

Elementary School
Home-School Connection



Prophet Muhammed صلى الله عليه وسلم said
"You shall not enter Paradise until you believe; and you will not believe until you love one another. Shall I not guide you to a thing? Which when done, will make you love one another: Spread the greeting of Salam among you"- (Muslim)

December 2013

Message from Sister Bibi Baksh, Elementary School Instructional Leader

Below are some important dates and reminders:

First Parent-Teacher Conference:

Parents-Teacher Conference is scheduled for **Friday, December 20th from 6-8pm.**

This is an opportunity for parents to discuss concerns regarding their children's academic progress. A few parents will be receiving letters requesting them to attend the meeting or schedule an appointment with their children's teachers. This is an attempt for teachers to collaborate with parents to assist their children. I urge you to meet with teachers if you do receive this letter.

Report Cards:

Report cards will be sent home on Thursday, December 19th.

End of Year Recess:

End of Year Recess will be from **Monday, December 23 to Friday January 3rd. School reopens on January 6th 2014. Once again, please schedule vacations so that your child will not miss school.**

Assessment Policies:

- Parents will be given at least five days notice prior to an assessment.
- Teachers will send home study guide.
- Assessment scores will be communicated within three days to parents unless the teacher indicates reason for the delay, as sometimes teachers do need to assess some students one on one, especially in the lower grades.
- Teachers will send home copies of assessments with students who score lower than 90%.
- Teachers will not schedule more than one assessment in a day.
- Any student who is absent on the day of the assessment must have a doctor's note or parents must have viable explanation in order for the child to have a make-up.



Special Thanks: We are extremely grateful to all who contributed five new rugs. Grades Pre-K to 4 now have clean rugs for students. In addition, parents are currently working on building cubbies for first grade and second grade. These cubbies will assist in organizing classrooms which will greatly enhance the learning environment.

Special thanks to Sister Kinza who has been volunteering as a literacy tutor for second grade students who need to build reading skills. These students are making great progress as a result of her support.

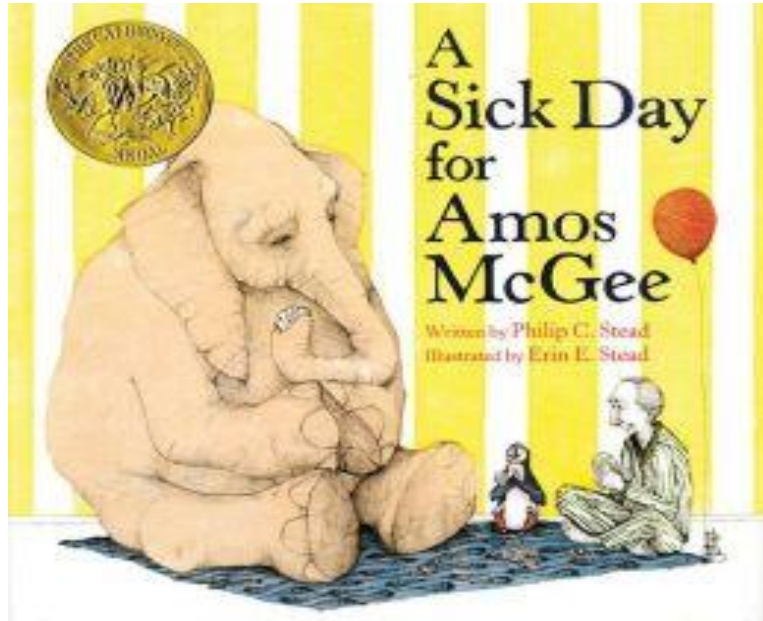
BrainPOP: Please be reminded your child can log on to this site and watch great videos to supplement what he/she is learning in school. **Username:** yonkers26 **Password:** Yonkers

Student of the Month Achievers:

Grade	November
Pre-K	Amaan shariff
K	Safa Rached
1st Grade	David Rafiq
2nd Grade	Yasmeen Masoud
3rd Grade	Mohamad Suwan
4th Grade	Farhan Mukit
5th Grade	Hamza Malik
Arabic Level A	Rawda Elbatrawish
Arabic Level B	Deen Giljic
Quran	Mohammed Yousef
Islamic Studies	Kareema Ghaswala
Computer	Raeesah Gafur

***Please note these awards are 1 per Elementary School, not per grade.**

Book of the Month is:



Overview

Friends come in all sorts of shapes and sizes. In Amos McGee's case, all sorts of species, too! Every day he spends a little bit of time with each of his friends at the zoo, running races with the tortoise, keeping the shy penguin company, and even reading bedtime stories to the owl. But when Amos is too sick to make it to the zoo, his animal friends decide it's time they returned the favor.

We are hoping, although very simple, this book will remind students of the value of friendship. Very young children will embrace the concept without questioning it, but as children get older, they tend to have more conflicts in school. They also tend to branch off in small groups. Teachers will discuss this book in an attempt to remind students we all need to appreciate the "friend" we can find in each other.

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