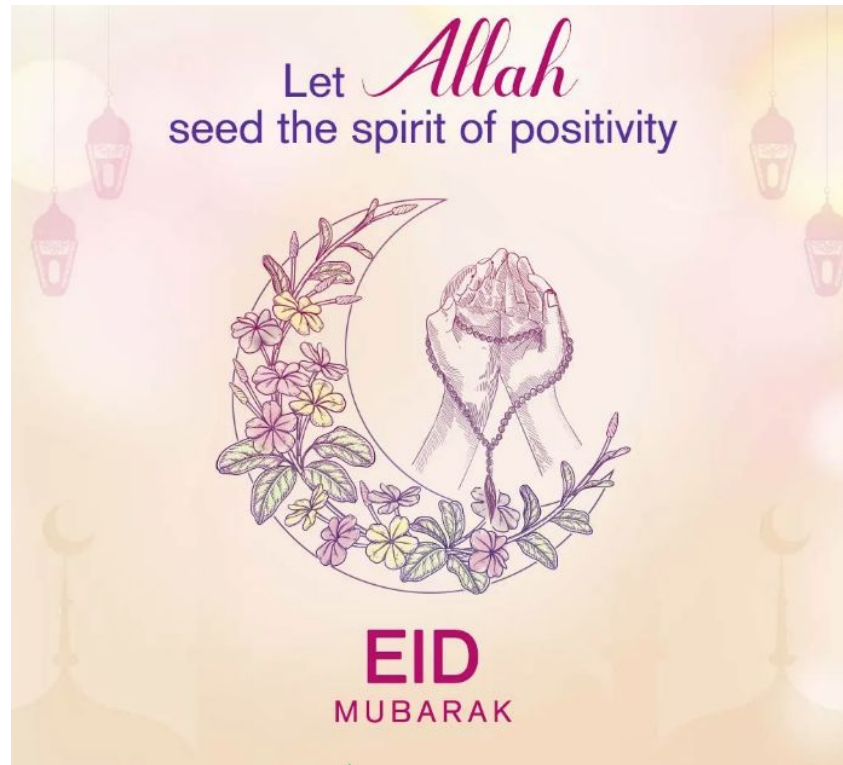


April- Grade 1



May the blessings of Allah fill your life with pleasure, opening all the doors of success now and always. Eid Mubarak!

Upcoming Events

Return to Classes: Monday, April 15th

Eid Festival: Wednesday, 17th

Parent Halaqa: Thursday, March 18th (7:00 - 8:30) in ARCA

Scholastic Book Fair : Monday - Friday, April 22nd - 26th

Parent Halaqa: Sunday, April 28th (2:30 - 4:00) in ARCA

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Message From Our Sheikh:

Teaching Children About Charity and Giving?

1. Start Early: Introduce Empathy and Charity at a Young Age

By the time they turn three, children typically begin to understand and respect the fact that each person has feelings. This capacity for empathy is the basis for charity.

2. Lead by Example: Set a Good Example for Your Kids

One of the most effective ways to teach children about charity is by modeling that behavior yourself.

Each time your child sees you giving to charity, it reinforces good behavior and gives you an opportunity to explain why it's important to give and how rewarding charity can be.

3. Talk about Giving as a Family

Having conversations about giving is an essential part of teaching your children about charity. Explain to them why you're giving time or money to a particular cause, and discuss how fortunate your family is compared to many others.

4. Explore Different Ways to Give

Introduce your children to the various ways they can contribute to charity, whether through donating money, time, or items.

5. Involve Children in Volunteer and Charitable Activities

Younger children may find it easier to understand empathy and charity if they're provided with direct and concrete examples of charitable giving.

6. Teach Children about the Impact of Their Actions

When children engage in an act of charity, attribute it to their character. Tell them they are a kind and caring person instead of saying it was a kind and caring thing they did.

