

## Grade 1 | NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2024



### **DATES:**

Meet the Teacher Evening: *Thursday, September 12th (6:00 - 8:00)*

Truth and Reconciliation Day: *Monday, September 30th (No School)*

### **Edmonton Islamic Academy**

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### **Team of Educators:**

**Ms. Faizah Rehman; Ms. Yasmeen Aly; Ms. Hodan Omar; Ms. Beverly Macdonald;**

**Ms. Khadija Ali; Ms. Fatumo Diriye**

**Ms. Nadia Alramahi; Ms. Boushra Korknawi**

**Ms. Salwa Hamdon; Ms. Anjum Shah; Ms. Mahboubha Hoque; Ms. Tuba Naseem;**

**Ms. Tahseen Anwar; Ms. Lina Khazinahdar**



## FROM YOUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL:

Asalaam Alaikum Wa Rahmat Allah Dearest Sisters and Brothers,

It is with great excitement that I write this letter of introduction to you as a member of the EIA family. I will serve you, the children and staff as the assistant principal of the Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC) KG/Grade 1. I am honored to have the opportunity to assist the leadership team steer the academy with such dedicated students, an extremely committed staff, and a supportive school community. Alhamdulillah, I feel very fortunate to be part of this institute.

Our Kindergarten and grade ones will now receiving their learning from the new building.

It is my belief that education is a lifelong process. I expect that I will continue to learn much about the uniqueness of EIA and of our community during this journey. Most importantly, I believe that with Islamic ethics, our students are at the center of all school-related decisions. I am excited to unite my over 35 years of experience, my openness to learn, and my child-centered approach to support our students. Relationships between teachers, administrators and families are vital to the success of our students and school.

I encourage you to come to the new building to meet your partners in education (our educational staff) at the open house on Wednesday, September 12th. I am beyond excited to meet all of you.

*Mariam  
Assistant Principal KG - Grade One*

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Grade	One	Daily	Times:
<i>Arrival - Each day of the week the doors will be open at 8:00, classes will begin at 8:15 promptly</i>			
<i>Dismissal - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday - students will be outside waiting at 3:15. Thursday - students will be waiting outside at 1:45</i>			

### HOME-READING PROGRAM

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



## Islamic Perspective:

Abud-Darda (May Allah be pleased with him) reported:

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. The superiority of the learned man over the devout worshiper is like that of the full moon to the rest of the stars (i.e., in brightness). The learned are the heirs of the Prophets who bequeath neither dinar nor dirham but only that of knowledge; and he who acquires it, has in fact acquired an abundant portion."

[Abu Dawud and At- Tirmidhi]

### Daily Duaa:

*Every morning at 8:15*

### IMPORTANCE OF PUNCTUALITY:

- It helps child develop an Islamic culture.
- It divulges the integrity of the child.
- It shows that the child/family is dependable.
- It builds the child's self-confidence.
- It shapes and exposes discipline. .
- It really is the... Key to Islamic Success.

Parents, please assist us by ensuring that your child is at school and ready for our Duaa.



## Curriculum Corner:

### ISLAMIC STUDIES:

- The students will be reviewing Surahs Alfateha, Al-Nas, Al-Falaq, Alkhlas, Al-Masadd, Al-Nasr and Al-Kawthar.
- The students will recite the morning Duaa'
- The students will learn the first 25 names of Allah SWT
- The students will learn Surah Al Maoon
- The students will learn about our Beloved Allah SWT

### LANGUAGE ARTS:

- The students will be reviewing the alphabet and the sounds each letter makes.
- The students will be working on the short vowel sounds of a, e, i, o and u.
- The students will be learning how to read and write short vowel words (cvc).
- The students will be introduced to and build reading and comprehension strategies Using Reading Power.
- The students will share ideas with others; listen and respond appropriately to experiences and feelings shared by others

### ARABIC:

- The students will be involved in learning new letters
- The students will be learning new vocabulary related to the letters.
- The students will be reading and writing the letters with its short vowels.
- The students will be writing the letters with its different shapes at the beginning, middle and the end of a word.



## Curriculum Corner:

### MATH:

- The students will demonstrate an understanding of repeating patterns (two to four elements by
  - describing
  - reproducing
  - extending
  - creatingusing manipulatives, diagrams, sounds and actions

### SOCIAL STUDIES:

- The students will value self and others as unique individuals in relation to their world.
- 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 demonstrate an understanding of how active members in a community contribute to the well being, growth and life of their groups and community.
- The students will learn to identify belonging in the world; what groups we are a part of and that family is a special group.

### 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.