In reading, we have started our unit on inference. We learned different inference strategies and how to use clues from a test to understand what the author is trying to say.

In grammar, we are learning about sentence structure. So far, we’ve learned about the different types of sentences, subject and predicates and simple and compound sentences. Next up, we’ll explore run-on sentences, and then we’ll start with parts of speech.

In writing, we spent this month looking at formal and informal letter writing. We learned about the different parts of a letter and how to write a letter. The students are currently writing a Dear Me letter to be read at the end of the year.

# Language

# Visual Arts

We have done our first sketch book assignment which is to draw something that is melting. A bit challenging but amazing results from all the students! The students have also learned about elements of designs and did a wonderful job in created texture and line hand art.

The grade fours have just finished their first math unit on Number Patterns. We learned about pattern rules, position patterns and patterns in numbers. The students have written their final test on the unit, which was marked and given back for parents’ signatures. Next up is Unit 2: Whole Numbers to 10,000.

**Friendly Reminders**:

-students are expected to be in the school building by 8:15 am and leave by 3:45 pm.

-students should bring only nut-free lunches and snacks.

-students should always be prepared to start a lesson with their pencil, eraser, notebook, subject binder and textbook if applicable.

-remember to always get your agenda signed by Sr. Hadil before leaving the day.

September newsletter

### IFS Durham

September 2017

Alhamdulliah we’ve had a great first month of school. Both Sr. Hadil and students had and continue to have fun getting to know each other and learning and doing great things.

We’ve done various diagnostic assessments to get us started for the year in both Language Arts and Mathematics.

We have begun learning our first units in all the subjects and have already done a variety of assessments and small assignments.

# Math

# It’s been a great month!

banner with apples and crayons

apple with pencil

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# In other news…

For science we started our first unit on Habitats and Communities. The students learned about different types of habitats for different animals. We also learned about the different types of adaptations of an animal and how that helps it survive in its habitat. We also did a nature walk around the school and discovered different animals, plants and insects in the habitat around us

For social studies we’ve began our first unit on the Political and Physical regions of Canada. So far, the students have learned some very interesting facts about Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland & Labrador. Did you know that Nova Scotia means New Scotland, or that Newfoundland is an island?! Interesting!

Students at IFSD got to participate in student council elections. We listened to amazing, convincing speeches by all the candidates and go to vote for who we thought made the best President and Vice President. Congratulations to all the winners!

Many grade four students have also showed interest in being prefects. Those interested attended a meeting and signed contracts. They will soon be assigned their prefect roles, and will start their responsibilities insha’Allah.

# Science and Social Studies

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## Hadith of the month

Narrated Anas:

The Prophet said, "If anyone forgets a prayer he should pray that prayer when he remembers it. There is no expiation except to pray the same." Then he recited: "Establish prayer for My (i.e. Allah's) remembrance." (Bukhari)

## Important Dates

**October 3rd** – Snack Sale. Please bring food to sell and change to buy!

**October 3rd**- Lunch forms and payment are due today

**October 9th** – Thanksgiving Holiday (no school)

**October 31st –** Picture Day

## Student of the Month

We have begun our first on Taharrah and Cleanliness. So far we’ve learned the importance of being clean in all aspects of our lives. We’ve also learned about why the Prophet encouraged Taharah and different strategies to ensure a clean body, tongue and mind.

## Islamic Studies

And the Star Student award goes to…

**Hafsa Farooq**

