



2nd Grade News

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Grand Challenge

Our grand challenge this year is environmental sustainability. The second graders started making observations in the school environment to identify problems. MashaAllah my very observant students found many problems! The second step was that they had to suggest solutions to the problems they identified! I was amazed at their intelligence subhanAllah! We have picked one problem identified by the students to solve as a school team in sha Allah! The problem we selected is that there is a dysfunctional bus in our parking lot (wasting space and looking ugly). Instead of disposing it, which will hurt the environment, the students suggested reusing it for a playhouse for the students! We have decided to reuse it, however we will decide the exact use next semester in sha Allah. For now we are in the process of having students come up with an art design for the exterior of the bus that reflects environmental sustainability. Once finalized, we will be cleaning and painting the selected design on the bus in sha Allah! We will get it ready for interior remodeling for next semester in sha Allah! Can't wait to get working on this grand project and see the students' excitement of being part of making a big difference in their school community!



Teacher Workday

Students off

October 11, 2019



Career Day

October 18, 2019

Field Trip

to Atlanta Zoo

October 30, 2019



Math

We visited two "places" in math. The "ones" hut and the "tens" house! While learning about place value, I provided them with a special place value mat that had a picture of a hut and a house, along with a story to help them anchor onto the concept. The hut was on the right and the house was on the left. When we modeled numbers with ones and ten bars. They learned that only nine ones could live in the "hut". Every "one" had a dream to move to the tens house one day, however they had to become a ten to do that. Students were provided ten ones which they traded for a ten bar and moved it to the house! Giving them a concrete understanding of why there are places for digits is so powerful. They are so smart and figured out that ten, ten bars will want to move to the hundreds "mansion"!



Arabic

AlSalam Alaikum Dear Parents,

All praise to Allah (swt) who enabled us to complete the month of September successfully. Alhamdulillah, we finished unit two (my name is Saleha) and the students learned how to say where they are originally from and say their nationality. They know the flag of their home countries, and they can differentiate between Female and male. In Sha Allah they'll learn how to read and write a short paragraph in Arabic by the end the Semester.



Sr. Jihan Hasan

Social Studies

The 2nd graders loved participating in a class president mock election! The candidates did a fabulous job creating posters and discussing points to sway voters!

We learned about the three branches in government and key terms related to the branches. Ask your second grader how many branches in the local and state governments, and who the leaders for both governments are?

Science

We were Scientists who make observations in our environment to find problems. We identified many problems and suggested solutions to those problems in September! The second graders are working towards our grand challenge of environmental sustainability!



Art

Assalamalaikum!

This month students devoted their time to work on their submission for the Art Water competition. Through this process they learned how to avoid and prevent water pollution and to conserve our water. Additionally, students went walking around our school to acknowledge problems around our campus and ways to solve them. They showed their thoughts through a series of sketches. One of the main ways that students saw fit to benefit our school is to clean up and transform the old bus in front of our school!

Sister Heba

ELA/Reading

The second graders are enjoying the ride in the Vowel Valley and have started to think "sound first" while reading words, alhumdulillah! We do dictation with nonsense words using a mapping grid called dot and jot. Check it out in your child's Friday folder. The second graders love this activity!

We have learned the formal five steps in the writing process and are finishing up our first narrative "My Summer Break" using this process.

We have been using different acronyms to remember certain concepts in class. In the revise step of the writing process we use ACT (add words, change words, take out words) In the editing step the second graders need to be COPS (Capitalization, Order of words or sentences, Punctuation, and Spelling) Ask your second grader what are the steps in the writing process are and what ACT and COPS are!

MashaAllah Daily 5 is in full swing and the students really enjoy the opportunity to choose reading/writing activities, while I work with small groups in rotations. We have 4 comprehension, 1 Accuracy, 1 Fluency, and 1 Expand Vocabulary strategy on the CAFÉ board so far! Ask your second grader if they can recall them without the CAFÉ board!

This month we continued working on sentences by diving a sentence into a subject and predicate. The students are practicing ways to expand their sentences by adding details. We had fun cutting up sentence strips and adding details (literally!) Ask your little one how? :)



Qur'an



Assalamualaikum, parents & students

STEAM has been and will continue to be an important, crucial, and exciting part of our Qur'an classes! This month students applied their knowledge of the three Quls to their STEAM unit one presentations, where they demonstrated themselves as effective members of their community! They also learnt the skill of observation and its importance through a video of Surah Rahman and understanding ayat 78 of Surah An-Nahl. Students used their knowledge from these suwar to identify problems in their community for their STEAM unit two presentations. In addition, students learnt all about the night of power (Al-Qadr)! They read and memorized surah Al-Qadr. While in noorannah class students made word puzzles as they approached the end of lesson 11. That's not all! Students learnt what the Qur'an says about showing respect, not only to the people around us and our belongings, but for the blessings that Allah SWT has showered us with, including our environment! Second graders nominated a classmate who they "observed" was being respectful! Till next time please remind your "responsible" second grader to practice reading their Qur'an on a daily basis, and continue being "respectful" students of the Qur'an!

Sis. Sauda

Islamic Studies

Bismillah , AOA WRB

Alhamdulillah Grade 2 Islamic Studies students **observed** the surroundings to identify areas for improvements in the community. We understood solving problems requires thought, revisiting the problem and modifying solutions. Students realized that the first solution proposed is not always the ideal solution! Learners enjoyed doing activities on **Jibril teaches us religion (28)**, **Beginning Of Revelation (93)** and **Before Prophet Adam AS (34)** (IS Book page numbers written next to them for easy reference).

