

# Salam Academy Newsletter

End of 2nd Trimester

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## Upcoming Dates

2/22: Awards ceremony

2/23: NO SCHOOL- P/T conferences

3/11: Ramadan Begins (TBD)

3/15: 4th grade & up Speech Competition

3/20: Regional Science Fair

3/15- AIC Salam Academy Fundraiser (Jummah)

3/22- ICNM Salam Academy Fundraiser (Jummah)

3/23- SA-ICNM Iftar

3/24- SA- AIC Iftar

3/25-29 Spring Break

4/11- Ramadan Online Competition

4/10-4/12- EID AL FITR (date subject to change)

## Ms. Fedah's Corner

Assalamu Alaikum,

I hope this message finds you well. Alhamdulillah, the academic year has been progressing swiftly at Salam Academy, and I'm thrilled to share some exciting updates with you.

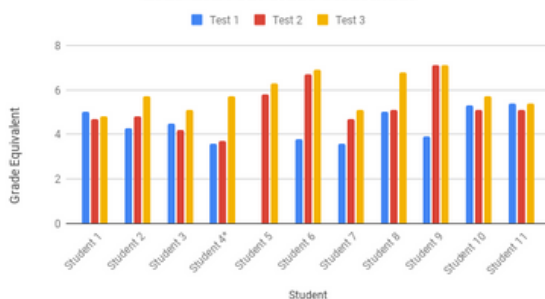
We currently have almost 190 students enrolled in daycare through high school, and I am delighted to announce that our teachers and students have been working diligently. Their efforts have paid off, as we witness a remarkable increase in STAR Reading and Math scores.

Our students have been fortunate to participate in various field trips, including visits to Roswell, Carlsbad Cavers, EXPLORA!, Pope Joy, and more. Just recently, we had the honor of hosting the Albuquerque FBI unit at our school. Special Agent Raul Bujanda and his team engaged with our students, shedding light on the diverse roles within the FBI.

In addition, our Early Childhood area has successfully renewed its 5 STAR Focus accreditation through the state. Our dedicated teachers consistently deliver age-appropriate lessons, conduct thorough observations, and ensure our students learn through play, all while following the 3 Cheers NM Prek Curriculum. Beyond academic achievements, I am immensely proud of our students' compassion for the world. We have organized multiple fundraisers this year to support those affected by natural disasters in Libya, Turkey, Syria, Afghanistan, and the ongoing crisis in Palestine. It is our hope that these initiatives instill a sense of caring and giving in our students, encouraging them to continue supporting such causes and practicing sadaqa. As we approach the blessed month of Ramadan, we are gearing up for our Sadaqa is Baraka initiative, continuing our commitment to charitable efforts.

I pray that from now until the end of the year, good health and blessings surround us all. May Salam Academy continue to prosper, and may the years to come be filled with success and growth.

2023-2024 5th Grade STAR Math



The example of those who spend their wealth in the way of Allah is like a seed [of grain] which grows seven spikes; in each spike is a hundred grains. And Allah multiplies [His reward] for whom He wills. And Allah is all-Encompassing and Knowing. [Qur'an 2:261]

# Early Childhood News

## Infant/Toddler Classroom

This month we are continuing to work on individual mile stones. We are also looking at the weather changes. Our teacher brought in snow for us to touch and experience without going outside. Please remember to bring jackets and shoes. When we go outside it can be chilly or warm.

## 2/3 Classroom Ms. Sham and Ms. Maryam

In the month of February, we will work on how to take care of our teeth. Children will learn how to express and manage their feelings through picture books and songs. We will work how to grow friendship and kindness through playing and learning together. We will continue to work on numbers, shapes, colors, and letters.



## NM Prek News



## NM Early Pre-K with Ms. Maria and Ms. Inabat

Hello February here's to another month. We are starting a new curriculum which is called from farm to table. During the next few weeks, we will talk about our favorite foods and learn how foods are packaged, and delivered through books, games, and songs. Our letters for the month are Z,W,V and Y. We are also working on our shapes and cutting out shapes. Please make sure your child has a change of clothes in case of an accident or if they just get messy we are able to change them.

