Sr. Hadil’s classroom newsletter

December – January Newsletter

Welcome Back!

Welcome Back!

I am very thrilled to see everyone all happy and relaxed after the two week break from school! It was a pleasure to have the time off, but even more so to be back! I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable break. Just a few reminders - please continue to dress warmly for the weather (snowpants, boots, hats, mittens etc). Also please continue to bring nut free lunches and snacks. I look forward to the New Year with you! [](http://www.google.ca/url?sa=i&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=images&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0ahUKEwig7Kiw98jYAhVHYt8KHZC6BfQQjRwIBw&url=http://clipartix.com/new-year-clip-art-image-16252/&psig=AOvVaw1cnHeF8Pc_U70uGi1Hs31v&ust=1515520325606870)

– Mismatch day

Important Date

January 9 – Prepaid lunch

January 10 – Scientists in School workshop

January 16 – Mismatch day

-- Pulleys Quiz

January 18 – Parts of speech quiz

January 19 – P.D day – no school

January 25 – Grade 1 & 2 Snack Sale

January 29—31 Jump Rope 4 Heart

Language

The grade 4s focused on comparing and contrasting in our reading unit. We learned about different target words to distinguish between comparing or contrasting different topics. This month, we will focus on how to summarizing, insha’Allah.

In reading, we are also continuing to read the novel Wonder. So far, the story has taught us about acceptance and the importance of personality over outward appearance.

In writing, we learned all about informational writing. In this unit, we discussed the differences between fact and opinion, how to distinguish between the two, and the components of an informational text. During this month, the grade 4s will be working with procedural writing. We will have lots of fun as we experiment with different types of procedural writing and making our own procedures.

Math

In the short weeks before the winter break, the grade 4s were able to complete unit 5: Data Management in our math textbook. We learned a lot about reading data from a table, pictographs and bar graphs. At the end of the unit, the students were able to draw their own pictographs and bar graphs with all the necessary components of those graphs. Next unit: unit 4 – Multiplication and Division! [](https://www.google.ca/imgres?imgurl=https://tv4educationdotcom.files.wordpress.com/2017/05/5968bf4ddcc3b72f04c5006ff5236cdd_multiplication-mania-mary-s-multiplication-man-clipart_750-618.jpeg?w%3D750%26h%3D500%26crop%3D1&imgrefurl=https://tv4edplusteachertools.com/2017/05/04/multiplication-facts-year-3-maths-2/&docid=WwO34fS2tSisfM&tbnid=Me6yyFt-JTj8YM:&vet=1&w=750&h=500&bih=855&biw=1280&ved=0ahUKEwiG7-LOp8vYAhUk_4MKHXERAqQQxiAIFigB&iact=c&ictx=1)

Social studies

In Social Studies, the grade 4s continue their unit on the Physical and Political Regions of Canada for the remainder of the month. We have learned so much about the provinces and territories of Canada, and the political regions that encompasses the country. Insha’Allah we will wrap up this unit by the end of the month of January and will begin our new and much awaited unit on Ancient Civilizations.

Science

The grade 4s started their new science unit on pulleys and gears. So far we have learned about the different types of pulleys, how pulleys make lifting easier, the disadvantage and advantage of each type of pulley and we even conducted our own experiment to see the difference of lifting with a pulley versus without a pulley.

On Wednesday, January 10 we will be having a scientists in school workshop to learn and experiment more with pulleys and become introduced to gears, as we will learn about those in this month.

Reminder: Please remember to study for your pulleys quiz on Tuesday, January 16!

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Please visit our class website at *www.grade4ifs-durham.weebly.com* to see all the amazing learning we’ve been doing in our class!

Islamic Studies

In Islamic Studies, we have started our unit on the Prophet’s Seerah. Among the topics we learned so far are, the first companions of the Prophet to join Islam, the struggle they experienced at the hands of their non-Muslim counterparts and important events of the Prophet’s life before Hijra.

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