In Language Arts we will begin our new novel “Hotel for Dogs” by Lois Duncan. The book is about two siblings, Andi and Bruce, who move to another state because of their father’s job. They have a hard time adjusting to their new school and home. They have an even harder time making friends until they start taking care of the animals in their neighborhood. As we read, we will learn many Reading Comprehension strategies such as Making Connections, Questioning, and Determining Importance in class.

Students will be required to do some independent reading at home in order to be prepared for class discussions and activities. In addition, we will complete various writing activities and projects connected to the book.

Math

In Math, we will begin Chapter 5 which will cover factors, multiples, and patterns. By this time your student should be an expert in the multiplication table facts! We will also be learning what prime and composite numbers are.

Science

We will begin a new chapter titled “Sound and Light”. Students will be learning how sound travels and the properties of sound. They will also be discovering what light is and how light behaves.

There will be four lessons in this chapter. Students should be reviewing notes that we discuss in class and reading lesson summaries at home.

Social Studies

This month in Social Studies we will be continuing to learn about the wonderful country of Kuwait. We will be focusing on the Al-Sabah dynasty and the important events which occurred during the regimes of the Kuwaiti rulers.

The students have been assigned a project this month where they will be able to choose an Emir (past or present) and create a poster or PowerPoint with certain information. This project will be completed at home and due Tuesday, February 16. Students should be prepared to present this to the class.