

Reaching for Light

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Current Plans

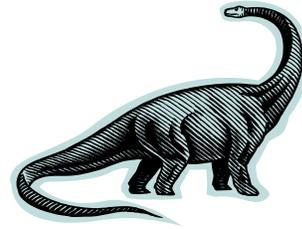
We are continuing our current unit in Useful Knowledge. We are learning the basic pillars of Islam as well as the basic pillars of Iman. Insha'Allah, we will learn to identify each pillar and reflect on why each pillar is essential in Islam. Also, we will continue studying from the lives of the Prophet's Companions (RA). Insha'Allah, this will help us learn noble actions and have a better sense of guidance. Prophet Muhammed (PBUH) said, "My Companions are like the stars; whichever of them you follow, you will be rightly guided."



Tables and Graphs

Mathematical concepts that we are currently working on are tables and graphing. Students will be taking surveys and recording data on tally tables. We will be using tally marks to record results on tables. Students may be asked to conduct surveys at home with family members. Students will use their data in order to construct various types of graphs including bar graphs, line graphs, and pictographs. Insha'Allah, it will be lots of fun and please log onto Study Island for home study assignments.

Prehistoric Times



Students are continuing to explore dinosaurs at this time. Students will begin a research project that will require help at home. Students will need to go to the library and get books on any dinosaur of their choice. I would like for students to research and record information so please help them select books they can easily navigate and read. We have been working with the table of contents in class in order to help us find information easily. Please encourage your child to do this project on their own. The Dinosaur Report will be sent home tonight and will be due January 14th.

They will use their report to create their own dinosaur out of homemade play dough. The recipe for the play dough is on the back of this sheet. Since we will be using it for another project too, I doubled the recipe. Hopefully you will enjoy making it with your child. We will be painting our creations so you do not need to use any food coloring in the play dough. **We need the play dough for class before Wednesday the 16th.** Please put it in a Ziploc bag with your child's name on it. Thanks for helping us out.

I hope this finds you all healthy and happy. If you need to reach me you can send a note, call the office, or send an email.

All the Best,

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Play Dough Recipe



2 cups flour

2 cups warm water

4 tablespoons of vegetable oil

4 teaspoons cream of tarter

1 cup salt

Mix all ingredients into a large pot. Stir over medium heat until smooth and it becomes a ball of dough. Remove from pot and knead until blended smooth. Place in plastic bag when cooled. It will last a long time.

All the Best,

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