

AISN'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Wednesday, September 29th, 2021

Dates to Remember:

Thursday, September 30th: Director's Virtual Office Hours: 9:00-9:30 AM Elementary; 10:00-10:30 AM Middle/High School.

Saturday, October 2nd: SAT Administration (Interested Juniors/Seniors): 8:00 AM

Friday, October 8th: Scholastic Book Orders Due

Wednesday, October 13th: Monthly Board Meeting; 6:00 PM

Friday, October 15th: Fall MAP Testing for K-12 Ends

Friday, October 15th: PSAT Testing - Grades 8-12 - *during school hours*

Monday, October 18th - Friday, October 22nd: NO SCHOOL - Fall Break

Snapshots of Learning Around Campus!



A Community of Helpers! Ms. Valerie's students in Grade 2 learned about different community helpers that work to provide service to others in our community. As a result, they will be able to better identify different types of community helpers and the tools they need to do their job properly, as well as explain how the jobs benefit the community.

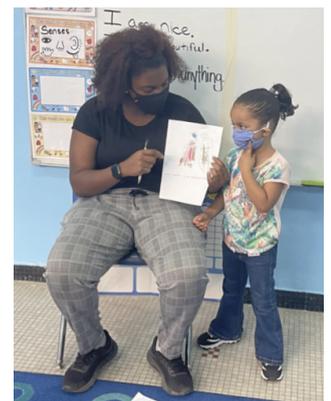


May the Force be with Grade 3! This week, students in Ms. May's class started learning about Forces and Motion. To explore this scientific idea, they conducted two experiments involving timing a toy car as it traveled a specified distance and keeping a ping pong ball afloat using a hair dryer.



Public Speaking 101: Recently, students in Ms. Victoria's PreK class learned about the five senses. They went on an adventure walk using these senses of sight and then drew all the things we saw on our walk. Afterwards, students presented them to the class in an effort to practice their public speaking skills.

Speaking in front of a group is an effective activity to encourage the use of descriptive language and develops a child's ability to retell stories – in turn leading to improved communication skills which are important throughout their lives. They also develop the ability to answer questions well.

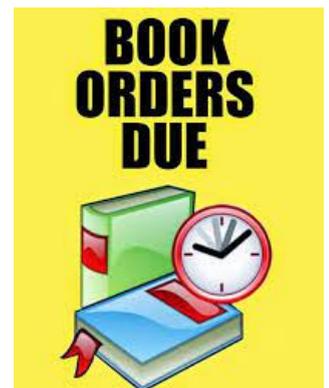


Mid-Quarter Progress Reports: This week mid-term progress reports are being issued. Students in secondary school with a C- or lower (72% or lower) in their classes will be issued a progress report. Students in primary school who have areas of concern will also receive a progress report. This document will communicate to both the student and family subject areas that need improvement as well as what can be done to improve in these areas before the end of the first quarter (Friday, November 5th).



Fall MAP Testing has started. Fall MAP testing started this past Monday, September 27th with elementary students; secondary student testing will follow during the week of October 4th. Students in Kindergarten through Grade 12 will take this computer-based adaptive test that becomes easier or harder, depending on the success of the student taking it. AISN administers the MAP assessments to determine each child's instructional level and to measure academic growth throughout the school year and from year to year in the areas of Language Use, Math, and Reading.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS ARE DUE SOON! In an effort to promote a love for reading, AISN is planning to place an order through Scholastic Book Club. Order forms and directions on ordering books were sent home last week. *If you are interested in purchasing books, be sure to send the completed order form(s) and money in MRU with an exchange rate US \$1 = 37 MRU back to school by Friday, October 8th.* Send in the exact amount as change will not be rendered by the school. If you have any questions about ordering books, feel free to contact Ms. Aicha, our librarian, at aicha.fall@aisnmauritania.com



PSAT TESTING: On Friday, October 15th, students in grades 8/9 will be taking the **PSAT 8/9** and students in grades 10-12 will be taking the **PSAT/NMSQT** during school hours. Students do not need to sign up with the College Board for these tests and registration fees are paid for by the school. Students take these assessments as practice for the SAT taken in high school to gain admission to various universities and colleges. During their study skills and College Readiness classes, students received practice materials to review before the assessment. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Meghan, at meghan@aisnmauritania.com.

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH? Want some new ideas for healthy snacks and lunches? Be sure to check out the handout in this week's Wednesday Mail with some suggestions on how to fuel your body, as well as your brain!