7. Be Creative in Times of Crisis

In challenging times, it's essential to get creative about the ways you teach your children about charity and giving. Engaging in charitable acts during difficult times can help your children better understand the importance of empathy and compassion, while also helping them navigate the crisis more easily.

In conclusion, teaching children about charity and giving is a lifelong journey. By starting early, leading by example, and involving your children in various charitable activities, you can help shape their understanding of empathy, generosity, and compassion for others. With the right guidance and support, your children will grow up to become caring, responsible adults who make a positive impact on the world.

**JazakAllahu Kheirun,
Sheikh Jamal Taleb
Resident Imam at EIA**



Message From Your Assistant Principal:

Salam Wa Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wa Barakatu My Dearest Sisters and Brothers;

"Taqabbal Allahu minna wa minkum"

Eid Mubarak to you and your loved ones. May Allah SWT accept your Duaas and grant you immense blessings during this special time. Insha'Allah we all continue our spiritual journey beyond Ramadan. Blessings from my home to yours and to our community.

Regular school hours will resume on the first day back after the Eid holiday.

Kindergarten classes are as follows:

8:30 - 11:30 for AM classes

12:30 - 3:30 for the PM classes

Grades 1 - 3:

Morning Duaa begins promptly at 8:15 (which in my opinion is the most important time of the day).

Classes: 8:30 - 3:30

Insha'Allah I will continue the weekly assemblies with our grade one classes. For the month of April the children will discuss and work on activities regarding the different forms of Sadaqah and its benefits. The focus is that Sadaqah goes beyond Ramadan.

"Eid Festival" is set for Wednesday, April 17th, special heartfelt appreciation to our parent committee who made this happen.

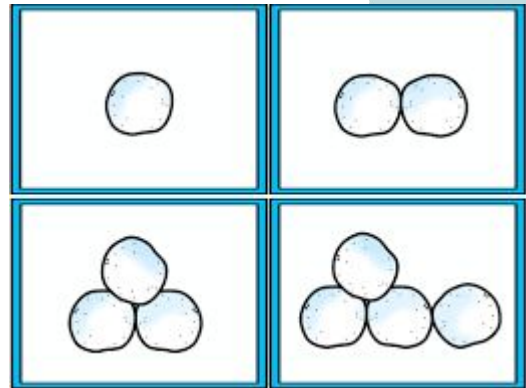
I would like to continue to encourage my families to prioritize reading at home, reading is crucial in fostering academic success. By emphasizing the importance of reading and seeking the guidance of Allah SWT, we can create an environment that supports our children's educational journey and helps them achieve their full potential. It is through consistent effort and support that we can empower students to thrive in their academic endeavors.

As always, I appreciate you and your cooperation.

JazakAllahu Kheirun,
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Subitizing:

- **Subitizing** is recognizing how many are in a group without counting each individual items
- Subitizing comes from the Latin word for *suddenly*.
- You subitize without realizing it all the time – when you immediately recognize the number when a dice is rolled, you're subitizing.



Subitizing helps students develop a strong sense of numbers, which is essential for later math concepts.



Helpful Links:

Copy and Paste

<https://toytheater.com/subitizing-seeds/>

<https://peanutbutterfishlessons.com/subitizing-games-with-free-printable-subitizing-cards/>

Curriculum Updates:

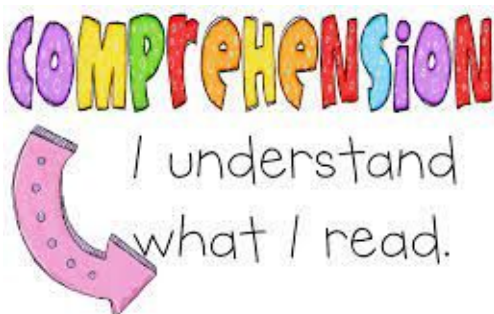
Islamic Studies:

- The children will learn Surat Al-Duha (Ayahs 1-4).
- The children will review the first 48 names of Allah SWT.
- The children will review the steps of Wudu
- The children will become familiar with “Zaid learns how to perform Salah”



Language Arts:

- The children will use their knowledge of how they can use language to help them understand what they read, see and hear.
- The children will use their knowledge of reading strategies to help me understand what they read.
- The children will answer questions about what they have read, see and hear.
- The children will write a series of complete sentences with proper punctuation and capitalization.
- The children will manipulate consonants and vowels to spell and write words.
- The children will use consonant and vowel sounds to read new vocabulary words.



