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Grade 4 Message

The fourth grade has come back from Winter break relaxed and excited about continuing E-learning. In Literacy we had started creative journaling. Journal writing helps students process feelings, build writing skills, and communicate ideas. The fourth grade has embarked on reading award winning literature. We are currently reading Because of Winn Dixie by: Kate DiCamillo. By the end of the unit the students will understand the value of companionship and the joy of finding friends in unexpected places. While reading the book we will discuss character traits, identify how characters change over time, and how a character's actions and speech move a story forward to demonstrate the theme.



Fourth grade is beginning a new unit examining life science concentrating on plants and animals using the Science Fusion textbook series. Over the next five weeks, science lessons will focus on plants and animals. Students will investigate various plant structures and their functions for plants to survive in a variety of environments. An introduction to new vocabulary terms that will help students explain and describe multiple plant structures. Students will understand plants and their structures to explore how people solve modern problems, like providing water to plants where the resource is scarce—using STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) skills to learn about water irrigation systems. Towards the end of the unit, students will explore how plants and animals reproduce and their life cycles.

Over several weeks, Fourth Grade is working towards mastery in multiplication, using the Go Math! Textbook series, students began multiplying one-digit to one-digit numbers and now are multiplying two-digit numbers together. Go Math presented several methods to multiply numbers together, allowing students to find the best strategy to suit their unique learning style. Over the month, students will practice regrouping and word problems. These multiplication techniques and strategies will allow students to understand how math solves problems in real-world situations.

In Social Studies the fourth grade has completed a wonderful and informative unit on Ancient Egypt. We learned about the process of mummification and how to write our name in Hieroglyphics. In unit 2 the fourth grade studied map skills. We also had an overview of the continents, oceans, and hemispheres. The culminating activity was to use our map skills to design a playground.

Dates to Remember

Jan. 19, 2021
- Drop-in Admin Zoom Meeting @ 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Jan. 27, 2021
- Report cards are available on PowerSchool

Feb. 3, 2021
- Pick-Up Parade

The fourth graders have been excellent in demonstrating the BIS good habit and expectations during the first semester. They strive for accuracy while being respectful with their classmates. They have become excellent online learners.

BIS Calendar for SY 21-22 is posted on the BIS Website and Instagram, also you can find it attached!

Mission Statement: Al-Bayan International School personalizes learning to achieve intellectual and individual growth of all students, empowering them to impact their community.

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