



Dasman Model School

Grade 5 Newsletter

January 1, 2009

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 Jan. 4-8:
 - **Reading:** Non-fiction: "The Way West"
 - **Grammar:** Complex sentences
 - **Writing:** Non-fiction: research on a topic
 - **Spelling:** Lexicon will be distributed on Sunday for the *test on Thursday*.
- Week of Jan. 11-15:
 - **Reading:** Non-fiction, "The Way West"
 - **Grammar:** Complex sentences
 - **Writing:** Non-fiction – research on a topic
 - **Spelling:** Lexicon will be distributed on Sunday for the *test on Thursday*.
- Week of Jan. 18-22:
 - **Reading:** Fiction: "Someplace Else"; practice reading aloud
 - **Grammar:** Independent and dependent clauses
 - **Writing:** Fiction: Imaginative writing
 - **Spelling:** Lexicon will be distributed on Sunday for the *test on Thursday*.
- Week of Jan. 25-29:
 - **Reading:** Fiction: "Someplace Else"; practice reading aloud
 - **Grammar:** Independent and dependent clauses
 - **Writing:** Fiction: Imaginative writing
 - **Spelling:** Lexicon will be distributed on Sunday for the *test on Thursday*.

Mathematics -Teacher: Fredericks, T.

- Week of Jan. 4-8: **Fractions:** divisibility, compare and order, and with mixed numbers
- Week of Jan. 11-15: Compare fractions and decimals
- Week of Jan. 18-22: **Measurement:** length, area, volume and angles in standard metric units
- Week of Jan. 25-29: **Measurement:** linear, square and cubic units of the metric system

Science -Teachers: Fredericks, T.

- Week of Jan. 4-8: How are animals different from plants? Animal traits
- Week of Jan. 11-15: **Photosynthesis:** How does water get from the roots of trees to the leaves?
- Week of Jan. 18-22: Plants **with**, and **without**, seeds
- Week of Jan. 25-29: Parts of a flower

Review of Upcoming Tests:**English:** Jan. 11**Grammar:** Jan. 25**Mathematics:** Jan. 07**Science:** Jan. 21

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.

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.**