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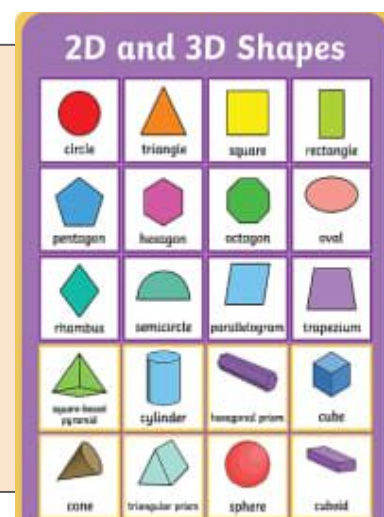
Arabic:

- The children will learn the following letters (ت taa and ص saad).
- The children will learn vocabulary words with the introduced letters.
- The children will read and write the letters with their short and long vowels.
- The children will learn to write the formations of the letters at the beginning, middle and end of words.
- The children learn about the four seasons.



Math:

- The children will sort 3-D objects and 2-D shapes, using one attribute, and explain the sorting rule
- The children will replicate composite 2-D shapes and 3-D objects.
- The children will compare 2-D shapes to parts of 3-D objects in the environment
- The children will begin to understand symmetrical shapes.



Curriculum Updates:

Social Studies:

- The children will demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of how changes over time have affected their families and influenced how their families and communities are today.
- The children will ;earn and explain reasons for migration and settlement of ancient civilizations.



Science: (Senses Continued)

- The students will identify each of the senses, and explain how we use our senses in interpreting the world.
- The students will identify ways that our senses contribute to our safety and quality of life.
- The students will apply particular senses to identify and describe objects or materials provided and to describe living things and environments.
- The students will recognize the limitations of our senses, and identify situations where our senses can mislead us; e.g., feeling hot or cold, optical illusions, tasting with a plugged nose.

Halaqas:

There are few places where a Muslim can get beneficial knowledge like a halaqa. It is a gathering for knowledge and understanding of Islam, and a place to improve upon our faith.

1. Increasing our Iman:

Many people get an 'iman high' from listening to Islamic lectures. The more you hear about the beauty of the words of Allah (ta'ala), or the more you learn about the life of Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ), the more your heart softens.

Attending a halaqa frequently, does this to you. It feeds your soul with the goodness of Islam. It raises your spirit, calms your heart, and fills it with the love of the deen.

"So give good tidings to My servants. Who listen to speech and follow the best of it. Those are the ones Allah has guided, and those are people of understanding." (Quran 39:17-18)

2. Earning a Hasanat:

The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, *"He who follows a path in quest of knowledge, Allah will make the path of Jannah easy to him. The angels lower their wings over the seeker of knowledge, being pleased with what he does. The inhabitants of the heavens and the earth and even the fish in the depth of the oceans seek forgiveness for him."*

3. Bringing Our Ummah Together:

When we have these circles of knowledge, they bind us together more as a community.

Whenever you are seeking knowledge, whether at a halaqa or anywhere else, remember the Prophet (ﷺ)'s prayer:

"Allahumma inni a'udhu bika min 'ilmin la yanfa'u, wa qalbin la yakhsha'u, wa du'a'in la yasma'u, wa nafsinn la tashba'u. (O Allah, I seek refuge with You from knowledge that is of no benefit, a heart that is not humble, a supplication that is not heard and a soul that is not satisfied.)"