



GO 'FOURTH' AND PROSPER.

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### Fourth Grade Newsletter

#### Words of Wisdom...

Abu Bakr reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "The supplication of the distressed is, 'O Allah, I have hope in your mercy. Do not abandon me to myself for even a moment, and take care of all my affairs. There is no God but you.'" Source: Sunan Abī Dāwūd

#### \*\*\* THE COMPETITIVE EDGE\*\*\*

IN THIS SECTION WE WILL BE PUBLISHING NAMES OF WINNERS OF INTER-CLASS WINNERS OF DIFFERENT CONTESTS LIKE MOST VORACIOUS READER , PENMANSHIP, CREATIVE WRITER/POET, INSHA-ALLAH – (STAY TUNED FOR MORE UPDATES IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER).



#### Arabic:

4th graders have learned a lot so far in this month. 😊 Mashallah, they finished unit 1 (learning about the holidays, new vocabulary about the location, etc.). Students are learning that letters that all pronounced the same such as, ( ح ز ن س ) . They learned how to pronounce those letters and be able to tell the differences in a sentence. We are learning about how to create questions that start with "where" \*All of this is Arabic. I'm very excited to show you parents how intelligent my students are!



#### REMINDER:

Enroll for After-School Clubs  
Remember to bring water bottles and light fall jackets.

#### Quran From Sister Asma's desk:-

Alhamdulillah, My amazing students are working hard with me this month. We started Suratul-Mursalat and we practiced general meanings along with some keywords. We also did some activities and played games related to this Surah.

#### Islamic Studies Update



In the Name of Allāh, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

Assalamu alaykum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuhu, Alhamdulillah! we have had three amazing weeks of interesting and interactive Islamic Studies lessons! First, we spent time understanding why it is important to learn Islamic Studies and how we can apply it in our daily lives. As the slogan for the entire year is "DON'T JUST KNOW IT BUT SHOW IT". We then started a slow review of Basics of Islam such as the five pillars of Islam, the articles of faith, steps for Wudu, salah and its importance. We analyzed each topic with students through discussions. We then started with the names of Allah learning five different names with a story related to the names and lessons that we can implement in our daily lives. We also introduced the Essential Duas and Surahs book starting our first Target which is Surah Fil' wherein the students memorized the surah along with its meaning in class. Alhamdulillah! We have been having lots of fun in our interactive Islamic Studies classes using a variety of methods such as listening and repeating, written activities, group activities and soon to be introduced power point presentations to enhance our Islamic Studies class experience and to learn lifelong lessons in sha Allah!

Sr. Misbah



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## Highlights of the Month

### Language Arts

We are working on Unit 1: Four Types of Sentences, Subjects and Predicates, etc.

### Phonic/Reading

We are currently working on Unit 1 of our 'Wonders' Reading curriculum. For the next three weeks we intend to concentrate on Reading skills and strategies to strengthen in-depth comprehension, in sha Allah. MAP and Star 360 test results help us continuously to target missed skills or gaps in learning as students will be called in for extra help after-school or during school hours based on individual needs. Our newly adapted DAILY5 along with the CAFÉ menu framework will help us rekindle the love of reading and develop the stamina and muscle memory needed for more sustained study skills.

### Social Studies

We will be working on hands on activities and projects based on Unit 1-. We can't wait to get started on many interesting ventures and many fun expeditions delving into our country's Geography and exploring it through Google Earth.

### Science

We bought the Mc Graw Hill curriculum for our Fourth Grade specifically, as we look to create interesting ways to inculcate the spirit of scientific inquiry. We are yet to explore many more concepts and will keep you posted, in sha Allah.

### Math

In Chapter 2 we will be explore creative problem-solving methods while adding and subtracting whole numbers. Over the last chapter, we learned, practiced and were drilled on several strategies to solve problems like making a chart, underlining important words, highlighting the main question, drawing diagrams and using T-charts, etc.

### Writing

We are exploring different traits of 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 (1<sup>st</sup> person, I or 3<sup>rd</sup> person- he she, it), Sentence Fluency(making sure sentences flow), and Conventions(grammar and punctuation). We will work slowly but surely towards perfecting our writing skills, one step at a time.

### Arts

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.

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, squats. We introduced a new game in P.E class using Hoola Hoops! Ask your children about this game!

JazakumAllahu Khayran!

Duas and Salams,

Until the next issue..

Sis Nisreen, Sis Heba, Dr.Misbah, Sis. Asma, Br. Basel, Sis. Fouzia, Sis Atika, and our class pet - Mr.Einstein!

