



Dear Parents or Guardians:

Welcome to Peace Terrace Academy. My name is Abdulhadi Rafie. I am excited about the wonderful possibilities for learning that await my class this year. We will be spending considerable time this year working to build on science and math skills. In addition, we will be exploring scientific lab experiments. My goal is for each of my students this year to prompt students to explore their individual interests in these areas while improving their skills in all areas of the curriculum. Each month I plan a short newsletter describing what we are doing in our class. Furthermore, you may receive notes about important events or activities throughout the year, as well as information from me about what you can do at home to help your child have the best possible experience this year. I want to encourage you to contact me whenever you have any questions or concerns about your child in my class.

8th GRADE MATH

In this course, students will learn how to use integers and rational numbers to model real situations. They will also know how to add, and divide rational numbers and how to use these operations in solving problems. Students will as well to use the distributive property to simplify algebraic expressions and apply the properties of numbers, axioms and theorems to algebraic expressions.

8th GRADE SCIENCE

In Physical Science class, students will have a better knowledge of how speed is a rate of change and how to solve motion problems involving average speed. Students will also have an understanding why velocity is a vector and when acceleration occurs. Students will be able to know an object's velocity can help you predict where it will be in the future.

8th GRADE NEWSLETTER **SEPTEMBER 2010**

8th GRADE ENGLISH

This month in English students will be reading short stories from the Literature reader. Students will be reading aloud with the class. Students will then discuss the story, and do critical thinking questions. Students will also be writing a few short essays. The type of essay we will be focusing on is the narrative essay this month.

8th GRADE HISTORY

This month students will be learning about the landforms of the United States of America. Students will learn how we have various types of land, and climate. Students will see how this affected the Native Americans as well as the European settlers. Students will begin their journey to learning how our nation got its start. From how it was discovered to who occupied it and how it become free.

ISLAMIC STUDIES

Inshallah we will begin our school year with the topics of Ramadan and Eid and its importance in our lives. After break we will begin our textbook. During September, we will be covering "Tawheed + Belief in Allah," learning about Qadr, the power of Allah, his control over life and death and creation.

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Monday, Sep 6th to Friday, Sep 10th
Eid Break; No School
- Monday, Sep 13th - School resumes,
normal school hours.
- Friday, Sep 17th - Eid Party