

# NEWS IN 3JM

LEARNING AND FUN IN ROOM 218

OCTOBER 7-11, 2012

## DEAR 3JM PARENTS,

Dear Parents,

Another great week in 3JM! In **Math** this week, we began with the class writing the Unit 1 final assessment before beginning our work in Unit 2, which deals with the concepts of adding and subtracting whole numbers. In unit 2 this week, lessons dealt with fact families, extensions of addition and subtraction facts Working on Khan Academy will soon become a part of the 3JM everyday homework assignment, so make sure your child is signed up. Please email with me questions. This is valuable tool that will really help the students improve their math skills.

In **Writing** this week, the students continued to think about “seed ideas” versus “watermelon issues.” The created storytelling booklets to help them “zoon in” on a moment, instead of summarizing a whole event.

In **Reading** the students continued to work on their reading stamina during daily DEAR time as well as remembering to record in their reading logs. Teaching sessions this week focused on reminding the students to be engaged with reading, while making connections and creating a visual picture to help with comprehension skills

In **Science**, we began our first unit of the year this week! The unit covers plants, animals and the interaction between these two groups. Introductory lessons dealing with the parts of a plant, plant needs and the life cycle were taught this week via a variety of different activities which I know the students all enjoyed.

Have a wonderful weekend!

## SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

<b>SUNDAY</b> ARABIC, PE, IT-MAPS TESTING	<b>DAY</b> <b>5</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> ARABIC, Islamic, Picture Day	<b>DAY</b> <b>6</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> ARABIC, ISLAMIC, Art	<b>DAY</b> <b>7</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> ARABIC Native, PE	<b>DAY</b> <b>8</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> ARABIC, Music, Guidance, MAPS Testing	<b>DAY</b> <b>9</b>

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Please send a water bottle to school with your child each day
- Every Tuesday is an early release day 1.45pm
- MAPS testing begins next week. Please refer to the “SPOT ON” for more information.

## SPELLING LIST UNIT 5

1. CREW	8. SCHOOL	15. CHOOSE
2. NEWS	9. SMOOTH	
3. DREW	10. POOL	<u>CHALLENGE</u>
4. KNEW	11. SHOOT	16. DEW
5. THREW	12. ROOF	17. LOOP
6. CHEW	13. FOOL	18. REVIEW
7. LOOSE	14. BALLOON	19. TOOT