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1st Grade Bradley International School Newsletter

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Classroom Curriculum

- **Literacy:** In literacy, we are working on reading strategies in small and individual groups; children are helping to develop rituals and routines within their classroom. The differentiation block begins the week of 9/21.
- **Math:** students are working on comparing numbers in various ways, such as playing games like “Top-It” and the “Penny-dice” game. They are also learning to use tally marks. The children are now starting to investigate calendars and temperature. The students will gradually be moving into comparing various numbers, telling time and learning about money.
- **PYP Units of Inquiry/Science/Social Studies:** The students began the school year learning about the attitudes and attributes of a PYP learner. We are now leading an inquiry into *All about Families*.



How to Support At Home

- What a wonderful beginning! Parents, you are doing such a great job helping your children complete their homework. Some of the things that you could do at home with your child are: use home manipulatives to practice math, continue to practice writing skills weekly as well as reading to and with your child on a daily basis. **Make sure to continue to work on the 1st grade reading list and summaries.** Thanks for your participation!



Other Announcements

- The 1st grade will be having the Mizel Museum visit the school on October 15th in order to learn more about families and celebrations around the world. They will also be visiting a pumpkin patch on October 27th. Fun! Fun! Fun! **If you have not sent in the \$30 field trip fee for the school year, please do this as soon as possible.** We need all of the money in advance to book the field trips. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If you have further questions about this issue, please speak with your child’s individual teacher.
- Be on the lookout for information concerning parent teacher conferences October 26th and October 27th. These will occur in the evening between 4pm and 8pm.



Dates to Remember for 1st Grade

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