

Grade 1 | NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2025



DATES:

Ramadan Hours: *Effective March 3rd until Spring Break/Eid*

Daylight Saving: *Sunday, March 9th*

Last Day of Classes before Spring Break: *Friday, March 21st*

Eid Al Fitr Break: *Monday, March 31st and Tuesday, April 1st*

First Day Back to School: *Wednesday, April 2nd*

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"The month of Ramadan [is that] in which was revealed the Qur'an, a guidance for the people and clear proofs of guidance and criterion. So whoever sights [the new moon of] the month, let him fast it; and whoever is ill or on a journey - then an equal number of other days. Allah intends for you ease and does not intend for you hardship and [wants] for you to complete the period and to glorify Allah for that [to] which He has guided you; and perhaps you will be grateful." --Surat Al-Baqarah 2:185

Message from your Assistant Principal:

Assalam Alaikum Dearest Families:

Muslims around the world are observing the sacred month of Ramadan. As the Quran states:

"Ramadan is the month in which the Holy Quran was sent down, as a guide to mankind and a clear guidance and judgment (so that mankind will distinguish from right and wrong)." (Quran 2:183)

During this blessed time, we have a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our family bonds and deepen our faith. Despite the challenges we may face, Allah has granted us this moment to reconnect with our loved ones and reinforce our spiritual commitments.

At ECLC our students continue to learn from their Islamic studies and homeroom teachers about the significance of Ramadan. They are encouraged to embrace the blessings of this month by engaging in charitable giving, making Du'aas and prayers and other acts of worship. To support them in this journey, we have encouraged our children to establish a schedule that accommodates their needs.

We sincerely appreciate your continued support. May this Ramadan bring peace, serenity, and countless blessings to you and your family. Please remember the school and our families in your Du'aas, especially during this sacred month.

Ms. Mariam
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RAMADAN and OUR LITTLE ONES:



Allah SWT says in the Qur'an,

"Ramadan is the month in which the Qur'an was revealed , as guidance for humanity...so whoever of you witnesses the month should fast it."

[2:185]

Muslims observe Ramadan by fasting throughout the month as an expression of gratitude to Allah SWT for His final revelation.

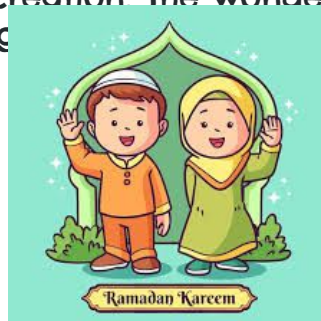
Ramadan offers a great opportunity to teach our children about its blessings and the importance of sacrifices we make. I believe it is essential for young children to engage in discussions about the purpose of Ramadan: it is performed solely for Allah to show our servitude; how it allows us to experience hunger and develop empathy for the less fortunate, and how it instills self-discipline and kindness by encouraging us to refrain from food and all bad deeds.

Our children learn that charity is not just about giving money but also about showing kindness through actions, deeds, and good manners. During Ramadan, we focus on smiling more, practicing patience, and dedicating time to helping young children, the elderly, and our neighbors.

I encourage on instilling with our children a consistent Salat habit in the and teaching them the blessings of praying in congregation. Please take time to teach them the steps and importance of performing Wudu and Salat.

During Ramadan, we talk to our children about the love and mercy from Allah SWT. We remind them of all the blessings Allah [SWT] has given us, explaining that everything we have, from our toys to our good health, comes from Allah SWT alone. We teach them about the infinite mercy, how Allah SWT continuously forgives our sins, and encourage them to reflect this mercy in their own lives. They learn to forgive, show love and compassion, and appreciate one another.

During Ramadan, we also take time to observe nature. When our children explore the intricate life of even the smallest insect, they develop a deeper appreciation for Allah's magnificent creation. The wonders of nature inspire awe and amazement, and by learning of the life cycle, we nurture their love for our Creator.



