***5th Grade News***

**April 3rd, 2015-03-30**

**Happy spring!**

***Alsalamu Alaiykom Parents!***

* InshaAllah this reaches you in the best of health and Iman we *also* hope you are enjoying this beautiful weather we are experiencing!

**Language Arts**

* This week in writing students continued to brainstorm ideas for their YAC (Young Author’s Conference) stories. Students spent this week developing their story idea and answering important questions that pertained to Who? What? Where? Why? How? Etc. Students also spent some time developing each main character in their story. It is crucial that the 5th graders have their stories mapped out before they begun the drafting process, this helps their ideas flow more fluidly. Additionally, teachers continued to conference with each partner to discuss their story ideas. We were pleased to hear that many students had inspirational stories which will truly bring a huge smile to patients beautiful faces!



**Math**

* This week in math lab the 5th graders continued to practice long division using double digit divisors and multi-digit dividends. Students are able to accurately identify each part of a division problem; that is, the divisor, dividend and quotient. Students understand that division is simply reverse multiplication, and students can simply check their quotient for accuracy by multiplying the quotient and divisor. Since multiplication is really just the inverse of division, the ladies and gentleman of 5th grade are starting to realize the importance of having strong and fluid basic multiplication facts at this point of the year.

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**Health Sciences**

* This week in science, the 5th graders continued to study the marvelous world of matter! Students completed a reading regarding the states of matter and how matter is really found in every day! The students also completed comprehension questions over their readings to really ensure a strong understanding of the material.

**Social/Religious Studies**

* The 5th grade students have finished examining the large African slavery boom in the Southern Colonies and the journeys and experiences of slaves during this time period. SubhanAllah, at this point in history, slavery was justified as a business which diminished the slaves' humanity. To learn more about this massive trade, the students viewed the PBS documentary "Prince Among Slaves" which chronicles the experience of the Muslim slave Abdul Rahman Ibrahim Sori. Be sure to ask your child all about his fascinating story! Additionally, the students have moved onto examining the New England colonies and colonial life in the 1700s.
* During Islamic Studies, the 5th graders have been split up into 5 groups.  Each group is learning about the rights of a certain group of people (Muslims, human beings, neighbor, weak and old, and travelling companions) and will be responsible for presenting this learned knowledge.  Each group has decided on the most effective teaching method in which to communicate their knowledge to the rest of the class.  This week, students finished planning their lesson (PowerPoint, video, puppet show, etc.) so that they can present after spring break, insha'Allah.  We are excited for them to present their lessons!

**Don’t Forget…**

* 4/6-10: Spring Break. Classes resume 4/13
* 4/15: Spring Pictures
* 4/18: Martian Marathon
* 4/24: PTO Jummah Treat
* 4/27-5/1: YAC Week (Young Authors Conference Week)
* 4/29: Literacy Night

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**Sweet Success!**

* Each 1-2 weeks, we will be honoring a few of our students for a positive contribution they made to their community. This week we are proud to honor:
  + **Shahryar Chaudry-5A**: for making wise social choices.
  + **Haniah Ahmed-5B:**

for trying hard to be accountable for her work!

*We hope you have a great weekend after another valuable and productive week!*