



# 2nd Grade News

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## Math

Second graders are practicing regrouping in addition and subtraction. This skill needs a lot of practice so please have your 2nd grader work on this skill using IXL as much as possible!

### Spelling Bee!

Written Round

November 18, 2019

Oral round

November 20, 2019



### Fall Break!

November 25-29, 2019



## Arabic



Asalam u Alykum Dear Parents,

All praise to Allah (swt) who enabled us to complete the month of October successfully. Alhamdulillah, we finished unit three (Khadijah is a student). In this unit the students have learned how to welcome a new student, and they have learned new vocabs about the school and simple verbs and adjectives. They can differentiate easily between Female and male. They can say and read short sentences.

Sr. Jihan Hasan

## Social Studies

We explored goods and services and how are needs and wants of these goods and services effect the environment. We measured our Carbon Footprint too! Ask your second grader how many Earths would be needed to sustain our current lifestyles!



## Science

We went on our first field to the Atlanta Zoo after studying animals. We have fun comparing and contrasting animal classifications and understanding animal life cycles. The second graders were animal explorers at the Zoo and had to identify the classification of each animal they saw based on their characteristics!

## ELA/Reading

Nicky Noun has come to the second grade class with his super power of naming any person, place, animal, or thing! He helped the second graders explore the difference between common and proper nouns, singular nouns, plural nouns, and irregular plural nouns.

We are continuing the Vowel valley journey and getting better with our sound first spelling strategies mashaAllah! This month we were also word detectives and figured out word meanings by using context clues! This skill shall improve our reading comprehension in sha Allah!



# Quran

Assalamualaikum,

Dear respected parents & students,

October 11, 2019 marked the end of the first quarter, Alhamdulillah! I am so very proud of my second graders who have been striving to perfect their reading skills! Ma Sha Allah we have reached the very last rule in the noorannah lesson, the shaddah rule, after which students should be able to read any word in the mushaf. During the past few weeks we have been studying surah Al-A'laq. Students learnt the meanings of select keywords that help them recall what the surah is about. The second graders also learnt select ayaats from the Qur'an and ahadith about environmental sustainability that they used in their unit three STEAM performance tasks. Students beautifully wrote, decorated, and correctly referenced their favorite ayaat or ahadith which have all been displayed outside the second grade classroom. In addition, students have been doing a lot of reflection on the creations of Allah SWT to gain His appreciation and to understand the teachings of the Qur'an. They were able to recall lessons they learnt from Surah Al-Feel last year and apply them to their unit four STEAM performance tasks. Although our second graders discovered through their imagination and reflection exercise that planning is very important to make a change in their community (STEAM unit four driving question) they also realized from Surah Al-Feel that the best of planners is Allah SWT, and nothing is possible without His help, so always say In Sha Allah before you plan to accomplish a task! Until next time, please continue to remind your responsible second grader to keep up with their Qur'an homework, and as this month's theme, put forth an "honest" effort in all that they do!

Jazak Allahu Khairan,  
Sister Sauda

# Islamic Studies

Bismillah

AOA WRB

Alhamdulillah Grade 2 Islamic Studies students are preparing to make a change in the community. We understood solving problems is a multi-step process which requires planning and strategy prior to execution. Students learned each citizen in the community is responsible to engage in the improvement of the community and we need to do our part In Sha Allah. Learners enjoyed doing activities on Deeds (42), Jannah and Jahannam (44), Five Pillars of Islam (32), Umar RA Accepts Islam (96) and Basic Cleanliness (50) (IS Book page numbers written next to them for easy reference).

Please ask your child to retell the story how Umar RA accepted Islam and share a lesson learnt. Do not forget to give them a High 5 for telling the 5 pillars of Islam and 5 good deeds and bad deeds. Ask them to do a pretend Wudu in front of you and ask why is it important to make Wudu and to stay clean. Our theme for the month is Honesty and we reflect on tough times but we still stayed honest.

Sister Javairia

## Art

ASA Dear Parents,

This month the second graders were introduced to the stencils. They used it by painting with acrylic and watercolors, emphasizing on one or more of the art elements.

Sister Heba





# THE Muslim DNA

HOW TO DEVELOP THE IDEAL MUSLIM CHARACTER



## Objectives of Muslim Character Development for Students at ILM Academy

- Starting the day with the name of Allah
- Character building through Islamic traits.
- Public speaking opportunity/experience for student.
- Building self-confidence
- Positive reinforcement and encouragement.
- Learning Salah the Sunnah way.

## Character Trait of the Month HONESTY



**Morning Assembly**



**Winners for Islamic Character Trait - RESPECT**



**THE TOP STUDENTS FOR ISLAMIC CHARACTER TRAIT - RESPONSIBILITY**