



GRADE 1 | NEWSLETTER

October 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Read in Week

October 2nd - 5th (Activities in the classroom to celebrate Reading)

Professional Development for Staff

Friday, October 6th (No school for Students)

Parent Halaqa

(7:00 to 8:30 pm) This counts as volunteer hours

Scholastic Book Fair

October 16th - 20th

One Ummah (Earlier this year)

October 26th

HOME-READING PROGRAM

- Please read a book to your child each day and record it in the agenda (Home Reading Section).

Looking Ahead...Photos coming in late October/early November

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Ms. Lina Khazinahdar; TBA

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Asalaam Alaikum Wa Rahmat Allah Sisters and Brothers.

We've had a wonderful opening, our staff and students have settled in nicely. Alhumdulliah!!! Thank you to all the parents who came to our "Meet our Teachers" evening. It was great to see so many familiar faces and loved meeting our new families. We are looking forward to sharing with you the progress that your children are making during our Reporting Period in November.

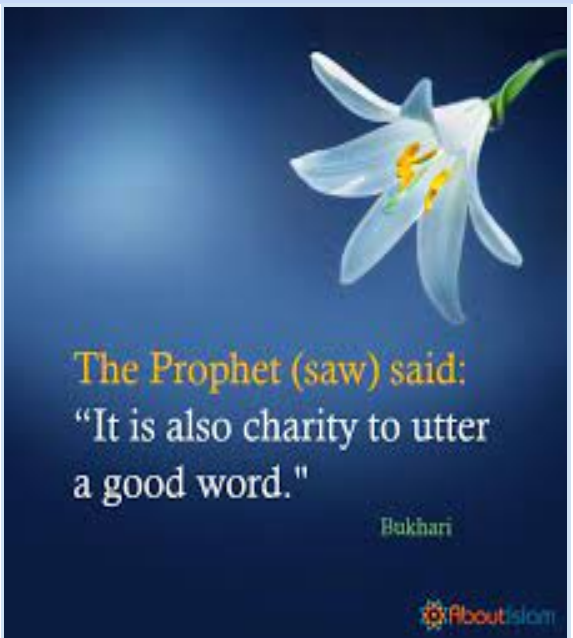
I do plead with you as parents to read each evening with your child. The first word revealed to our Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be upon Him) from Allah SWT was "Iqra". Activities after reading can include: finding specific letters/words in the stories; retell the story orally and even draw their favorite part of the story. Let's work together to present our children with a gift of reading and knowledge. Make it a family routine and watch firsthand the growth in accuracy, fluency and comprehension.

EIA continues to participate in the annual city event "Read In Week" in October. We have many exciting events happening during this week. On the Thursday of that week, the children will be invited to dress up as a character from a story they are reading. There are **conditions** that the children must oblige: they are **NOT** allowed to dress in anything that resembles the Halloween theme (if your child does wear a Halloween costume we will be calling home for you to bring in the school uniform); they should bring the book in with them that their character is from. For a great day, we are asking you, as the parents, to cooperate with us in this matter, it is truly appreciated.

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Mariam K. Abougouche
Assistant Principal KG - Grade One

ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE:



The Prophet (peace be upon him) said: "It is also charity to utter a good word." Sadaqah is a wonderful concept of Islam. It inspires Muslims to be better human beings



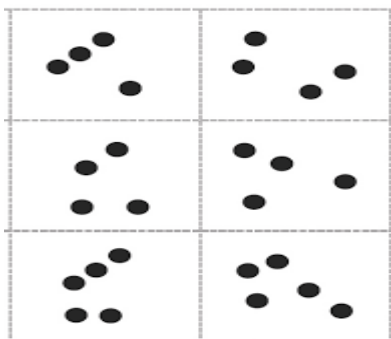
CURRICULUM UPDATES

ISLAMIC STUDIES:

- The students will be learning Surat Almaoon and Surat Alomazah
- The students will memorize and recite the morning Duaa
- The students will learn the first 27 names of Allah SWT
- The students will continue to learn about our beloved Allah SWT (Guidance for Truth; Allah SWT is One; I love Allah SWT and Allah SWT loves me
- The students will learn about the hadith Afdel-u-Thikri La ilaha illa Allah

