



HELLO  
FROM 1H!



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## Where did October go?

### Time flies...

I cannot believe that it is already the end of October! Which brings with it the end of Ramadan and Eid El-Fitr! Happy Eid to the families that celebrate this important holiday! I hope you all have a relaxing and joyful Eid vacation and can spend lots of time relaxing with family and friends.

We have been busy here at school, so much has been happening in 1H!

### What Wonderful Parents

Thank you Melanie for helping the kids make "Flannel Jammy" cookies on good neighbor day. Thank you Claudia, Hend, John, Maria and Melanie for joining us on our field trip to the pyramids. Thank you Lubna and Nita for sharing your family traditions with us and teaching the kids all about Ramadan. Finally, the Halloween party on Thursday was a blast – thank you to all of the parents that baked, donated goodies and helped with games. A HUGE thank you to Melanie and her wonderful creative energy and enthusiasm and her effort in organizing it all!

### Math

Lots has been happening in math. We have talked about:

- \* odd and even numbers
- \* counting on (e.g.  $13+3=$  \_\_\_  
the child thinks 13 - 14, 15, 16...  
 $13+3=16$ )
- \* working with small coins, pennies (1c) and nickels (5c)
- \* skip counting by 2s, 5s and 10s.
- \* sharing a number of objects evenly between different numbers of people.

To reinforce these concepts at home you may like to play a game of sharing. Give your child e.g. 17 small objects and ask him or her to share them between 2 people, then 3, 4, 5 and so on with different numbers of objects.

You may also like to practice skip counting by 2s, 5s and 10s with your child.

### Reading

Last week we finished talking about the last of our decoding strategies. I am placing a ring with the decoding strategies into each child's Red Hot reader folder this Sunday. You can keep this ring at home or in the folder but please keep it handy for your child to use when they are reading at home. If they are trying to figure out a word and the strategy they are using is not working please encourage them to think of another strategy that they can try, if they cannot think of another strategy use the ring as a reference.

### Science

We have continued working on our "Critters" unit and we have been reading about lots of different insect life cycles - we even looked up the life cycle of a head louse! We have moved onto talking about spiders and have learned some fun new words like cephalothorax and spinnerets! In addition to learning about a spider's body parts we have discussed the different ways spiders use silk – ask your child to tell you about these at home! This week we will be moving onto talking about animal needs and food chains and learning some new words like predator and prey.

### Dates to Remember

#### November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

Eid El-Fitr holiday

#### November 6<sup>th</sup>

Clerical day – no school for ES students

#### November 7<sup>th</sup>

Session 2 after school activities begin

#### November 10<sup>th</sup>

Egypt Festival – all day on the MS field