



WESLEY INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY

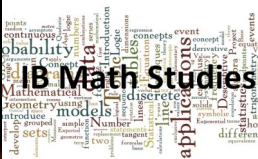
Newsletter—Middle Years Programme - Year 2

OCTOBER 2014

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Individuals and Societies

As we conclude our unit on SWA, we will focus on types of economies and trade throughout the region. Through the dissection of OPEC as well as natural and political trade barriers, the students will better understand some the economic challenges that the countries of the Middle East face.

Next students will be introduced to their unit project in which the students will look to expand upon their current knowledge and understanding of major issues and factors throughout SWA. Students will be able to work in class throughout next week on their projects and we will begin presentations on **Tuesday, November 4.**

Mathematics

I have had a wonderful time getting to know your children this week in Math Class! I cannot wait to start diving deep into the curriculum with them. This week, we will finish wrapping up the Second Unit: Expressions and Equations. Due to the transition, I want to make sure the students have mastered this important skill before we begin our next unit. Students were also given a new workbook from American Book Company that helps enforce the important CCGPS skills the students are expected to master.

In Advanced Math, we are also wrapping up the Geometry Unit due to the transition. Upon reviewing in order to ensure mastery, we will move into our next unit on Inferences. Students will begin to explore bivariate data and introduced to sampling and populations. This is a great way to introduce students to statistics and why Math is useful in the Real World! Please feel free to contact me at rachel.conrad@wesleyacademy.org

Language and Literature

This week we are continuing our study of poetry. We will read poems in order to determine the meaning, find theme, rhyme scheme, and figures of speech. Students are writing their own poems and will present them in class on Monday, October 20th. We are focusing on presentation skills including good posture, loud voice, eye contact, and appropriate pacing of speech.

Next week, we will begin our study of the historical fiction novel *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. The book takes place in Germany during WWII, and focuses on a family that harbors a Jewish man at great personal risk. The book will give us opportunities for important discussions on being a bystander or taking action--themes that are still relevant today.

Life Science

Reminders & Updates

The Bodies Exhibit Trip: students will be allowed to bring lunches, eat sack lunches, or purchase lunch from the Moe's Restaurant. If your child is purchasing lunch from Moe's please provide them with spending money.

Wesley and the Science Department decided to implement a mandatory science fair in which all MYP students must participate. The Wesley science fair will be held December 1st-5th. Students with the best science fair projects will progress to state/regional science fairs. The deadline for the Wesley Science fair is quickly approaching. Parents please be actively involved in your students project and monitor them so that students are not waiting to the last minute to complete their projects.