Please ask your child what happened in Cave Hira and what 4 things Jibril AS asked The Prophet SAW later when he came in the form of a man ? Please ask you child to tell a similarity and difference between the 3 creations of Allah SWT namely **Humans, Angels and Jinns**.

Our theme for the month is **Respect**. Please note

We meet on :: Mon, Tue and Fridays (Students can post a letter to IS Mailbox anytime :))

Homework :: Assigned on Tuesday. Due on next Monday. HW Details on Alma with video links/games too and in Homeroom note.

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

Grades:: Gradebook Updated on Alma

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

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

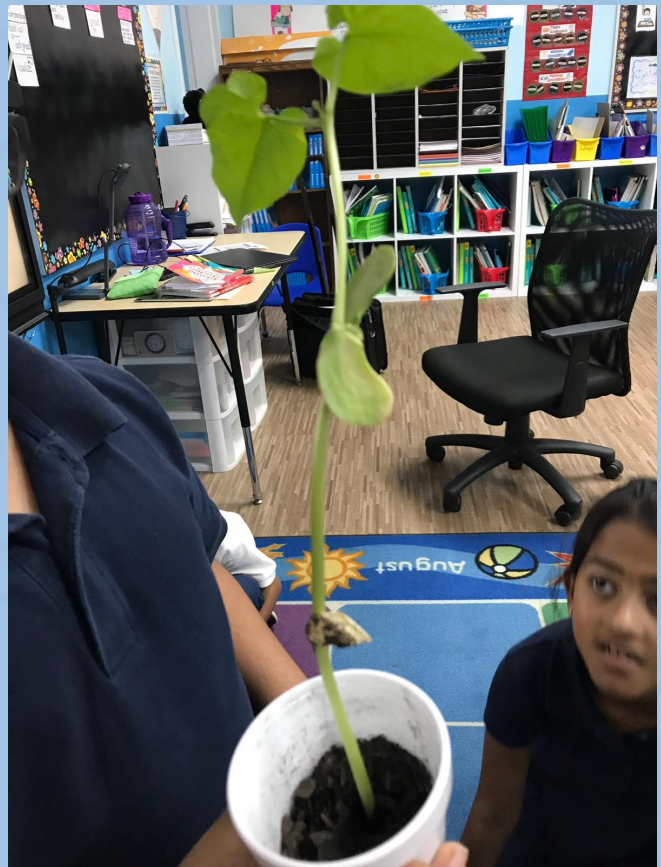
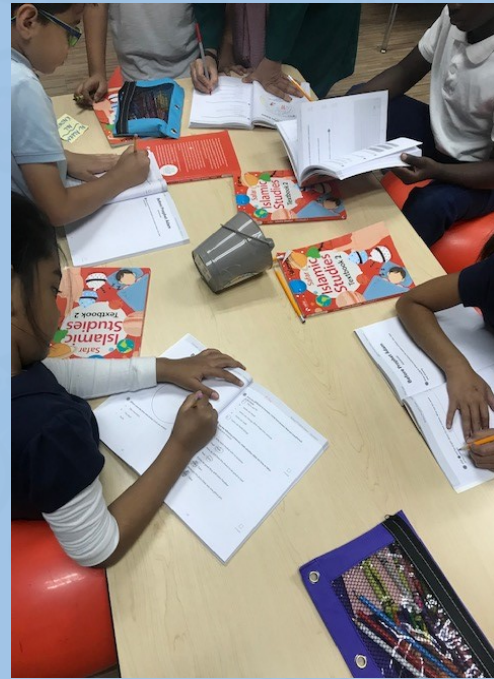
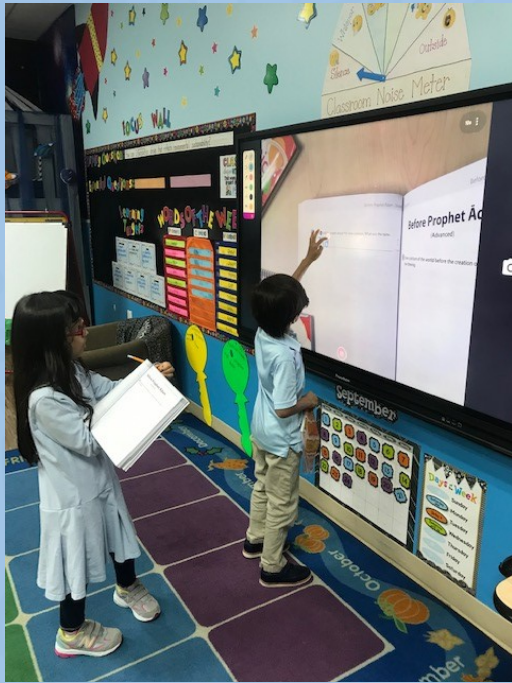
** IS Materials sent home Tuesdays. Bring them back only on Monday In Sha Allah.*

We are enjoying our STEAM Show and Shares on Fridays. We Please ask your child what did their friends bring to show and what was the connection with Islamic Studies and which one was their favorite. Please continue to share how your child is sharing the learning at home and applying it and we would love to recognize the same in our Student Spotlight In Sha Allah and do not forget.. **R E A D Read to Succeed** :). May Allah SWT increase us all in beneficial ILM. and Amal Ameen.

azak Allah Khairan Katheeran

Sis. Javairia

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