***5th Grade News***

November 13th, 2015

***Alsalamu Alaiykom Parents!***

* InshaAllah this reaches you in the best of health and iman. This newsletter serves as an important teacher/parent communication tool. These weekly newsletters will be posted to our weeblys each week. It is crucial that you spend a few minutes reading through the newsletter at the end of each week. In this way, we can ensure that you are updated and aware of what your child is learning and discovering in school. In addition, any way in which you can help enforce any of the concepts and topics being taught after the school day is over would be extremely beneficial for your child!

**Language Arts**

* During language arts, the students were introduced to the ‘Read to Someone’ component of the Daily Five. Students discussed what makes a good read to someone session. Ideas included sitting in an EEKK position (elbow-to-elbow-knee-to-knee), using indoor voices as well as using a reading voice with expression and inflexion. Students also recognized the importance of choosing a good pick book, as this is also an important component in read to self. Students really look forward to reading to someone, as it gives them an opportunity to read aloud and share their love for reading with a partner. Additionally, the 5th graders have been enjoying our read-alouds.



**Math**

* During math, the 5th grade boys and girls are still working on fractions. Specifically, equivalent fractions and how two fractions may have the same value, even though they look different. Students also learned how to convert a fraction into its simplest form, simply by dividing. Students will work to realize that there is an equilibrium within conversions between decimals, fractions and percents and that all three are balanced, as they are the same number in different forms

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**Health Sciences**

* This was an exciting week for science! This week, students continued to learn about energy in its various forms. More specifically, students studied producers, consumers, and decomposers and are beginning to understand how each are interrelated and dependent upon the other. Students made some excellent connections and realized that humans can really be considered both a consumer and producer, almost the only species that has that privilege! Additionally, this week students began a month long experiment in which they will observe the decomposition of organic and non-organic material. The class was divided into four groups and each group was given a variable to student, which included; light, temperature, moisture and air. Each group will study how their individual variable effects the decomposition of their material.

**Social/Religious Studies**

* In social studies this week, the 5th graders were introduced to their ‘United Tribe’ project. In this project, students are responsible for creating one whole, united tribe in which they will create their own currency system, clothing, shelter, transportation, natural resources, environment and food. Students are required to work together and use what they learned from previous Native American lifestyles to create their tribe. Students really love this project as it gives them an opportunity to showcase their creative skills as well as work collaboratively with their group to develop a well thought out and systematic tribe.
* The 5th graders have moved on to examining the integrals of wudu; fard and sunnah actions in wudu. Br. Tayseer also explained the conditions for wudu and the importance of being pure. Currently, the 5th graders are learning the integrals and sunnahs of prayer and perfecting their actions during prayers.

**Don’t Forget…**

* 11/14: Children’s Performance @ Ford Community Performing Arts Center
* 11/17: Picture Retake Day
* 11/20 Yearbook Cover Contest due
* 11/26 & 11/27: No school- Fall break

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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:
  + **Zain Fadallah-5A**: for being a productive community member!
  + **Maya Yassin-5B:** for being a hard worker and a contributing community member!

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