



Kindergarten Connection



Al Fatih Academy

Assalaamu Alaikum!

January 2012

We have enjoyed the old Ukrainian Folktale **The Mitten** very much and we've learned a lot about symmetry and how it works. We are amazed that so much of Allah's creation is symmetrical, including us! We haven't quite gotten started with our studies of snow. The weather just hasn't cooperated. We will go back to some of the snow activities listed on the last newsletter as soon as some snow appears, Inshallah. So while we wait for the snow to arrive, we will begin discussing how different animals and humans respond to winter. The focus will be on animal adaptation, migration and hibernation.

During this Unit we will:

Language Arts:

- continue to work on recognizing the short vowel sounds with a focus on "U"
- continue to create lists of word families that contain the short vowel sounds.
- continue to write using beginning and ending sounds with some vowels
- continue to recognize some of the common blends and diagraphs (sh, th, ch etc.)
- continue to retell the events in a story, focusing on beginning, middle and end, and identify the characters and setting
- begin to read various fiction /non-fiction books dealing with animals and winter.
- write about winter and animals

Reminders

Jan. 22nd - Town Hall/PTA Meeting 10:00
 Jan. 26-----AFA Sprit Day Theme TBA
 Jan. 27----- End of 2nd Quarter
 Jan. 30----- Teacher Work Day,
 No Classes for student

Handwriting:

- continue to practice: the pencil pick-ups, proper posture, and starting all letters at the top
- complete "corner capitals" Y & Z

Math/Science:

- continue to explore the value that each number holds.
- continue to recognize patterns in our environment.
- continue to explore number combinations (addition)
- begin to estimate objects to 50
- begin to compare numbers as greater or less than and recognize the > and < symbols.
- begin to count by 2's and 5's.
- learn how some animals respond to seasonal changes (hibernate, adapt, migrate)
- identify some common birds in our area

Islamic/ Social Studies/Peace Leaders:



- continue to stress the importance of giving and responding to salams
- start our day with recitation of Al-Fatiha /end our day with recitation of Al-Asr
- recognize the cardinal as VA state bird, and the dogwood as the VA state flower/tree
- recognize Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, and Ruby Bridges as important figures in US history
- introduce the monthly peace leaders theme: Sabr through the story of Prophet Muhammad and woman that threw trash at him.

*"Oh you who believe! Seek help with patient perseverance (sabr) and prayer. Allah is with those who patiently persevere."
 Surah Baqarah aya 153"*

Art:

- illustrate a variety of habitats and animals using various mediums