



Dasman Model School

Grade 5 Newsletter

December 1, 2008

Dear Parents,

Please note that your child will be studying the following topics at school for the next four weeks.

English - Teachers: Livingstone, M.

- Week of Nov. 30-Dec. 4:
 - **Reading:** Drama: "Bear Builds a House" – Act out a play
 - **Grammar:** Simple and compound sentences
 - **Writing:** Expository writing: directions and recipes
 - **Spelling:** Test each Thursday. Words given each Sunday.
- Week of Dec. 14-18:
 - **Reading:** "Nature's Year"
 - **Grammar:** Compound subjects and predicate, clauses
 - **Writing:** Narrative writing
 - **Spelling:** Test each Thursday. Words given each Sunday.
- Week of Dec. 21-24:
 - **Reading:** "Weird Friends"
 - **Grammar:** Clauses
 - **Writing:** Personal writing: Self-portrait
 - **Spelling:** Test each Thursday. Words given out each Sunday.

Mathematics -Teacher: Fredericks, T.

- Week of Nov. 30-Dec. 4: Fractions: equivalent fractions, mixed numbers, relationship between fractions and decimals
- Week of Dec. 14-18: Compare and order fractions, add and subtract fractions
- Week of Dec. 21-24: Add and subtract fractions, multiply fractions, vocabulary: *denominator*, *numerator*.

Science -Teachers: Fredericks, T.; Livingston, M.

- ✓ Week of Nov. 30-Dec. 4: Classifying living things, plant cells
- ✓ Week of Dec. 14-18: Basic unit of life, function of the plant cells
- ✓ Week of Dec. 21-24: Vocabulary, levels of organization, differences between living and nonliving things, characteristics of living things

✚ **NOTE: No tests in December except Thursday spelling.**

Homework Diaries: Please make sure you sign your child's homework diary every night. All homework assignments and tests will be written into their diaries.

<p>Spelling: Each Thursday English: Grammar: Mathematics: Science:</p>

Materials: Your child is expected to purchase the following materials for school: pencils, erasers, A4 loose leaf notebook, coloring pencils, whiteboard markers, a geometry set, and highlighters.

Grade Five (5) Subject Teachers:

Livingstone, M.
Fredericks, T.

Principal:

Mirhaj, A.