



# Islamic Studies

## Newsletter

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As salaamu alaikum wa rahmatullah

Here is what we have been learning in Islamic Studies:

### Kindergarten

Islamic Studies: In Kindergarten, we learned that Muslims should remember Allah SWT at all times. Before we do anything, we should always say "Bismillahir rahmanir raheem." We also learned that Muslims have been given a very special gift by Allah SWT called du'aa. We can make du'aa anytime, anywhere, for anything. We learned how to make du'aa properly and then we made du'aa together. SubhanAllah, our du'aa was accepted immediately by Allah SWT and we saw the power of du'aa with our very own eyes!

### Quran Memorization:

Alhamdulillah, we have finished memorizing the first half of Surah Naas. Our goal is to know all of Surah Naas by the end of next week insha'Allah. Our surah tests are every Thursday.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

The 1<sup>st</sup> graders have completed their unit on Ramadan. We learned about fasting, moonsighting, Tarawih prayer, Laylatul Qadr, and Eid-ul-Fitr. We played a Ramadan Trivia game to test our knowledge.

We also began our new unit on Salah. Insha'Allah, over the next

few weeks, we will focus on the importance of salah, how to perform it correctly, how to make wudu, etc.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Islamic Studies: In 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, we learned that in the month of Ramadan, we should do as many good deeds as possible. Not only does it make Allah very happy, but the reward of our good deeds is multiplied 10 times. We made Good Deed books that we can refer to for ideas on what we can do to gain the pleasure of Allah SWT.

### Quran Memorization:

Alhamdulillah, we have completed all of Surah 'Alaq and have began practicing Surah Duha. Since this is a 1<sup>st</sup> grade surah, we are only revising it. The test on Surah Duha will be on Monday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> insha'Allah.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class has been learning about the sunnah of the Prophet (S) during Ramadan, with a special focus on his (S) eating habits. We learned what the Prophet (S) broke his fast with, and what types of foods he enjoyed and recommended others to eat. We discovered that if we eat according to the sunnah, we will not only gain

the pleasure of Allah, but it is also better for our health. Nutrition is very important, especially in Ramadan. To demonstrate this concept, we made a healthy iftaar together according to the sunnah. We hope the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade families will enjoy it!

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

In 4<sup>th</sup> grade, we studied various sunnahs of the Prophet (S) during Ramadan. We also learned a special du'aa that the Prophet (S) prescribed for forgiveness on Laylatul Qadr. Then, we began to study the fiqh of fasting. We learned about who is required to fast, who is exempt from fasting, and what must be done if a fast is broken intentionally (kaffarah.) We will continue to study the laws of fasting next week insha'Allah.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

The 5<sup>th</sup> graders have been studying the laws of fasting extensively. We also discussed many important aspects of Ramadan, such as Tarawih prayer, Laylatul Qadr, Sadaqat-ul-Fitr, etc. We learned that Ramadan is divided into 3 parts: the days of mercy, the days of forgiveness, and the days of emancipation from the hellfire. The class wrote journal entries about

their thoughts and feelings after the 1<sup>st</sup> ten days of Ramadan. Insha'Allah we will reflect on Ramadan every ten days.

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade will soon be having a unit test on Ramadan. A study guide with review questions will be given next week insha'Allah, along with the date of the test. Please help your child prepare.

#### OTHER NEWS

- ☪ Please remind your child to continue filling out the Ramadan Fasting/Prayer chart.
- ☪ The 4<sup>th</sup> grade class pet, Tortie, has fallen ill. Please remember him in your du'aas. Insha'Allah he will visit the veterinarian this weekend.

Have a wonderful weekend and please remember your teachers, principal, family and friends in your special Ramadan du'aas!