



# 2nd Grade News

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## Thank you!



- ♦ To all moms who sent in yummy goodies for our bake sale!
- ♦ To Sister May and Sister Fatima for donut balls from our wish list!

We need 1 more donut ball in order to use it in a group!

## Math

We have been working on two digit addition with and without regrouping. The second graders are practicing and working hard. Most of them have a hard time remembering to carry over the ten! Ask your second grader the difference between a horizontal and vertical number sentence.



Daylight Saving Ends!  
November. 4, 2018



Gold Mine Field Trip  
November 15, 2018



Spelling Bee Round 1  
November. 7, 2018  
Spelling Bee Round 2  
November. 14, 2018



Fall Break!  
November. 19-23, 2018



Parent Teacher Conferences  
November 30, 2018



## 2nd Grade Wishlist

Carpet For Kids Seating Circles Rug, 10 Feet x 13 Feet 6 Inches  
[https://www.amazon.com/Carpets-Kids-4216-Seating-Circles/dp/B00KWNM846?ref=fsclp\\_pl\\_dp\\_3&th=1](https://www.amazon.com/Carpets-Kids-4216-Seating-Circles/dp/B00KWNM846?ref=fsclp_pl_dp_3&th=1)

# Social Studies

We have been exploring maps and building our map skills in Social Studies class. We reviewed landforms and bodies of water. Second graders had a blast working in pairs, creating an anchor poster for landforms and bodies of water. They also enjoyed finding the location of a treasure using a map grid.



# Science

Our Botanical Gardens trip was amazing! The students made me proud by answering so many questions about what we learned in class while we were on the guided tour! We are diving deeper into different habitats. We even took a virtual field trip to the Amazon Rainforest! Ask your second grader all about it!



# Computer

Students have been introduced to Microsoft Office Word. We worked on several features that will help us organize our content. Students learned how to use the bullet points, correcting mistakes using the backspace, choosing font design, and copying and pasting an image. They enjoyed creating a document on their favorite animal and inserting a picture that they searched on google. We will continue to practice the features they have learned and once mastered we will move on to coding iA

Sister Saima



# ELA/Reading

We have completed 2 Units! SubhanAllah the time is flying! Second graders have been working on making predictions and finding the main idea in the text they read. We learned about common, proper, possessive and collective nouns. Our sound journey continued through the vowel valley in October.

We are becoming better writers by using the writing process to write different genres! We just finished our expository writing, titled How to Get Ready For School. It was interesting to read the various steps my second graders take when they get ready for school :) Our next writing piece will be a poem in sha Allah!

Can't wait!



## STEAMing Friday

The second graders were busy building a lunar satellite last STEAMing Friday! The challenge was to design and build a satellite that will orbit the moon. It required to have the following criteria:

1. Carry two instruments to investigate the Moon's surface (represented by buttons) and write a description of what their job will be
2. Withstand a drop from above their head without any pieces falling off
3. Have a cylinder and a rectangular prism in the model of the satellite
4. Only use the following materials:

Tape, 1 Toilet paper roll, 3 Straws, Glue, 1 Card Stock, 2 buttons

# Quran

Assalamualaikum! WOW! That time has arrived once again; to update you on what's happening in our Qur'an class! Alhamdulillah October has been an exciting month with new additions to our Qur'an curriculum! During the past month we reviewed Surah Az-Zalza, Al-Aaadiyat, & Al-Qaari'a, students were tested both on their memorization and reading skills! The reading assessments were a fun and affective addition to the curriculum as students participated in what looked like a word search, except the teacher called out the words and the students rushed to find them in the Surah! To continue our review of past suwar, one per week, we began a "Reach 4 the Stars Challenge" where students are encouraged to prepare the suwar and recite it for a star on their Juz A'mma tally chart, after we have practiced it in class for one week. The student with the most stars accumulated will be rewarded at the end of the quarter, In Sha Allah! Alhamdulillah we have begun our new surah for the quarter, Surah Al-Lail! In Sha Allah we will focus on understanding the Surah, the lessons learnt, recognizing and reading selected words, and reciting it with correct tajweed. In Nouranniya we are on page 3 of lesson 11. It has been a bumpy ride as students strive to get the hang of spelling words with all the rules learnt thus far. In Sha Allah I pray for a quick and successful completion of this lesson! Once again, I can't stress enough the importance of daily

Nouraniyya and Qur'an practice at home. The recommended time is 15-20 min. daily! Jazak Allahu Khairan for all your support and helping me help your second grader, together we can build a strong foundation for our children, In Sha Allah!

Sister Sauda

