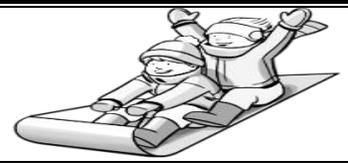


# DECEMBER 2018

## MONTHLY VIRTUE: HONESTY



Time has been passing by so quickly; I cannot believe its December already! In JK we have been busy learning and having fun with our Animal Theme. Students learned many facts about a variety of farm and zoo animals through the animal fact book show and tell, educational video clips and books. I must say that I am very proud of all my students' projects. They were able to share with the class some interesting information about their favourite animal. We sorted animals that live on farms to animals that live at the zoo and we discussed animal habitats (ex. oceans, grasslands, desert, forest etc.). We learned the names of baby animals (ex. foal, kid, gosling, chick, pup, cub, etc.). We also learned about the different animal coverings (ex. fish and snakes have scales, birds and penguins have feathers and lions and rabbits have fur). We discussed that animals are a very important part of our life; they give us products such as milk, cheese and ice cream. The students also discovered that sweaters, mittens, blankets and even socks are made from the wool of a sheep.

**In Language** We learned the letters Dd, Ee, Ff, Gg and Hh. Most students are able to identify the phonetic sounds and produce words beginning with those letters. We have mastered reading over ten sight words but still need practice with some other words. Please continue to review the Sight Word Ring with your child at home during the weekend. If the flash card has a sticker on the top corner your child can successfully read that word. If there is no sticker you need to practice more with your child to recognize that word. Once he or she has mastered reading it I will add a sticker to that word. Please give lots of praise!! We also enjoyed reading many fiction and non-fiction books about animal facts.

### **Pajama and Movie Day (December 21)**

Have your child come to school in their Pajamas. We will have centers that are fun and engaging with different activities that your child will enjoy, Inshallah. We will also be watching a movie before we go on our winter break and enjoying some freshly popped popcorn.

**Have a wonderful winter break and we will see you back on January 8, 2018!!**

**In Math** the students learned how to print the numbers 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Using one-to-one correspondence the students learned to count items to ten and fill in a ten frame to show the number. Furthermore, we learned to count by 1's to 100 and count by 10's. We also learned how to sort and organize animals according to their characteristic.

**In Science** we learned many facts about animals and their characteristics. Students understood that animals are living things and need water, food and a safe place to live. We further discussed the similarities and differences of animals (ex. Animal coverings such as scales, fur, and feathers).

**Letter Sound Day**- Please make sure your child takes part in the letter sound days! The students get very excited to share with the class and I don't want to have anyone left out as this is a fun time to show their confidence and knowledge in front of a group. I would like to see all of my students participating in this fun learning activity.

**Hibernation Day (December 12)** Please have your child dressed in black or brown clothes. If your child has a bear costume he/she can come in that too. We will be transforming our classroom into caves to take part in bear activities and hibernate for the day as bears do during the winter. I hope this will be a fun and memorable time for your child.

Please make sure to label all of your child's winter items and help them to practice self-help skills, such as doing buttons, zipper, putting on their boots and dressing for winter time. We have introduced "The Flip Method" to put on jackets in our class.