



October Newsletter

Grade 3

Dear Parents,

September has been a great month where we put all classroom rules and practices for the rest of the year. We are working together to create a community learning environment where students know their rights as well as their responsibilities. Our class has started a Literacy unit called My Story. In this unit, students will read a variety of personal stories about boys and girls who experience situations ranging from growing potatoes for the first time to trying to catch a pet cat running loose at school. While reading, students learn how making personal connections and identifying the characteristics of a personal story help them better understand the text. As students read/view the photographs, short stories, and graphic story, they develop:

- the reading strategy of making connections
- the writing strategy of choosing a main idea
- an understanding of the characteristics of a personal story
- an understanding of the purpose and audience of products
- the listening strategy of making connections while listening
- word study skills

In Math, we are finishing up Chapter one (patterns). For the next few weeks, your child will be working with numbers up to 1000. Students will represent and describe numbers such as 894 in a variety of ways and situations. Relationships among numbers and among digits in numbers will be emphasized as students rename, round, compare, and order numbers, explore number patterns, and develop number sense. Your child will also work with money to estimate, count, and write money amounts and work with bills up to \$100.



In Science, we started the Plant Growth Unit and we are waiting for the Science books. It is going to be a very interesting unit as students will have lots of fun doing the activities while enjoying learning more about plants.



In Social Studies, we started exploring and talking about different communities. Students are going to learn the difference between the “needs” and the “wants” of each community.



We are very excited and can't wait to get our Islamic Studies books. We are currently using the on line copy and we expect to get the actual books any time this week. We started Surat Al Insan. Students are practicing how to read the ayat as we are discussing the general meaning of each Ayah.



If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the office and set an appointment.



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