Week of January 5th

This week we continue with unit 3: Intellectual Literacy. We will be covering the concepts of decisions and judgments. We will specifically discuss how useful knowledge impacts our communities this week, how individuals and groups bring change, and how societies react to change.

This week we will continue with division. We will make connections to multiplication as students understand what it means to divide. Students will continue practicing the traditional algorithm for division. Model drawing and multiplication timed tests continue.

In science we continue with energy. This week we will focus on wind power and learn about it’s history. Students will learn about how the sun causes wind and how wind can affect people. We will then test the strength of various materials using wind energy.

In Social Studies this week we will begin to discuss public issues and making informed decisions as an important civic responsibility. Students will analyze different issues and current events. We will look at differing points of view and learn to form opinions with reason. Students will discuss how perspective affects our judgment and how judgment affects our decision making.

**Geography Quiz 1/9/15**

In Reader’s workshop we will continue to build stamina. Students will also practice various reading strategies we will review during reader’s workshop. We will continue reading clubs this week. Students have assignments due each week, please see the weebly.

Students collect their own spelling words for their list every Monday and are tested every Friday as well. They are expected to study their words at home.

In writer’s workshop we continue with informational essays. Students will begin creating topic sentences for each paragraph and outlining their information in order. We will also begin outlining our introduction and conclusion paragraphs.

In Islamics this week we will continue reading stories about the Prophet’s life and making connections to our Unit 3 concepts of decisions and judgements. We will also brainstorm ways to apply the lessons from the Prophet’s life into our daily life. We will also continue discussing the unit 3 Hadith. Unit 3 Hadith test is January 14th (4A) January 15th (4B).

Please check the weebly daily and email me with any questions or concerns.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*Please do not try to discuss matters with me before school or during dismissal. The students are my priority at this time and I will not be able to give you my full attention at this time to discuss important matters.

I will gladly set up a time to meet with you. I ask that you please email me to set up a meeting.