

May - Grade 1



News and Reminders:

Mental Health Week: May 6th - 10th

Parent Halaqa: Thursday, May 9th (7:00 - 8:30) in ARCA

Sports Fun Day: Tuesday, May 14th (information will be sent)

Parent Halaqa: Sunday, May 19th (2:30 - 4:00) in ARCA

Victoria Day: Monday, May 20th (No School)

Fort Edmonton Park Field Trip: Wednesday, May 22nd

Celebration of Writing: Tuesday, May 28th (info will be sent)

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Message From Our Sheikh:



As-salamu alaykum dear parents friends and students.

Allah mentions in the Qur'an, "Wallahu yuhibbu sabirin", and Allah loves the patient. Allah loves those people who are engaged in patience.

Now the connection of patience to trust is obvious. You can't be patient with Allah unless you trust Allah. You can't be patient with how things are going in life until you understand that someone else is in control of that life of yours.

You're not going to be able to restrain yourself from acting out unless you have a solid understanding that Allah is acting in a way that's in your best favor. And so you have this connection between tawakkul and sabr that is very necessary. And Allah mentions that He loves those who trust Him, and He loves those who are patient.

Asking Allah to be a patient person is a good thing. Asking Allah that you have the quality of sabr that Allah makes us amongst those who are patient is a good thing. But here's the thing. Patience is not just restricted to hard times. Patience is something that we practice throughout our lives with Allah subhanahu wa ta'ala.

How do we do so? Patience in hardship is obvious.

Abdullah bin Mas'ud radiAllahu anhu says something very profound in this regard. He says that most people on the day of judgment don't enter Jannah because of some good deed that they did, but because of a hardship that they faced and the patience that they showed in response to that hardship.

So patience in hardship is very obvious. You hold yourself back. You see the goal of Allah's pleasure rather than your imminent hardship and that goal is able to see you through that hardship.

There's patience and ease, patience with your own desires, patience with shahwa here. Patience and ease here, what that means is that you hold yourself back from acting out on your lusts and your desires in a way that's impermissible. You are patient in your ease and patient with your desires, restraining yourself because you know that the reward that Allah guaranteed you in the hereafter is far greater than anything that you could have in this life. So again, the element of Allah's pleasure and reward is able to get you through your ease just as it's able to get you through your hardship.

The last form of patience that the scholars mention in this regard is the patience in your worship of Allah. If you're not patient in worshipping Allah and upholding the commands of Allah upon you, then that shows a lack of regard for Allah. So the patience in the maintenance of those acts of worship is a form of expression that you are willing to stay the course for the sake of Allah because you want to see these good deeds accepted and done right and done with ihsan, done in a way that shows excellence and receives the pleasure of Allah in return. Wallahu yuhibbu sabireen. And Allah loves the patient.

May Allah make us amongst them.

Allahumma ameen.

**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,

I pray that you and your loved ones are doing well. I am sure that you agree and share my sentiment about how quickly the school year has seemed to pass by. We have less than forty days ahead of us with essential objectives to cover. With dedication and focus, I believe that we can accomplish everything we need to, in order to prepare the children for the next school year. Let's keep pushing forward together, you at home and we at school.

In May, the teachers will be reviewing and conducting assessments to evaluate students' progress and identify areas that may need reinforcement in the next grade. Our teachers and children will be busy with not only assessment but with continued learning and fun activities.

In my weekly assemblies the children will participate in activities related to the topic of patience (Sabr'). In our world today, I feel that we are setting up our children to instant gratification. If you think about it, everything that you had to work for is now at the fingertips of our children. While it does have benefits, I will confidently state that it can cause a lot of frustration if we don't deal with it at this early level. We need to purposefully teach our children Sabr', that not everything in life is instantaneously.

I can't stress enough how important it is to ensure your child is reading to or is beginning to read to you each evening. Not only will your child learn new vocabulary, they will also read with greater fluency. Please give 10 minutes of your precious time for this objective. Insha'Allah if it begins now, your child will have greater success in their life-learning journey. Please invest in their learning journey!

JazakAllahu Kheirun,

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Teaching Patience To Our Littles Builds Greater Muslims:



Kids do not have enough life experience to naturally know about great traits like patience. For example, if you ask them to stand in long lines or wait for their snacks, they simply can't. They do not understand the concept of waiting for things they need right now.

"The world already offers instant gratification, so if you keep teaching kids about patience by instantly handing them rewards, they'll not learn. They would want to have a pleasant outcome for every situation they face and maybe expect a reward in the end, and this is not the case in real-life circumstances."

Help Them Understand Purposeful Delays

Children are innocent, and they don't know much about mindfulness; if they want something, they just ask for it. They simply do not understand why do they need to wait for things sometimes.



Curriculum Updates for Grade One:

Islamic Studies:

- Students will be learning Surat Al-Duha Ayats 5-11
- Students will learn and review the first 52 names of Allah SWT
- Students will learn and practice the steps of Salat.
- Once they have known the steps they will perform Dhur will division 1 in the atrium



Language Arts:

- Students will understand that words can be separated (segmented) into syllables or sounds (phonemes).
- Students will read 175 new high-frequency words automatically.
- Students will read high-frequency words in sentences and texts.
- Students will read simple, fully predictable, and decodable texts independently.
- Students will answer questions requiring literal recall and understanding of evidence, details, or facts from texts.
- Students will answer questions from text
- Students will answer questions that require recognizing cause and effect relationships in texts.

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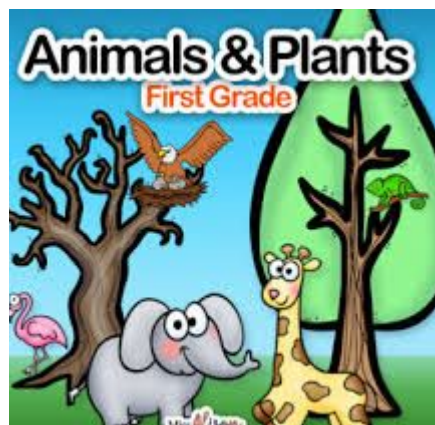
Social Studies:

- Students will understand that First Nations and Inuit have a relationship with the land that is reflected in traditional ways of living and through treaties.
- Students will describe First Nations and Inuit ways of living in communities.
- Students will learn the origin of the name Canada
- Students will understand the distinct Métis cultural practices that reflect heritage.
- Students will understand that the diverse cultural groups contribute to the heritage of Canada.



Science:

- Students will understand that plants are living things that can grow and make their own food.
- Students will understand that animals are living things that can grow and that need to find food.
- Students will understand that plants and animals can be affected by human behaviour
- Students will discuss ways to respect plants and animals while interacting in various environments.
- Students will explain positive and negative impacts of human behaviour on plants and animal



Curriculum Updates for Grade One:

Math:

- Students will recall and apply addition number facts, with addends to 10, and related subtraction number facts.
- Students will investigate strategies for addition and subtraction of two-digit numbers.
- Students will add and subtract numbers within 100.
- Students will verify a sum or difference using inverse operations.
- Students will determine a missing quantity in a sum or difference, within 100, in a variety of ways.
- Students will solve problems using addition and subtraction of countable quantities or measurable lengths



Arabic:

- The children will learn the following letters (ذ ه غ ض)
- 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.

