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SEPTEMBER 2025



DATES TO REMEMBER:

First Days of Staggered Entry: (Applies only to Preschool and KG: students):

Thursday, August 28th - students with surnames beginning with A - H (no school for students with surnames beginning with I - Z)

Friday, August 29th - students with surnames beginning with I - Z. (No school for students with surnames beginning with A - H)

First Day of Instruction - All AM students in class and all PM students in class at assigned times: Tuesday, September 2nd

Bus Safety for KG Students: Monday, September 8th (In School Activity)

Meet the Teacher Evening: Thursday, September 11th (3:00 - 6:00)

Sparks Run: September 25th (info to follow)

Orange Shirt Day: Monday, September 29th (info to follow)

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

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FROM YOUR ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL:

Asalaamu Alaikum Wa Rahmat Allah Dearest Sisters and Brothers,

It is with great excitement and gratitude that I write this letter of introduction to you as a proud member of the EIA community. I am honored to serve as the Assistant Principal of the Early Childhood Learning Center (ECLC) for KG and Grade 1.

Alhamdulillah, I feel truly blessed to be part of this esteemed institute—an academy known for its dedicated students, committed staff, and a deeply supportive school community. I am humbled to join the leadership team in guiding our school forward with a shared vision and purpose.

I firmly believe that education is a lifelong journey, and I look forward to learning more about the unique qualities of EIA and the rich fabric of our community throughout the year. At the heart of all our decisions are our students, guided by Islamic values and a child-centered approach. I bring with me over 35 years of experience, a deep passion for learning, and a sincere commitment to nurturing every child's growth and potential.

Strong relationships between educators, families, and administrators are essential for the success of our students and the continued excellence of our school. I warmly invite you to join us at our Open House on Thursday, September 11th, at our new building. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet your partners in education—our incredible staff—and begin the school year together in unity and purpose.

I am beyond excited to meet each of you and begin this journey together.

Mariam
Assistant Principal KG - Grade One

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ISLAMIC REFLECTIONS:

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]



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THINGS TO REMEMBER:

Arrival and Dismissals:

AM Arrival - Each day of the week the doors will be open at 7:45 classes begin at 8:15.

AM Dismissal - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday (11:15) and Thursday (10:30)

PM Arrival - Each day of the week the doors will be open at 11:50 classes begin at 12:00

PM Dismissal: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday (3:00) Thursday (1:30)

Grade One Daily Times:

Arrival - Each day of the week the doors will be open at 8:00.

Dismissal - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday (3:15) Thursday (1:45)

Morning Dua'a:

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.



THINGS TO REMEMBER:

Allergies or Medical Conditions:

It is important for us to ensure the safety and well-being of all our students. If your child has any allergies, medical conditions, or requires special health care during the school day, please inform their teacher as soon as possible.

This information will help us provide the appropriate support and take necessary precautions to keep your child safe while at school.

Please include details such as:

- The nature of the allergy or medical condition
- Emergency procedures we should be aware of
- Contact information for urgent situations

Healthy Tummies:

A balanced food plan plays an essential role in helping our children stay focused, energized, and ready to learn.

Please keep the following guidelines in mind:

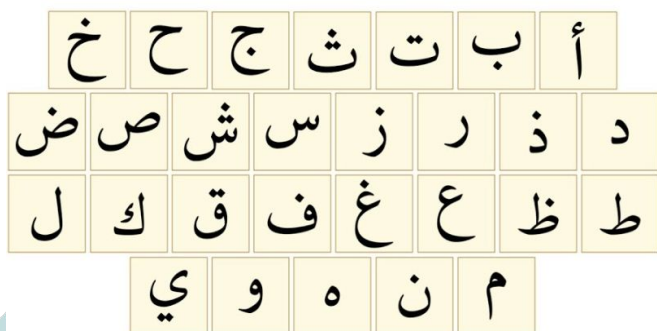
- **Healthy Snacks:** Choose fresh fruits, vegetables, yogurt, cheese, or whole grain options. Avoid sending chips, candy, chocolate, or sugary snacks.
- **Nutritious Lunches:** Provide balanced meals that include a variety of food groups—proteins, grains, fruits, and vegetables.
- **Water Only:** Students should bring a refillable water bottle each day. We encourage water as the best way to stay hydrated throughout the day. Please avoid sending juice or sugary drinks.



CURRICULUM STUDIES:

Islamic Studies:

- The children will be learning Surat Al-Fatihah (Ayah 1-6)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G_0szugOR0
- The students will learn to recite the morning Duaa'
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xm1GZtjPiBU&t=58s>
- The students will learn the first three of the names of Allah (SWT) Allah الله - Al Rahman الرحمن, Arraheem الرحيم
- The students will begin learning about our beloved Prophet PBUH (his name)



Arabic Studies:

- The students will be involved in learning stories about the letters ت ب أ
- The students will be learning new vocabulary related to the letters.
- The students will be reading and writing the letters.



CURRICULUM STUDIES:

Language Arts:

- The children will learn the phonetic sounds of the alphabet.
- The children will learn and practice pre-writing strokes that build the foundation for letter and number formation.
- The children will explore writing their names and copy simple sentences.
- The children will develop their oral and social skills by using the following vocabulary: stop please, thank you, please, your welcome, may I, asking questions, etc.
- The children will develop their listening skills through: learning sounds, phonics activities, following directions in 2-3 steps and story predictions
- The children will connect stories to self; text (other stories) and to the world.



Mathematics:

- The children will be able to recite the number sequence 1 to 10 by 1s,
- The students will use direct comparison to compare two objects based on a single attribute, such as length (height), mass (weight) and volume (capacity).
- Students will describe the characteristics of 3-D objects and 2-D shapes
- The students will demonstrate an understanding of repeating patterns (two or three elements) by: identifying, reproducing, extending

CURRICULUM STUDIES:

Social Studies:

- The children will value his or her own unique characteristics, interests, gifts and talents provided by Allah SWT and how their characteristics make them unique from others.
- The children will appreciate feelings, ideas, stories and experiences shared by others
- The children will show respect and acceptance of people as they are
- The children will assume responsibility for personal actions, words and choices.
- The children will understand the difference and identify needs and wants.



Science:

- The children will become aware of the five senses and how they are used to explore, investigate and describe the world.
- The children will become aware of colours, shapes, patterns and textures in the environment.
- The children will listen and follow one and two step directions.

