



Montessori Newsletter

First Quarter
2017

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

FIRST ISSUE

As'salam-o-alekum Parents,

Alhumdullillah! The first quarter of school year has ended. Montessori focused on Math concepts, phonics & reading, and Science activities; our learning pace is immensely fast. Students are introduced with the individualized and independent environment where they are trained to perform activities by themselves. Montessori 's returning students (Seniors) revised the previous lessons and Montessori lessons were introduced to new students (Juniors); we made sure that juniors catch up with other Montessori students and Masha-Allah their progress is steady. Also, I was pleased to see how well the Seniors remembered all Montessori lesson and classroom rules. From their academics to etiquettes, their progress is remarkable. Masha-Allah! To enhance their responsibility and leadership attributes, Montessori Seniors were mentoring their junior fellows, to help them through the Montessori learning steps and to make the environment welcoming for their junior fellows.

IXL

Pertaining to our individualized curriculum and advancement, Montessori is continuing **IXL** program for our students. **IXL** is a virtual learning program in which students master their math and language skills using computers. This program will also fulfill the need for Montessori students' home-based learning. The students are expected to use **IXL** as part of their daily regime. This month, IXL will also be assigned to Montessori Juniors.

Montessori Parents' Workshop

I thank all Montessori parents for taking the time out of their busy schedule and attending Montessori workshop. I hope you enjoyed the glimpse of concrete learning idea Montessori students go through every day. Parents who could not attend the workshop are encouraged to attend next workshop expected to be held later in the school year.



Parent-Teacher Conference

Montessori system usually relies on a semester system, not the quarterly system, our PTC meeting is scheduled in November. Instead of usual PTC, our classroom had Montessori Parents workshop where we covered many Montessori and child development related topics. Montessori PTC is on November 10, 2017.



THINGS TO CONSIDER: Montessori & Writing

Montessori is a scientific way of learning with structured environment precisely following hands-on, three-dimensional learning, involving their sensorial stimuli instead of relying on two-dimensional conventional learning. In Montessori, writing-skill is considered only one element of learning, which is now being adopted by many schools as a modern way of learning. In Montessori, students **learn-to-write** not **write-to-learn**. Students' academics are not and should not be judged by their writing skills but by their cognitive and verbal skills, which has now become the key element of learning in the twenty-first century. MAP, ITBS, STAR 360, CogAT, and other standardized tests are the example of changing ways of students' evaluation in the twenty first century. Montessori Parents are expected to emphasis on the modern ways of learning since their child/children are part of a modern learning program.







Days to remember

- October 06, 2017 **Teacher's work day- no school**
- October 09, 2017 **School Improvement day (No school)**
- November 10, 2017 **Montessori Parent-teacher Conference**
- December 22, 2017-
January 05, 2018 **Winter Break (no school)**
- January 08, 2018 **School opens after Winter Break**

CONGRATULATIONS

Montessori students, **Shahbaz Malik** and **Aydin Hussain**, became big brothers in September. Masha-ALLAH! They welcomed a baby-sister and a baby-brother respectively. Montessori family welcomes the new additions into their families. May ALLAH bring blessings and peace to their families and make them the source of endless happiness. Ameen!

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

Please feel free to email me, whenever you have any question and/or concern. I will reply you within 24 hours of your email, excluding weekends. Please be advised, you will receive a reply to your email on Monday if you emailed me on Friday after school hours. Your understanding is always appreciated. Jazak ALLAH kher

MINA AMIR
Director, Montessori Program



Quran Islamic Studies

إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ مُحْسِنُونَ
Indeed, Allah is with those who fear
Him and those who are doers of
good. Surah Nahl (Ayah 128)

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

BY. SR. RABIA SHEHZAD

Assalam-o-alaikum Dear Parents,

I hope this email find you in the best of health. Masha-Allah students have been learning and mastering Islamic Studies and Quran lessons every day.

Following lessons were covered in the past few weeks of the school year.

ISLAMIC STUDIES:

- Our Identity: **'We are Muslims'**.
- Islamic greeting, **"Assalam-o-alaikum"**, the meanings, "Peace Be upon you".
- Reply of salam, **"Walaikum as salam"**.
- Etiquettes of reading Quran.
- Always say **Istea'zah** and **Bismillah** before start reciting Quran. Respect our holy book Quran.
- Etiquettes of eating.
- Say Bismillah before eating and say Alhumdulillah after eating.
- Eat with right hand.
- Always, start any work with, **"Bismi-Allahi-ar-Rahman-r-Rahim"**.

- The First Pillar of Islam, Shahadah, "We believe in One Allah; the Shahadah, **"Ashhadu An-La Ilaha IllaAllah Muhammad-ur-Rasool Allah."**
- After the name of Allah, we say, **"Subhana-hu WaTa'ala"**, and the meanings are **"Allah is Glorified"**.
- We read the story, "Allah has created the universe".
- Allah's name **Ar-Rahman, Ar-Raheem, Al-Khaliq, Al-Wahid, Al-Aleem.**
- Hadiths on "showing kindness to animals."
- Dua before you go to sleep, " اللهم باسمك اموت و احيا "
- Students performed pretend Hajj, where they learned the Talbiah and all the basic steps of Hajj; they enjoyed the experience.
- We had workbook hajj activity.

