

# 2nd Grade News

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## Thank you!

- ♦ To all parents for all their contributions to the ILM Fundraiser!
- ♦ Sister Mona for getting our last donut ball!



Winter Break!

December 21, 2018

To Jan. 4, 2019

## WINTER

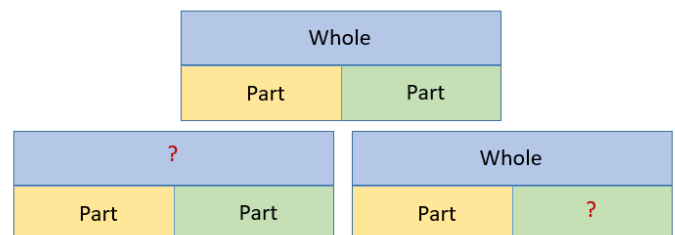
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## Math

We finished our chapter on 2 digit subtraction! MashaAllah second graders have learned regrouping in addition and in subtraction. They have also practiced different strategies on solving word problems. Ask your 2nd grader what a whole part part and a part part whole is? We have started exploring shapes now!

Part-Part-Whole Model



Missing Whole: Add  
Whole = Part + Part

Missing Part: Subtract  
Part = Whole - Part

# Arabic

Second quarter has flown by! I can't believe it.

2<sup>nd</sup> graders have learned a lot so far in this quarter Mashallah, They finished unit 4 (Matha fee Haqqebatika?). Students learned vocabulary words about school supplies, the pointing words with masculine and feminine words, the question form (is this your ....?), the present verb form about daily activities with he and she, and the three kinds of Tanween. We are wrapping unit 5 (Usratu Zaynab) where students are learning vocabulary words about Zaynab's family members and their jobs. 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are learning the difference between letters Seen and Zaa (sounds and shapes) with examples.

Students learned subject pronouns he/she with male and female nouns and connecting letters to make words which improves their reading and writing skills. They are still working on finishing their project (making a bag with school supplies) and the cherry on top is practicing the song (teaching peace) with nice their nice voices Mashallah.

Sister Nafen

# Computer



Can't believe how fast the year is going by and we are a couple of days away from winter break. Students have started working on coding lessons on [code.org](https://code.org). We did several unplugged lessons and loved the working on the marble run project. We will now move on to lessons online and hopefully can move a little faster, iA.

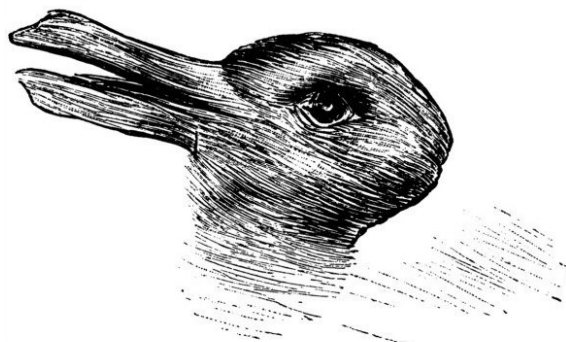
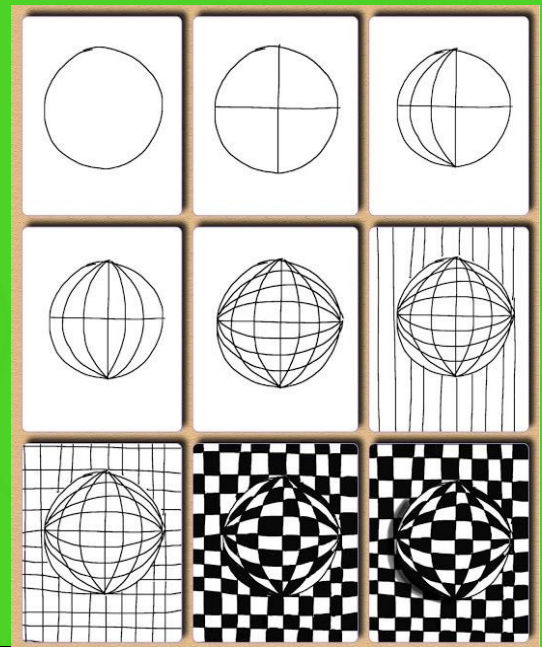
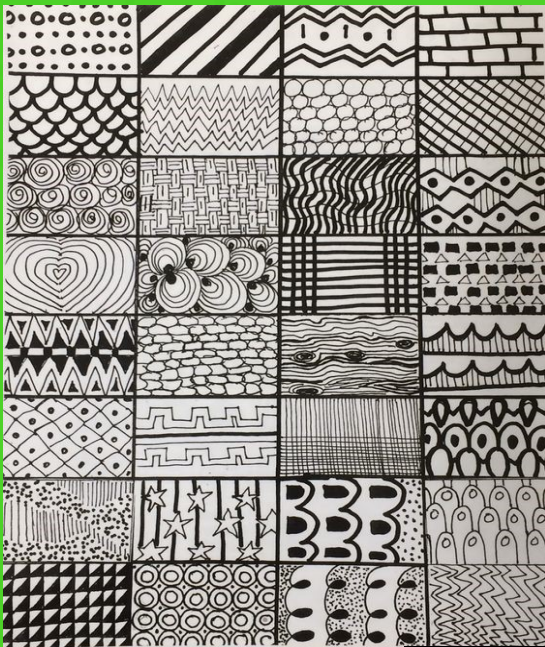
Sister Saima



# PE & Art

We have had quite a busy month in Art and Physical Education classes these past month and a half. Our students have started to practice the idea of optical illusions so they can be better adapted to the use of color, light and patterns. Focus on these factors will allow them to create images that can be deceptive or misleading to the brains of observers. For the last two weeks art and P.E. classes have been devoted to rehearsals before the fundraiser.

