themselves in Arabic and how to write their names correctly. We also covered letters Meem and Baa (م - ب) sounds and shapes.

1<sup>st</sup> graders enjoyed making cupcakes with their names on it.

They learned subject pronouns (I, you male and female) (أنا، أنت، أنتِ)





## ISLAMIC STUDIES [Sr. Javairia]

Alhamdulillah the first grade Islamic Studies class completed Unit D: My Muslim World. They completed chapters 1-6 about our identity. Students are excited to share the learning with others by working on an in-class Travel Destination Project. Students understood their status as Akh or Ukht and how we have a billion plus Muslim Ummah in the world. Students worked on the "Give Respect to Get Respect" in Dhul Qiddah and "Responsibility Starts with Me" in Dhul Hijjah. They are ready to explore Courage in Muharram 1439 inshaAllah.

**Please note:** IS Class meets on: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday/Thursday

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

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

**Grades:** Gradebook updated on Renweb

**Salah Chart:** Please fill *every day* to redeem reward at the end of the month. Salah Champion prize end of year. 30 point score as assignment.

**Book Reading:** Read "I love Islam" Book chapter of the week 5 minutes every day. Students are given few minutes each class to pack their books and workbooks in bags.

**\* Please do not send any IS related material to school on Wednesdays or Fridays**

Please ask your child "What is the meaning of the Islamic Greeting?". Ask them how we can maximize our reward for one Salah by praying in which mosque?

## QURAN [Sr. Rima]

Alhamdulillah we had a happy and successful first few weeks of school, we covered the following;

### Qur'an:

We reviewed some previous Suwar, finished memorizing Surat Ad-Duha, and started Surat Al-'alaq.

### Al-Qa'ida Annoraniyyah:

We reviewed the first five Lesson of Nooraniyyah, and finished lesson six.

### The Weeks Ahead:

Our class will be learning:

1. In Qur'an: Finishing Al-'alaq, starting Al-Bayyinah.
2. In Nooraniyyah: lesson seven then eight.

### Reminder:

Your support and help is an essential part of your child's learning experience, so please continue checking his/her daily achievements.