Please review with your child so they have a better understanding of these topics.

QURAN:

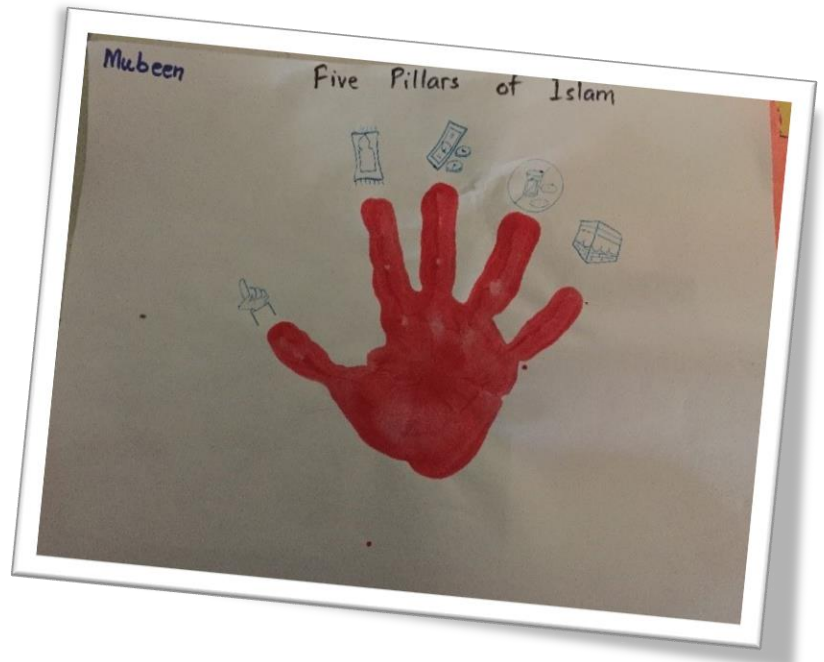
In Quran MashAllah students have been reviewing the following Surahs. But the new students and Juniors are still learning them.

1. **Surah Al-Fatihah. Surah Al-Nasr.**
2. **Surah Al-Ikhlaas, Surah Al-Maoun.**
3. **Surah Al-Kawthar. Surah AL-Falaq.**
4. **Surah Al -Masad. Surah An-Naas.**

- We have started our Nooraniah Qaidah.
- Lesson 1-2 are in progress, juniors are learning the letters.
- Seniors are doing lesson 2 for recognition of different shape of each letter.

Please sit with your child and listen to their recitation. We have started surah Al-Asr. For practice please ask your child to sit down and listen to the recitation of these surah that we do in our class. This will help them in memorization. Following are website for practice Surahs.

www.quranexplorer.com/quran/



CONTACT:

Please email me if you have any concerns and/or questions
@ rabia.shehzad@ilm-academy.com

RABIA SHEHZAD
Quran & Islamic Studies
Teacher

Arabic

BY. SR. RAJA TALEB

As'salam-o-alekum Parents,

Montessori Junior's Arabic Newsfeed

Letters:

Identify the shape of letters "Jeem", "Haa", and "Khaa" in Arabic

Color and trace the letters listed above

Listen and repeat the sound of the letters

Numbers

Recognize number two, and three in Arabic Color and write number one "Ithnani", "Thalathah "in Arabic

Shape: Identify the circle "Daerah" shape and the square "Murabaa" in Arabic

Color:

Memorize the green "Akhdar" and pink "Wardi" in Arabic

Understand classroom rules and how to follow them

Learn their names in Arabic.

Then every day we discuss the calendar and the weather in Arabic.

CONTACT:

Please email me if you have any concerns and/or questions
@ raja.taleb@ilm-academy.com

RAJA TALEB

Arabic Teacher

Montessori Seniors' Arabic Newsfeed

Alhamdullilah, in September, we covered lesson 1 "Isme my name" lesson 2 "Baba wa mama dad and mom" and we started lesson 14 "Happy eid".

For the month of October, we will be learning about "happy eid" and lesson 8 "elbayt the house"

Lesson14: "Happy Eid" "Eid Saeed"

Recognize, and write letters "Dhaa" and "Ghain" in their forms

Memorize the vocabularies related to letters listed above

Learn numbers with the values

Express the greeting words (Eid Saeed)

Lesson 8: "El Bayt" "The house"

Recognize, and write letters "Taa" and "Zay" in different shapes

Recognize the sound of the letters listed above

Memorize the vocabularies related to Furniture

Learn the difference between Masculine and Feminine

Introduce the new side word side "in" in Arabic "Fi"