



2nd Grade News

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Off to a great start!

2nd grade is off to a great start Alhamdulillah! Students have settled into the classroom routines and have been busy learning bees!

I have a great bunch and am looking forward to a fun and rewarding learning journey in sha Allah!

We had a great Eid party and would like to thank all who helped make it a success. May Allah swt reward you for supporting our class on this joyous occasion!



Eid Picnic

Sep. 9, 2018

STEAMing Fridays

Sep. 7 and 28, 2018



SCIENCE • TECHNOLOGY • ENGINEERING + ARTS • MATHEMATICS

2nd Grade Wishlist

6 CanDo Inflatable Donut Balls, 21.7"

<https://www.amazon.com/CanDo-Donut-Ball-Diameter-Height/dp/B0DOUKBANK?th=1>

Carpet For Kids Seating Circles Rug, 10 Feet x 13 Feet 6 Inches

https://www.amazon.com/Carpets-Kids-4216-Seating-Circles/dp/B0DKWNMB46?ref=fsclp_pl_dp_3&th=1

Math

It was all about addition and subtraction and how they are related as we began our 2nd grade journey. To provide a concrete understanding of the operations and their relation, I equipped the 2nd graders with a part, part whole and a whole, part part mat and manipulatives. They model the number sentences and get to experience how the two parts join together to become a whole in addition and how the whole is broken into parts in subtraction. We also worked on various strategies to solve addition and subtraction facts such as count on, count back, count up, and make a ten.



Arabic

Our second graders enjoyed performing Mini Hajj and making their Passport in class. We talked about the importance of the first ten days of Thal Hijjah, and sacred Makkah. They watched a short video about Hajj steps and duaas. Students reviewed Arabic alphabet and practiced writing their names in Arabic. We started unit 1 (Assalamu Alaykum/ Muslim greeting).

Sister Nafen

Social Studies

We spent the first two weeks of school focusing on respect! 2nd graders did many activities where they had to brainstorm how respects sounds, looks, and feels like. We will continue to reinforce this concept throughout the year! I tell my students nobody can see how much knowledge is in your brain, however they can see your behavior and we have all agreed to be respectful bucket fillers! Ask your 2nd grader what a bucket filler does!

Science

Our Science exploration began with plants. We explored the plant parts and life cycle. 2nd graders dissected a lima bean and observed the seed coat and embryo too!

Ask your 2nd grader:

1. How did you germinate a lima bean without soil?
2. Why did the celery turn blue in your class experiment?



PE/Art

The students were introduced to the primary and secondary colors for the start of the new art year. In P.E we started the unit with light physical activity, which includes a few minutes of push-ups, sit-ups, and squats. We end each P.E class by using the parachute and playing dodgeball .

Sis. Heba



ELA/Reading

My goal this year is to teach the 2nd graders the 44 sounds that make up the majority of the words in English (only a minority are criminals). A, e, i, o, u, and sometimes y are not the only vowels sounds! Unfortunately this confuses students, especially when they start dividing words into syllables! I will try to rewire their understanding in this area in sha Allah. A syllable is a chunk of a word that has one vowel sound so what is the vowel sound in the word out? It's not /o/ as in pot, its /ou/ as in ouch! When you hear the /ou/ sound at the end of a word its spelled with ow like in cow and wow! You hear sounds when you pronounce words so why not teach the 44 sound/letter relationships that make up the English language!



We have started this journey and have gone through 24 sounds already! We breezed through the consonants! Slow sailing with the vowels, to ensure retention through practice and repetition!

STEAMing Fridday

We had our first STEAMing Friday in August. The stage was set by reading a story titled The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires. It was a story about a girl who wanted to build a magnificent scooter for her pet and the obstacles she went through. However, she never gave up and was able to accomplish her desire. For our first challenge, I provided the students with a brass fastener and templates of a pumpkin and sunflower life cycle wheel. The challenge was to make a double sided wheel without instructions. SubhanAllah initially they struggled, but worked together to accomplish the task! The next challenge will be tougher!

Qur'an



Alhamdulillah we have had three amazing weeks of interesting and interactive Nooraniyyah and Qur'an lessons! First, we spent time understanding what the Qur'an is, why it is an important part of our lives, and how we should respect it.

We then started a slow review of Surah Al-Fatiha and discussed its importance. We continued review from Surah An-Naas to Surah Al-Kawthar with great emphasis on reading. We analyzed each ayat from the suwar to understand the tajweed rules associated with the different colors in the mushaf. We used flash cards, and oral games to learn to read selected words from each of the suwar. We also spent time reviewing the Nooraniyyah, not just rote repetition but we tried to understand the concept of each lesson so that no matter what is presented before us we are able to read it!!! To date we have reviewed lesson 1 to lesson 5! We have been having lots of fun in our interactive Qur'an classes using a variety of methods such as listening and repeating, oral games, written activities, group activities, flash cards, and soon to be introduced power point presentations, and surah activity booklets to enhance our Qur'an class experience and to learn lifelong lessons!



Sister Sauda

Technology

ASA, We started the school year off on completing all our testing and assessments and have now transitioned into our technology lessons.

Sis. Saima