Curriculum Corner:

ISLAMIC STUDIES:

- The students will have memorized Surat At-Teen Ayah 1 - 8.
- The students will memorize Surah Al-Qadar Ayah 1 - 4.
- The students will understand the importance of Surat Al-Qadar
- The students will learn up to 45 names of Allah (SWT)
- The students will know the steps to make proper wudu
- The students will understand that wudu makes them clean



ARABIC:

- The students will learn the following letters: غ , ف , ق
- The students will build their vocabulary bank with Arabic words with the غ , ف , ق letters
- The students will read and write words with غ , ف , ق letters
- The students will form the letters غ , ف , ق understanding the different shapes at the beginning, middle and end of words.



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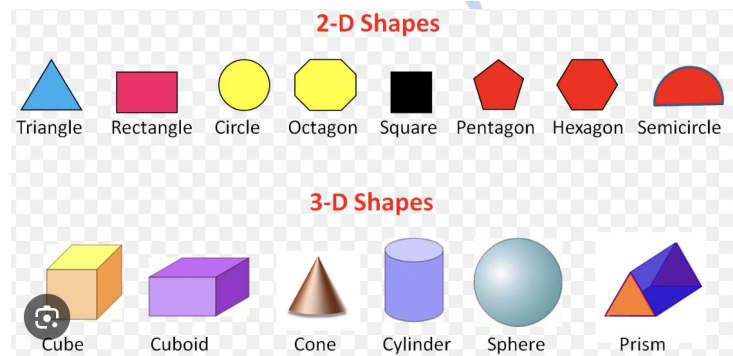


LANGUAGE ARTS:

- The students will learn to apply rules in order to write and read words with: ce/ge (s and j); suffixes es, ed, ing, open and closed syllables; plural forms; prefixes and silent letters.
- The students will word formations and meaning.
- The students will examine different sentence starters, begin each sentence with a capital letter and end with proper punctuation.
- The students will write informative and narrative type of texts.
- The students will write a story for the class storybook.
- The students will read with increasing fluency, enhanced comprehension and greater accuracy.
- The students will develop listening and speaking skills through sharing stories and information.

MATH:

- The students will interpret shapes in two and three dimensions.
- The students will compare the length, area or capacity of two objects directly or indirectly using a third object.
- The students will order objects according to length, area or capacity.

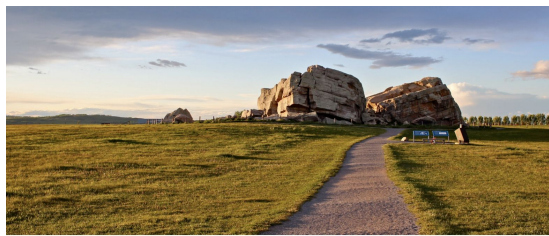




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SOCIAL STUDIES:

- The students will continue to explore the major features of our world.
- The students will learn how the First Nations, Metis and Inuit pass on oral traditions through language about natural landmarks in our local area: for example - Okotoks Big Rock
- The students will explore maps of Alberta that identify natural landmarks and when applicable their Indigenous names.



"Our record in stone": Blackfoot perspectives of Okotoks

SCIENCE:

- The students will analyze environments and investigate interactions and changes.
- The students will observe and document signs of seasonal changes over time.
- The students will discuss how changes in the appearances of environments, plants and animals are related to the seasons.



WELLNESS:

- The students will examine and connect a variety of foods to growth and development.
- The students will differentiate between whole foods and processed foods.
- The students will investigate growth and its connection to healthy practices.
- The students will understand how proper hygiene impacts development and healthy relationships.

Ramadan Kindness Chart

<p>Clean my room</p> 	<p>Use kind words when speaking</p> <p>"Please"</p> <p>"Thank you!"</p> <p>"Good job!"</p>	<p>Share food with friends and neighbors</p> 	<p>Smile at a stranger</p> 
<p>Take turns playing</p> 	<p>Learn more about why I celebrate Ramadan</p> 	<p>Volunteer at a shelter</p> 	<p>Give someone I love a hug</p> 
<p>Make a Ramadan card for someone</p> 	<p>Do chores around the house</p> 	<p>Be patient</p> 	<p>Tell someone one thing you are thankful for</p> <p>I am thankful for...</p>
<p>Pick up trash in your town</p> 	<p>Help make a meal</p> 	<p>Tell someone one thing you like about them</p> <p>You are a great friend because...</p>	<p>Give toys or clothes to people who need them</p> 