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1st Grade Monthly Newsletter

OH THE THINGS WE'VE LEARNED SO FAR!

READING

Literature:

First graders were introduced to nonfiction to build their literature skills.

Comprehension:

Students have been continuing to learn to identify the main topic and provide information using illustration. They learned what the characters, setting and events are in a story. They are continuing to identify key details as well as the ability to retell the text.

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 what they would like their occupation to be when they grow older! (Occupation is one of their oral vocabulary words).

Phonics:

Students were introduced to short /u/ and ending consonant blends such as /nd/, /nk/, /nt/, /st/, /sk/, /mp/, /sh/, /sh/, /wh/, /ph/, /tch/ and /ch/. In the next few weeks, they will be learning their long vowels.

Writing:

Students have completed their final draft about why they should have an ice cream. They have convinced me that indeed they do deserve an ice cream party. MashaAllah they have worked hard and completed their classwork and homework. Students are now working on what their favorite subject is in school. They have brainstormed their reasons why and have been working on their first and second drafts. Majority of them said P.E was their favorite subject!

LANGUAGE ARTS

First graders learned that there are two kinds of nouns: common and proper nouns. They learned to distinguish between the two. They learned about singular and plural nouns as well. They know that not all nouns follow the plural rule of adding an -s or -es and at the end of the word and that some nouns like to make up their rule when there is more than one. Ask your child to give you an example of an irregular plural noun and when do we add an -es to make a noun plural.



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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 have been mastering their addition skills and were introduced to subtraction. They learned that addition is the opposite of subtraction and that we can find missing numbers by switching the numbers around. They were excited to learn about fact families and that a fact family has 2 addition and 2 subtraction sentences. We will continue to use addition and subtraction to solve problems by writing number sentences. We will take a break from numbers and learn about graphs.

SCIENCE

Students learned that animals live in different habitats. They learned that there are two kinds of habitats: land and water. We have been studying about the grasslands and forest for land habitats and lakes and oceans for water habitats. Ask your child what the difference between lake and water habitats and grasslands and forest habitats.



SOCIAL STUDIES

Our first graders learned about the land and resources of different regions. They learned about the different places people can live. They learned that some people choose to live in a rural area such as farms where it is quiet and not too busy and urban areas such as the city where it is loud and busy. They reviewed their four seasons and learned that people do fun activities in each of them. Ask your child what word we use to describe activities people do for fun and give you an example for each of the season.

ARABIC (SR. NAFN)

Assalamu Alaikum, we just wrapped unit 2 (This is My Family) where students learned about their family members. They are learning about items that can be seen in the bathroom. You can ask your child about them. They learned the question word AYNA? Where? And how to use it in unit 3 (Fil Hammam).

They learned new letters' sound and shapes Dal, Lam and Raa with examples as well.

First graders loved the reading game we have in our class.



QURAN (SR. SAUDA)

Assalamu alaikum Dear Respected Parents, Alhamdulillah another month has yet come and gone! Lots has been happening in our Qur'an class! Students have filled their Juz Amma memorization charts with stars for successful completion of suwar all the way up to surah Al-Asr! We focused our learning on Surah At-Takathur, what it is about, reading specific words, and memorizing it with tajweed! We discussed the many bounties and blessings of Allah (SWT), and students had the opportunity to watch a nasheed with their favourite friend Zaky, entitled "Count the Blessings of Allah!" We completed lesson number 8 of Nouraniyya and were introduced to the "vowel and letter friends" that are joined together with the "hiding sukoon". We had a somewhat expected bumpy ride in the beginning of lesson number 9 as students were faced with a challenging task of putting everything they had learnt thus far together, in addition to spelling and reading words! We focused on the first four lines for several weeks to help students understand and grasp the concept of lesson 9. We used visual explanations, oral games, listening exercises, one on one practice, and class oral recitations to practice the lesson successfully! Students also had a chance to be creative as they created their very own heavy letter jars and expressed their gratefulness of Allah's blessings through their colorful drawings!



ISLAMIC STUDIES (SR. JAVARIA)

AOA WRB

Alhamdulillah Islamic Studies students had a great celebration week to mark end of Quarter 1 and the learning accomplished Alhamdulillah. We enjoyed watching "Quran by Heart" Documentary with Ice Cream, played reinforcement games and wrote reflections. Students are getting to know Allah SWT as we studied Unit A : Ch 1 Allah SWT our great creator, Ch 2 Searching for Allah SWT, Ch 3 God is one and Ch 4 I love God, He loves Me. Please ask your child what do we mean by Shahadah and if they can tell the meaning of Allah's Name Al Khaliq, Al Bari and Al Musawwar. Please ask them why we should love Allah and how can we show that we love Allah SWT and enjoy the amazing conversations Ma Sha Allah. 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.



ART & PE (SR. HEBBA)

ASA parents. I hope every family is enjoying the change of seasons. I felt it was necessary that before students started working on any projects, they went outside to observe the beautiful and variable colors the season of fall is associated with. I was sure that this process would allow for the spark of creativity when using varieties of colors. The first project that was created was a collage made with scraps of paper. When this project was completed the class started on a Mandela project. This was a great project to amalgamate core subjects with art and integrate the concept of STEAM.

I would also like to announce that two students from ILM Academy were chosen as winners for the Annual Water Conservation Art Calendar of 2019. The students are Ameera Qureshi from 4th grade and Nabhan Sophie from 8th grade.



COMPUTER (SR. SAIMA)

Assallam Walaikum,

Students have been introduced to Microsoft Office Word. We worked on several features that will help us organize our content. Students learned how to use the bullet points, correcting mistakes using the backspace, choosing font design and copying and pasting an image. They enjoyed creating a document on their favorite animal and inserting a picture that they searched on Google.

We will continue to practice the features they have learned and once mastered we will move on to coding inshaAllah.