Sister Heba



Do you see a duck or a rabbit?



# Islamic Studies

Alhamdulillah Islamic Studies students had a great celebration week to mark end of Quarter 1 and the learning accomplished Alhamdulillah. We enjoyed watching "Quran by Heart" Documentary with Ice Cream, played reinforcement games and wrote reflections. Students are getting to strengthen their relationship with Allah SWT as we studied stories of role models. We worked on Unit A : Ch 5 I trust Allah SWT Story of Nuh AS, Ch 6: Turning to Allah SWT: The Story of Prophet Yunus AS and Ch 7: Taqwa: Allah SWT sees me all the time in October.

We worked on Unit C in Nov and Dec and learned about the two shining treasures in our life Alhamdulillah. We learned everything had an instruction manual and we thank Allah for giving us Quran as manual and Seerah/Hadith as practical guide for us. We learned importance of Ablution Wudoo, it's correct ways and dua after the Wudoo. Students were excited to know that we pray the right way and we pray right away. We learnt about Thikr Remembrance of Allah SWT and being mindful of Allah SWT and importance of Dua as worship and to make the most of our time in this world.

We meet on :: Mon, Tue and Wed

Homework :: Assigned on Mon. Due on next Monday. HW Details on Renweb with video links/games too.

Quiz/Test day :: Wednesday (written/ oral/ game or competition : ) )

Grades:: Gradebook Updated on Renweb

Salah Chart :: Please Fill every day. Redeem end of month for reward. Salah Champion prize end of year

Book Reading :: Read "I love Islam Book" chapter of the week 5 min every day. Can record in ELA log too as book read :)

Please ask your child to show you how they do Wudoo and pray 2 Rakaat.

Ask your child to share their top 5 duas and some Thikr words and their meanings In Sha Allah

*\*IS Materials sent home wednesdays to do homework, Bring them back only on Monday In Sha Allah.*



Sister Javairia



## Social Studies

We explored natural resources in Social studies as well! Most of the students were surprised that we were discussing the same concepts in Social Studies and Science. It was a great teaching opportunity, to help them understand how all subjects are actually related!



## Science

We went on our second field trip to the Gold Mine! It was a blast! The second graders mined for flakes of gold and gem stones. When we returned to the class, the students used the information from the mine to determine which types of gem stones they found. We completed our chapter on rocks and minerals.

## ELA/Reading

Vicky Verb has landed in 2nd Grade! She helped us understand action verbs. We also worked on verb tenses. We had fun with compound words and compound sentences as well!

Reading comprehension was all about why author's write and finding supporting details that lead to finding the main idea. We have completed half of the curriculum alhumduliah!

Writing a poem was the best writing assignments this month! We have been discussing how to express ourselves. Some students have a hard time evaluating why they feel a certain way, so I have them reflect and express by answering guided questions and have them write about it.

# Quran

**Assalamualaikum!** Jazak Allahu Khairan to all the parents who made time to meet with me on the PTC day! It was indeed a great pleasure to meet you all!

We are once again at the end of the quarter, and it was a busy second quarter with many in school activities! Alhamdulillah in Qur'an class we completed revision of previous suwar, Surah Al-Bayyinah and Surah Al-Qadr. Ma Sha Allah students have shown great enthusiasm for the "Reach 4 the Stars" competition and it has greatly motivated students to continually review what they have learnt, and it provides them a platform to practice public recitation with criticism, so when it comes time for the Qur'an competition students will be more confident presenting in front of others, In Sha Allah! In addition to continuous revision, students are learning Surah Al-Lail in great depth. We have worked very hard understanding the opposites mentioned in the Surah, analyzing tajweed rules, and reading key words. Alhamdulillah students have shown a great improvement in their reading ability, and I am so very proud of them! In terms of Nooraniya, students had lots of fun with words as we played hangman games and made puzzles to form words. Students learnt many tips and tricks to spell words correctly, and they also learnt to break down words into syllables so that they can spell difficult words easily. Alhamdulillah we have thoroughly completed lesson #11 with great effort and understanding, and we can't wait to begin our new shaddah lesson upon returning from the break!

I pray that all my students have an enjoyable, restful break, and keep up with their Qur'an recitation. As I tell my students; "there is never a holiday from reading Qur'an, it should be a part of your daily routine, so go ahead and collect those rewards from Allah (SWT) every day, not just on school days"! :)

Sister Sauda