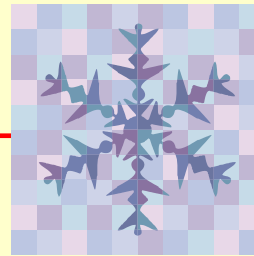


# Friday Newsletter



My Iman Montessori  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

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## Mrs. Sara's Class 3-6

We have been talking about the months of the year putting all 12 months in order. We talked about how things only happen once a year like a birthday.

We learned about the four different seasons we have (Winter, Spring, Summer, and Autumn). We also talked about people, animals, and plants in the winter time. We also have been practicing the days of the week and working on yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Students were presented time; 24 hours in the day, 60 minutes in an hour and 60 seconds in a minute. We sat with our eyes closed for 60 seconds, we hopped for 60 seconds. They are also learning how to read a clock.



Minnah colored the months of the year then she cut out the months and pasted them in order on another piece of paper.

### Science and Geography

We learned about Martin Luther King Jr, and how he wanted peace and equality for everyone.

We learned about dinosaurs. We talked about T-Rex; we talked about different adjectives that describe a dinosaur. We talked about extinction.

And we talked about vertebrates vs. invertebrates.

We talked about pyramids.

We talked about the life cycle of a butterfly and colored pictured about it.

We learned about South America and the rain forest.

### Math and Language

As a group we have been counting to 60, we have also been counting to 60 by five. We have been talking about time and looking at the clock in the classroom and working on hours. Also some children are doing the number insets with clocks. Some students have also started measuring. The students used measuring cups to see how many times  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ , and  $\frac{1}{2}$  will go into 1 cup. Students are also using links to measures materials. Also, they are using a scale to measure's different objects weight.

Students are continually reading books and they are excelling wonderfully!! We are also working on fluency words (practicing at home is also great!!). Some students are learning about nouns and adjectives.

### Practical Life and Sensorial

Students were introduces to opening and closing materials (bottles, zippers, buttons, snaps). The students are continually workings on pouring water, mixing colors, and working on fine motor skills. They are also working on order first, middle, and last,



The finished product of our paper mache snowmen done right before we left for break





Assalamu Alaykum

### Arabic:

In the last few weeks, we have been busy learning how to write simple vocabulary words. So far the children are enjoying it. The children are also learning how to read short sentences. We also worked on matching pictures with the appropriate phrase to go with it. It is amazing how well they're doing.

As for the preschool children, we work daily on the Arabic letters using flash card and learning the names of different things around them such as fruit, clothes, animals, etc...

As a group, we have been counting to fifty and learning the days of the week.

### Islamic Studies:

We have been talking about the Prophet Mohamed (PBUH), his family, his life, and his Syra

### Quran:

The children show a big interest in memorizing Quran, they are proud of themselves when they finish memorizing a Surah.

Please help your child with the following Surahs (Al Kafirun, Al Maun, Quraish, Al Fil)

### REMINDERS TO STUDENTS

- Remember to walk in the classroom so we do not trip and get hurt.
- Please use your quiet voice inside.
- Use gentle hands
- Listen to your parents at home.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

***We are celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on February 2<sup>nd</sup>! We need parent volunteers!!!!***

Early Dismissal February 8<sup>th</sup>

No School Monday February 20<sup>th</sup>

### REMINDERS TO PARENTS

Remember to bring your child's snow clothing everyday!

- Boots and regular shoes
- Winter coat
- Winter gloves
- Hat
- Extra clothes

Please remember to practice at home with your child! Learning should not just be done at school. Ask your child what they learned at school each day.

Let your child do things for themselves at home; getting dressed, getting their own snow stuff on, getting their own food.

Also remember to promote good manners with your child and make sure they use manners at home as well as school.