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MONTHLY VIRTUE: COOPERATION



Our Classroom Newsletter

JK News



It is hard to believe I am writing the October newsletter already. September seemed to go by in the blink of an eye. Thank you to all the parents and students for a wonderful start to the new school year. A Special thanks to the parents for sending all the supplies needed for our class. We are in great shape to help us get through the year, Inshallah! I have enjoyed getting to know all of my beautiful students and seeing them quickly settle into the routines. I have spent a lot of time getting to know your children and have enjoyed watching them make new friends. We played many ice breaker games that the students enjoyed to help us get better acquainted.

The newsletter will hopefully keep you aware of our kindergarten program and how you can assist your child's school day. Please find the attached calendar, which should be posted in an accessible place (ex. fridge). Please check this often.

During large group learning we practiced how to hold a pencil using the tripod grip. We traced many types of dotted lines to aid in developing the skill of printing. Some students have developed this already and are on their way, but for others it will take some more patience and practice before we begin letter formation. ***Your assistance with this is beneficial for your child daily. Please let me know if you need more ideas and support for home.*** As for math, we have explored the world around us with many colours and shapes. Al-Hamdulillah the students know the basic colours and shapes very well. Have your child look for and explore the many shapes found around your home. (ex. clock is a circle; the door is a rectangle a piece of pizza is a triangle etc.). We have read many books during story time such as, The Kissing Hand, Franklin Goes to school and We Share Everything. But the class favourite every year is, Pete the Cat... I love my White Shoes. In JK we love to explore music and movement throughout our day especially during our morning circle songs when we use the bells to the rhythm. We have enjoyed playing "GO Noodle", an interactive movement that helps kids achieve more by keeping them engaged and motivated throughout the day.

Our class is learning to be responsible little students this month. They are becoming more independent in emptying their back pack and organizing their belongings into the proper baskets. Our class has also worked so hard to keep the classroom tidy and neat after work time and playtime. We have been practicing to put on our own jackets and shoes but I have found that some students still require more time to build that skill. This month, the children will be encouraged to independently put on their shoes and jackets and try to zip their zippers and button their buttons. Please continue to support and encourage your child in doing these things independently at home.

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Despite the hot temperature our students still enjoyed the trip to Appleland Station. They saw various farm animals and enjoyed the train ride the best. The students learned all about the life cycle of the apple tree and just how important and busy the bees are for the farmer. Thank you to all the parent volunteers, we couldn't have done it without your help.

For the month of October students will be learning the life cycle of an apple tree, parts of an apple, and the changes that occur in Fall. Some activities we will be doing is going on a nature walk, collecting and analyzing leaves by colour, shape, type and size. Most of these topics tie nicely with science and health, as we explore the changes occurring in the natural world and healthy eating.

Letter Sound Day

Each Friday (sometimes Thursday) your child is required to bring in one item that begins with the letter of the week that we have been learning. They are to say what the item is, what letter it begins with and the phonetic sound of the letter three times. (Please refer to the calendar and planner note). They may also print out a series of pictures from the internet to read to their fellow classmates which can help increase their communication skills in front of a group.

Treasure Box Show and Tell and helper of the day

This month for show and tell, your child is required to bring in a Treasure Box with up to 8-10 items for us to learn more about each other. Please practice saying what the item is, where they got it, and why they chose to bring it in. I will be encouraging my students to speak up with confidence in a clear voice where the class will pose a few questions to be answered. ***Please refer to the letter attached for ideas and items to put in the box.*** In addition your child will be my helper to pass out pencils take the attendance, collect the mats, be the counter and weather person of the day. I hope this will be a fun learning experience at school!

Homework (Optional)

- I will be photocopying activity sheets for your child to do each month in their blue folder and journal. Please refer to the reminders in your child's planner for that week to see what activity sheet can be done.
- Please DO NOT go ahead and finish all the pages in the folder.**
- (just what is noted in the reminder note: usually 1-2 math or language)



Dismissal- Please make sure that you are waiting in the gym for your child at 3:30 unless you need them out early for an appointment. Please do not wait by the school office to pick your child up as we need to keep the area clear for the students taking the bus. Thank you for your understanding.

Looking forward to learning more about your child and their creativity!