AKHLAAQ TRAIT OF THE MONTH: RESPECT

We discussed that Allah (SWT) repeatedly tells us in the Quran to obey him, followed immediately by telling us to respect our parents. We mentioned the example of Prophet Ismail (AS) who loved and respected his father Ibrahim (AS) so much that when he was commanded to be sacrificed, Ismail accepted without arguing.

The JK-1 Newsletter

October 2013

Assalamu-alaikum

Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe that the month of November is upon us! Alhamdulillah The class has settled into the daily routine.

**Calendar:**

Our Calendar routine includes the awareness of the days of the week, the date, the month, and the year. This helps them to say and recognize numbers from 1-30 and allows them to develop language skills.

**October Highlights**

**In Language we are learning:**

* Reciting poems such as Rainbow Song for You
* Letters and sounds of the alphabet
* Focus on letters "P, B, R, N, M"
* Book study on *The Four Seasons*
* Book study on *Five Little Monkeys*
* Book study on the Letter of the Week

**Home Ideas:**

1. Practice writing your child’s name with him/her

2. Practice writing the letter of the week with your child

**In Math we are learning:**

* Creating apple AB and ABB Patterns
* Graphing apples by favourite colour
* Counting from 1-6
* Printing from 1-6

**In Science and Technology:**

Parts of an apple (stem, leaf, seeds, core)  
Making Applesauce  
Observing Nature in Fall  
Parts of the body  
Underhand throwing and ball passing

**Personal and Social Development:**

* Feelings are important
* Names are important and unique
* Sorting leaves by size

**Home Ideas:**

1. Practice printing the numbers 1 - 6 on a blank piece of paper
2. Practice the concept of sorting by sorting laundry items into groups (all socks, all shirts, etc. or all dark/lights)
3. Collecting various types of leaves and sorting them in various categories (small/big leaves, yellow/brown leaves etc.)

Important Information...

REMINDER: Students are allowed to bring letter-based toys or objects from home only on **Fridays** for Show and Tell**.** Please avoid letting your child bring a toy to school on any other day, unless they are the Leader. Jazak Allah.

**Shoes**

Please dress up your child in either **velcro or slip on** shoes. These types of shoes are easy for the child to put on as well as take off if needed. Shoes with laces are difficult for a four or five year old to tie by themselves and end up coming undone throughout the day. Students should only wear shoes with laces if they can tie them independently. Jazak­Allah for your understanding.

**Islamic Studies:**

* Hajj Re-enactment
* Prophet Nuh (A.S.)
* Surah Fatiha
* Dua before eating and sleeping
* Akhlaaq Trait: Respect -We show respect by treating others the way we would like to be treated:
* Respect for teachers, parents, peers, classroom, toys, books, etc.

**Home ideas:**

1. Please review the above surahs with your child at home. Encourage your child to recite the dua before they eat and sleep. This will re-enforce what they have learned in class.

**In Science, Physical Education and art, we are learning:**

* Parts of an apple
* Life cycle of an apple tree
* Balance exercises

***Save the Date!***

Progress Report – November 18th

Pizza Lunch – November 27th

Early Dismissal – November 28th

Curriculum Highlights for November

November 19th – 22nd

**November 25th- 29th**

Letter U

Numbers 1 to 10

Graphing Favorite Colors

Graphing Number of Rakats in Salah

Discussing shapes in nature  
Building structures using shapes

**November 4th – 8th**

Introduction to Colors and Shapes

Letter H

Attributes of 2D shapes

Recognition of colors  
Story of Adam (AS)

**November 11th – 15th**

Letter K

2D Shapes

Mixing primary and secondary colors

Allah’s Creation

Stories of Prophet Muhammad (SAW)

**November 18th – 22nd**

Letter L

3D Shapes

Color collages  
Belief in Angels

**Below are some of the many books that we will be reading:**

Pancakes Crackers and Pizza Brown Bear Brown Bear What do you See

Here we go Round the Mulberry Bush Polar Bear Polar Bear What do you Hear

Finding Shapes Itsy Bitsy Spider & Itsy Bitsy Beetle

A Crowded Ride in the Countryside Hey Diddle Diddle & Hey Doodle Doodle

Humpty Dumpty Humpty Dumpty at Sea