

# Fourth Grade News

Week of October 29, 2018

## **Unit 2: Moral Literacy**

This unit we will be focusing on moral literacy, looking specifically at balance, interdependence, peace and harmony. We know that all of Allah's Beloved are noble characters and should work to have a positive influence on the people and spaces around them.

**Math:** We have had lots of good practice with the multiplication strategies and are moving on to long division. This is a challenging unit and students will be practicing at home daily. The students are moving through the multiplication basic facts timed tests. Students are expected to only spend a week or two practicing each times table. Flash cards are a very helpful tool! They should be able to complete 60 problems in 2 minutes or less with 100% accuracy in order to move on. Students should complete up to 12 by the end of the year and will be awarded a certificate.

**Science:** We have been learning about fast changes on Earth caused by natural disasters. Students created a seismometer and simulated an "earthquake" to see how the recording device works. Next week, they will work through the engineering and design process to build a structure that can withstand a (Jell-O) earthquake!

**Social Studies:** Students are connecting our first amendment rights to an understanding of the Core Democratic Values. As they learn about the importance the 10 values have on a well-functioning society, they will create a booklet of their learning. To end the unit they will work in small groups to create a skit of a specific value to teach their classmates about it.

**Reader's Workshop:** We are enjoying our time spent with Book Clubs! The next set of book club activities will be based on Scholastic StoryWorks. This is a wonderful resource we came across that includes all genres for the students to read and complete comprehension activities. The next reading we will use is a fictional story. Students will practice their summarizing skills by focusing on important story parts.

**Writer's Workshop:** Students will work through the entire writing process (pre-writing, drafting, revise/editing, publishing) as they write a personal narrative story. A weekly grammar lesson is included within their writing practice. This week will focus on comma usage. We are also spending a few days each week practicing writing in A-B-C paragraph format in order to prepare for the ACT test they take next month. Please have your student practice for the test on the ACT aspire

**Word Study:** The class is learning lots of new, interesting and fun words through their weekly lists and Word of the Week activities. Next week we will add a new component to word study: Root of the Week. Our first root is "Ter, Terra, Geo" students will relate these new words to what we are learning in Earth Science.

## **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Inspiring Individuals:**

These students are exemplars in displaying what it means to be an inspiring individual. These students display kindness, compassion and care towards their class community, and are motivated to be the best learner they can be!

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