

## **ILM Academy**

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# 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Monthly Newsletter

# ELA / READING

Alhamdulliah first graders have finished the last and final unit, unit 6 working together! We discussed ways we can help each other, traditions they do with their families & how they celebrate different holidays

We focused on improving our writing skills by having students write sentences based on the themes we were doing for that week. We discussed how to start our writing with a topic sentence, supporting details and conclusions. Alhamdullillah the students got the hang of it! We will now work on our end of the year letter to the teacher inshaAllah.



# MATH

We have finished 2 digit subtraction with and without regrouping. This was a tough one for many of the students, but we have been practicing, practing, practicing! We did drills and problems on the board. Students also practiced the concept by choosing a friend to solve the same problem on the board. The students really enjoyed it! We then moved on to measurement and discussed the different tools we can use to measure objects around us. Students used varies tools in the classroom to measure different ojbects! Lastly, we touched upon fractions. Students learned that a fraction is a small part of a whole.

## **SCIENCE**

Students learned about the Earth and how it's made of land and water. We discussed further the different types of landforms and bodies of water. Students replicated landforms and bodies of water using edible materials! YUM! Students finished up the year discussing how Earth moves and creates the different seasons.







## **SOCIAL STUDIES**

We finished our final unit:

We Love Our Country! Students learned that the settlers immigrated from Europe to the US to get freedom and practice their own laws. They also learned how the Americans got their independence from the British and finally had a country to call their own. We discussed different important symbols such as the flag, Liberty Bell, bald eagle, and Statue of Liberty. Students had the chance to write about each of the symbols and compiled them into a book.

#### ARABIC (SR. NAFN)

Our first graders have finished unit 9 where they learned the animal names and adjectives related to them. Students learned letters zaa, jeem and saad in all shapes with examples for each letter. 1<sup>st</sup> graders are reviewing all the units they have learned this year. They will continue learning how to tell about the weather in Arabic and the four seasons of the year. They will sing the seasons song inshaAllah. Students practiced reading and writing in class to improve their skills. I wish the students the best and Ramadan Mubarak to all of you.



Assalamu Alaikum, Dear Respected Parents & Students, Alhamdulillah the first graders have been very busy marking the end of their school year with challenging lessons, fun activities and formal assessments for the past two months! They have worked extremely hard throughout the year and I am so very proud of all of them. Your first grader started Nooraniyya from the very first lesson in the book this year and Ma Sha Allah has managed to master 11 Nooraniyya lessons in total!! This is a great achievement Ma ShaAllah! Students have gained a much better understanding of the rules



applied in their Nooraniyya lessons and are able to read any word with "sukoon" Alhamdulillah. The first graders also reviewed all the suwar learnt last year with their meanings and in addition learnt new suwar with their meanings and focused on reading and analyzing the words in each surah. Your first grader can now read and has memorized a total of 18 suwar! Please encourage your first grader to keep reading what they have learnt this year so that they can quickly continue with the next lesson next academic year! Here's to wishing you and your family a very blessed Ramadhan, and a wonderful summer break! We look forward to seeing our new second graders next academic year In Sha Allah!!!



## **ISLAMIC STUDIES**

Alhamdulillah Islamic Studies students returned back from Spring break with reflections on "I Love Islam" and how they did efforts to please Allah SWT. In the last 2 months, we reviewed previous learning and primarily focused on manners and building character. We brought in furry friends to learn along. We completed Ch 4: I am a

> Muslim: I Must be Blean, Ch 5: A Dinner in Our Neighbor's home and Ch 6: Leena and Zaid Sleep Over at their Grandparent's House in Unit E and acted out practical daily situations. Students presented 2 areas to their fellow classmates how they maintain their house and showed before cleaning and after cleaning pictures. Please ask you child why is cleanliness important and what manners should we follow as a guest. Lastly, we worked on Unit C : Ch 5 : I love Ramadan to prepare for the amazing month of forgiveness.

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BETWEEN SACRED RAJAB AND BLESSED RAMADAN, COMES A BEAUTIFUL MONTH OF SHABAN

QURAN Allah SWT says in Surat Al-'Isrā' 17:24 And make yourself submissively gentle to them (Your Parents) with mercy, and say: O my Lord! have mercy on them, as they brought me up (when I was) little.

حَيٌّ يَا قَنُوْمُ بِرَحْمَتِكَ أَسْتَغَنْتُ

"O Living and Eternal

Maintainer! By Your mercy

I seek help!



between Rajab and Ramadan. In that month deeds are presented to the Lord

of the Worlds, so I like my deeds to be

presented while I am fasting."



Fasting



## ART & P.E (SR. HEBA)

#### ASA Dear Parents,

Ramadan Mubarak. Alhamdulliah we had a great time preparing for the most blissful month of the year, Ramadan. Our students worked hard on creating greeting cards for families and decorating lanterns and overall investing creativity into their work. In addition, they also created cards for refugees as gits.

Our students had so much on Field Day as they participated in various events in a circuit.

It has been a pleasure to teach such wonderand talented children. JazakAllahu Khair. Have a great summer!

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## I.T COMPUTER (SR. SAIMA)

#### Assalam Walaikum Parents,

It was a blessing to be able to teach the first graders this year. We enjoyed working on coding lessons, typing lessons where they were introduced to the "keyboard" and started working on Microsoft Word activities. I hope you have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you all in August, iA.