

## May - Grade Two



### Upcoming Events:

**Mental Health Week:** May 6th - 10th

**Telus World of Science Field Trip:** May 6th

**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)

**Celebration of Writing:** Tuesday, May 28th

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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 us 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 each evening. Not only will your child learn new vocabulary, they will also read with greater fluency. Please give 20 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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## Important Information:

### 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:

## Literacy:

- As and after the students read a selection they will understand transformation as a comprehension skill; eg. (how can I help change the world?)
- Students will use knowledge of how oral and written language is used to construct and confirm meaning (comprehension)
- Students will read aloud with fluency, accuracy and expression
- Students will apply phonic rules to read unfamiliar words in context
- Students will use knowledge of word parts, contractions and compound words to read unfamiliar words in context
- Students will explore different writing formats: (letter writing; postcard writing and paragraph writing)



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triangle



rectangle



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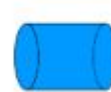
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cube



cylinder

## Math:

- Students will continue learning about measurement
- Students will Sort 2-D shapes and 3-D objects, using two attributes, and explain the sorting rule
- Student will describe, compare and construct 3-D objects, including: cubes; spheres; cones; cylinders and pyramids
- Students will describe, compare and construct 2-D shapes, including: circles; squares; triangles; rectangles
- Students will identify 2-D shapes as parts of 3-D objects in the environment

# Curriculum Updates:

## Social Studies:

- Students will understand how is Saskatoon is similar and different than Edmonton
- Students will explore the season spring in Saskatoon
- Students will investigate the geographic factors determined the establishment of Saskatoon (e.g., soil, water and climate)?



## Science:

- Students will complete the unit on “Living Systems”
- Students will begin the unit on “Earth Systems”
- Students will gain knowledge on the components of Earth (land, water, air, plants, human and animals)
- Students will understand that Earth is the only planet known to support life
- Students will understand that the surface of Earth changes over time
- Students will understand that Earth’s surface consists of many different landforms

