

## April - Grade Two



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

### Upcoming Events:

**Back 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 Duas 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 Two 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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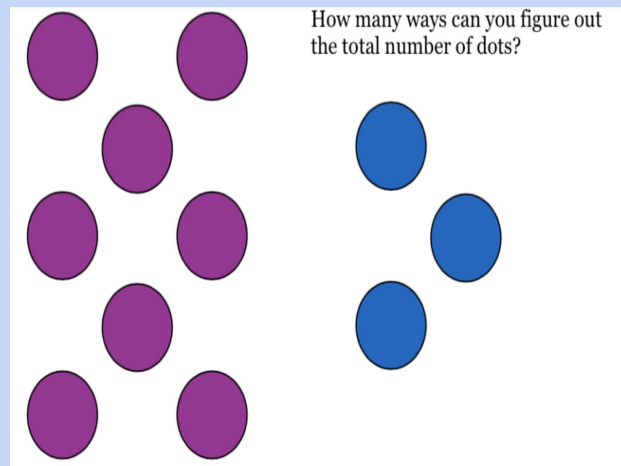
# Math Talk With Your Child/ren:

## Strengthen your child/ren's mental math?

- Mental math is an aspect of the Alberta mathematics curriculum from Grades 1-8.
- Mental math strategies build on and extend students' understanding of number properties and relationships.
- Fluency with numbers is a building block for learning more complex math.

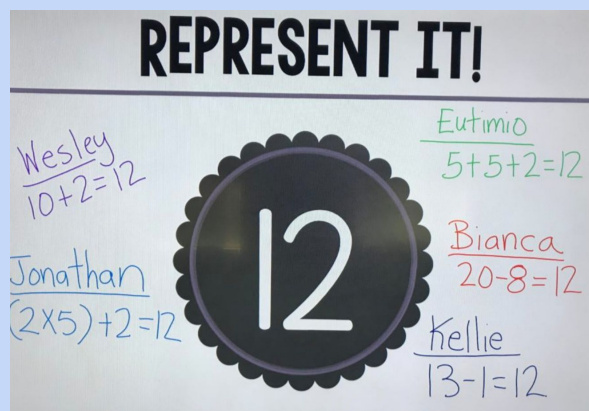
## Sample Activity:

- Subitizing (without counting, how many are there?)



## Sample Activity:

- Find different ways to represent a target number.



# Curriculum Updates:

## Language Arts:

- The children will combine experiences with knowledge of words and story to help understand what they read.
- The children will read and gain an understanding (comprehension) using transforming strategies.
- The children will identify by sight an increasing number of high frequency words and familiar words.
- The children will associate sounds with some vowel combinations, consonant blends and digraphs, and letter clusters to read unfamiliar words in context.
- The children will read with fluency, accuracy and expression.
- The children will write letters using a friendly letter format.



## Math:

The children will use patterns to solve problems:

- They will demonstrate an understanding of repeating patterns (three to five elements) by: • describing • extending • comparing • creating patterns using manipulatives, diagrams
- They will demonstrate an understanding of increasing patterns by: • describing • reproducing • extending • creating numerical (numbers to 100)
- The children will collect, display and analyze data.



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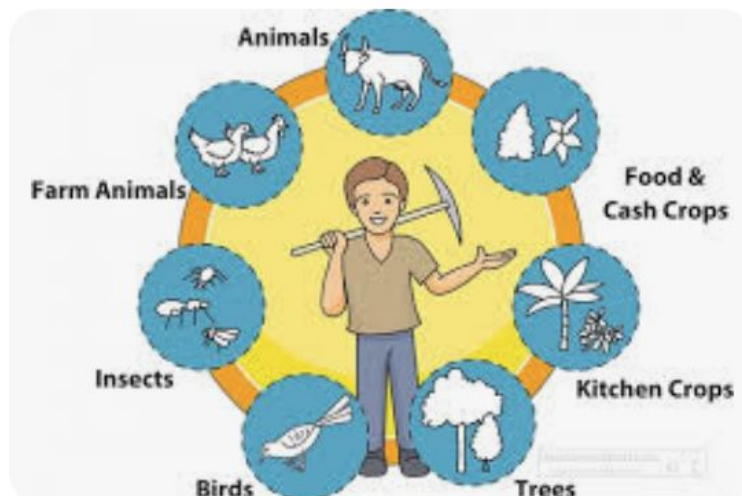
## Social Studies:

The children will investigate the physical geography of Saskatoon exploring and reflecting the following questions for inquiry:

- How are the geographic regions different from where we live?
- What are the major geographical regions, landforms and bodies of water in each community?
- What are the main differences in climate among these communities?
- What geographic factors determined the establishment of each community (e.g., soil, water and climate)?
- How does the physical geography of each community shape its identity?

## Science:

- The children will investigate the growth and development of plants and animals and consider their relationship to humans.
- The children will analyze and describe how plants and animals interact with each other and within environments.



# 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. Increases 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. Brings 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.)"*