

## Fourth Grade News

Week of November 12, 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.

Check your e-mail for the Parent-Teacher Conference sign up. Conferences are Friday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>.

**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:** Next unit we will begin our exciting energy unit with a field trip to the Cranbrook Institute of Science. We will participate in the Electricity Lab and the Journey to the Center of the Earth Lab. The Electricity Lab is a good intro to our energy unit, the Earth Lab will connect to our learning from unit 1 and 2. Thank you to those parents that are joining us as chaperones. The final weeks of unit 2 will be spent learning about natural resources and fossil fuels in order to understand better where our sources of energy come from.

**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 sentence fragments and run-ons in order to improve our personal narratives stories.

**Word Study:** The class is learning lots of new, interesting and fun words through their weekly lists and Word of the Week activities. Our new root of the week is -Rupt.

### 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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