

EIGHT Grade

DIGEST



August 2018

ELA

Grammar: In 6th-8th grades we have been learning about nouns and will begin verbs.

Spelling/Vocabulary: We have been studying the Spelling Bee words along with definitions for the class and school competition to be held inshAllah in November. Spelling tests will be given Thursday or Friday of every week and will be announced.

Writing: We are exploring different traits of writing under a new curriculum, **Writing by Design**. The six traits of writing are Idea (topic of writing), Organization (how sentences are organized), Word Choice (using descriptive words), Voice (1st person I or 3rd person he, she, it), Sentence Fluency (making sure sentences flow), and Conventions (grammar and punctuation).

Homework: I am assigning homework through Google Classroom for writing assignments. Grammar assignments for the most part will be assigned online at [pearsonrealize.com](https://www.pearsonrealize.com). Your child has been given a login and password. If homework is not turned in within two days of the due date it will be marked as a zero.

InshAllah, as an effort to promote STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math), I would like to continue to assign joint projects with other STEAM subjects to highlight ELA within the other subjects. One example is the MINDFRAME competition which will be held on October 6 in Augusta, GA. We are planning a poetry performance with the theme of how an American figure has and will influence our society in the past, present, and future. **Sis. Meher**

SCIENCE

As we start a new year, students adapted quickly to the new material. In this chapter we covered a more chemical approach of science. Defining matter goes in depth to the bonding and chemical makeup of some matter. As a class opening, we started with new research over things that can be related to both the Quran and our topic for this chapter. Density was a major topic and we related it to the verse (مَرَجَ الْبَحْرَيْنِ يَلْتَقِيَانِ بَيْنَهُمَا بَرْزَخٌ لَا يَبْغِيَانِ)

Br. Sayel

MATH

We have begun the 8th grade Math year in full force. We have already finished the first chapter and are already halfway done with the second chapter on Integers. Students are currently working on a small graphing project in which they are using their art skills and making transformations in math.

Sis. Anam

ARABIC

As each student was tested to be placed in the appropriate level so that they may benefit the most with new information, we have built a curriculum to suits each student individually. As we covered key grammar concept similar to the 6th and the 7th grade, we also added the concept of converting words back to their roots to obtain a precise definition. We also started a new chapter in the reading book and took role plays as each student reads their part and switch roles to practice better.

Br. Sayel

ISLAMIC STUDIES

Assalaamu'alaikum. In Islamic Studies, students have made and presented their Hajj Presentation. This was a project in students worked in groups on presenting the different important aspects to Hajj, as it was Hajj season. This ranges from "Who Hajj is Fardh on?" to "The Steps of Hajj." This was a great opportunity for the students in which they were able to understand and learn exactly what Hajj is. After the completion of the project, we began with the Biography of the Prophet ﷺ. Alhamdulillah, we have completed the first chapter titled "The Early Life of the Prophet" ﷺ.

Br. Ahmad

ART

Asa Dear Parents

My students this month are participating in an Art Calendar Contest. They will show how to save water or keep pollution out of our rivers, lakes, and streams. From the submitted drawings, 13 pieces will be featured in Fulton County Department of Public Works (Water Resources Division) 2019 Art Calendar. The deadline for submission is Friday, September 21, 2018,

Jak, **Sis. Heba**

Reading

We are continuing our Unit 1 Essential Question: Can all conflicts be resolved? Students will continue reading different types of genre related to the essential question.
Sis. Fatimah

TECHNOLOGY

Students started the school year on completing all school testing and assessments. They are now prepping for the STEAM competition which will be held on October 6 in Augusta, iA.
Sis. Saima

Qur'an

Assalamu Aliykom
A new level in middle school with more focus and challenges in tajweed, Tilawah and memorization. Currently in Suratul-Hadid.
Sis. Asma