MATH:

- The students will continue to learn about numbers 1 - 20
- The students will demonstrating an understanding of repeating patterns (two or three elements) by:
 - identifying
 - reproducing
 - extending
 - creating



LANGUAGE ARTS:

- The students will be working on the short vowel sounds of a, e, i, o and u.
- The students will segment and blend sounds in words spoken or heard
- The students will use phonic knowledge and skills to read unfamiliar short vowel words in context
- The students will associate consonants and short vowel sounds with letters and some letter clusters

ARABIC:

- The students will learn the following letters: (س) (ر) (ل)
- The students will learn new vocabulary related to each letter.
- The students will read and write each letter with it's short and long vowels
- The students will form/write the letter with the different symbols at the beginning, medial and ending of words.

Arabic Alphabet

ا	ب	ت	ث	ج
ح	خ	د	ذ	ر
ز	س	ش	ص	ض
ط	ظ	ع	غ	ف
ق	ك	ل	م	ن
و	ه	لا	ء	ي



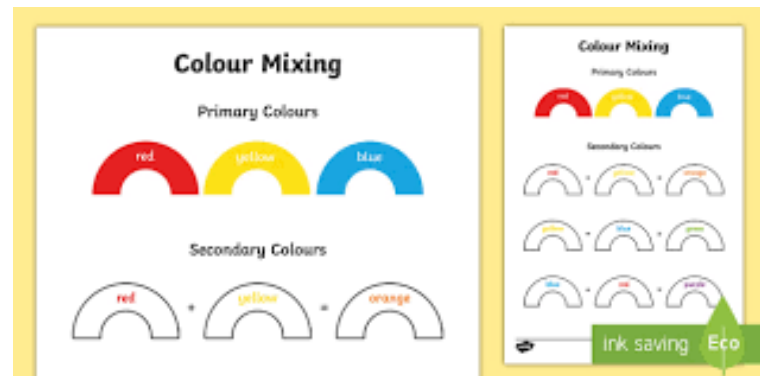
SOCIAL STUDIES:

- The students will continue to learn about roles in Home, School, and Community
- The students will demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of how identity and self-esteem are enhanced by the sense of belonging in our world
- The students will value self and others as unique individuals in relation to their world.

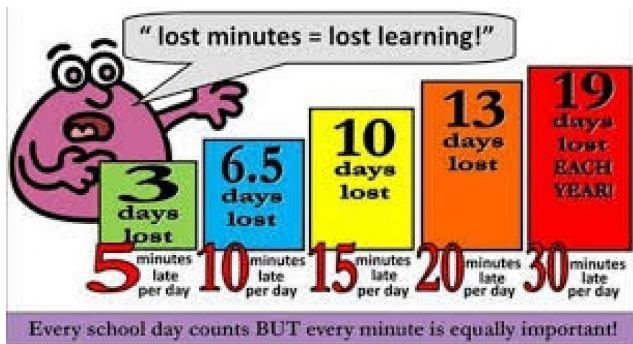


SCIENCE:

- The students will learn all about colours; different colours including primary and secondary colours.
- We will learn how colours are created, what happens when they are mixed and how they can be transferred from one material to another.
- We will learn to distinguish and describe colours and work with a variety of materials.



Why Tardiness Matters!



- When our children arrive late to school they usually miss or arrive late to the most valuable time of their day (Morning Duaa).
 - Children love to visit with their friends, if they are late they lose 5-15 minutes of socializing with their friends.
 - They miss a constructive time of setting up their academic day.
 - It can disrupt the flow of the already progressing lesson.
 - It distracts the other students.
- Research shows that students who are late have a bigger chance in falling behind in their academics.
 - Generally speaking it erodes class morale.
 - Students who are late are less likely to feel less organized and prepared for the day.
 - To speak quite frankly but with respect, you as parents are not getting the most of the tuition that you have worked hard for.

Attendance Matters

