

April - Grade Three



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 School: 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 Duaas 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.

Elementary:

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 Three 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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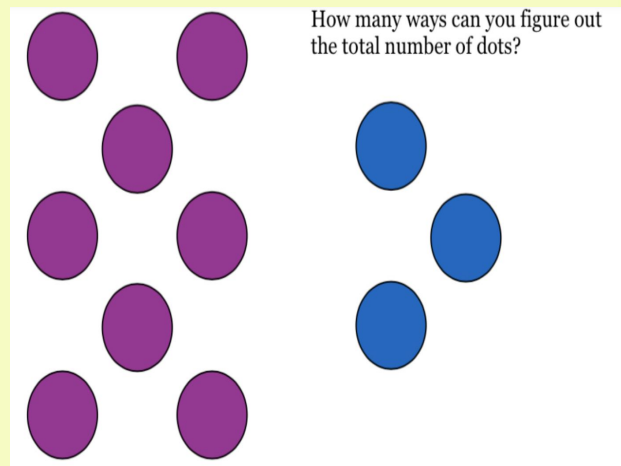
Math Talk With Your Child/ren:

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.

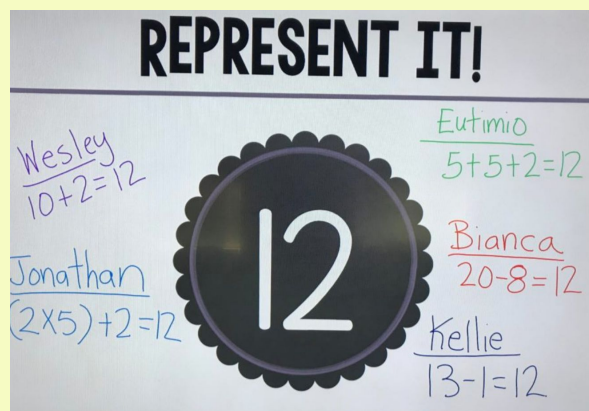
Sample Activity:

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



Sample Activity:

- Find different ways to represent a target number.



Curriculum Updates:

Language Arts:

- The students will learn when and how to use auxiliary verbs.
- The students will learn how and when to use pronouns
- The students will read a novel “Charlotte’s Web” and be engaged in inferring and questioning type of comprehension activities.



Math:

- The students will be working on a measurement unit.
- The students will learn how to estimate and measure lengths, time, mass and perimeters.

Curriculum Updates:

Social Studies:

- The children will understand their rights and responsibilities in order to make informed decisions and participate.
- The children will engage in active inquiry and critical and creative thinking.
- The children will engage in problem solving and conflict resolution with an awareness of the ethical consequences of decision making



Science:

- The students will learn to problem solve and make scientific inquiry.
- The students will investigate creativity and its relationship to computational thinking.



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 nafs in 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.)"