## NM Pre-K Mixed age with Ms. Denise

Hello families! This month the children will work on letters Z z, W w, V v, & Y y. They work on recognizing the letter both uppercase and lowercase. The children also learn the sound that these letters make. This month we begin Theme 6 in our Three Cheers lesson plan which will be 'From Farm to Table.' We will continue to work in the children's journals and their tracing or writing their letters/names.

## NM Pre-K with Ms. Sheleise, Ms.Gulshat and Ms. Suad

Salam Alaikum wonderful families, This month we are working on our new theme farm to table. We will be talking about where food comes from. When you are at the grocery store or cooking dinner please talk about where your food came from. We will continue to review all letters of the alphabet. Our main focus this month will be Ww, Vv, Yy and Xx. We will also continue to work on writing our name and last name. The kiddos are doing an amazing job on the syllables in their name as well. Ask them to clap out the syllables in their name for you.

# Elementary Updates

## Kindergarten

In reading we just finished up unit 3 week 3. We have been working on reading our emergent reader books, taking words apart by sound and putting them back together, and learning new rhymes. The children learned a lesson on writing letters, addressing them and sending them in the mail. We walked to the mailbox to mail the letters. In Math, we are learning the attributes of shapes, using geoboards to make designs and counting by fives and tens. In science we talked about the surface of playgrounds, why they get hot and why they are cold. In social studies, we talked about being kind, what it means to be kind and what we can do to make sure we are always kind. The children have been working hard in class and getting ready for first grade. Let's have a great last trimester.



### Arabic with Ms. Entisar

- **Achievements:** Students acquired knowledge of the Arabic alphabet's pronunciation, writing, and recognition, enabling them to engage in basic conversations.
- **Focus:** Students will differentiate between the various Arabic vowel markings (harakat).



## 1st Grade

In first grade, we are working very hard and having so much fun! In reading, we are working on our wonders stories, doing IXL, reading words and sentences on the smart board, and doing reading and spelling learning centers. We are working on our writing daily. We are writing in our writing journals every day. We are also doing writing for our themes. In Social Studies we are learning about winter, presidents, government, and US symbols. In science, we are working on our Amplify curriculum. We are working on "The Spinning Earth". In this unit, we will learn about how the earth, sun, and moon work together to make the seasons and day and night. In math we are working on our saxon math, doing math on the smart board, and doing math learning centers. We are doing a lot of art in our class. We are doing projects to go along with our units of study, the time of year, or the weather. Our class really loves doing art.

### Arabic with Ms. Entisar

- **Achievements:** Students developed reading, writing, and conversational skills in Arabic.
- Focus:** Enhancing reading efficiency.

### Islam with Ms. Ahlam

In Islam, we started with Prophet Mohammed (peace be upon him) sirah, and we will be getting ready for Ramadan, Inshallah.

# Elementary Updates

## 2nd Grade

Wow! I can't believe we are already heading into the third trimester for 2024. Time has flown by, and each student is growing and changing every day. Our classroom has set some goals for 2024 in writing and math. We are working hard every day to meet and exceed those goals to become ready for third grade. We just finished our Feed the Homeless service project, and are looking forward to an amazing Ramadan. Inshallah, we will have an amazing final trimester filled with lots of fun and learning.



### Arabic/Islam Ms. Ahlam

This final trimester, in Arabic, we are focusing on practicing reading the Quran. In Islam, we started with Prophet Mohammed (peace be upon him) sirah, and we will be getting ready for Ramadan, Inshallah.



## 3rd Grade

This second semester 3rd grade has been working hard in Math figuring out perimeters, areas, polygons, and angles of triangles. They will continue with rectangular prisms, volume, weight, pounds, tons, and ounces, and multiplication. ELA has them understanding irregular verbs, homonyms, figurative speech, and reading and understanding poetry. In science, they are learning about inheritance, traits, genes, and the code, while in social studies they are learning about global migration into the United States.



# 2024-2025 Registration Information

Salam Academy Now Enrolling **CURRENT STUDENTS ONLY** for 2024-2025 School year  
**K-8th Grade Only**

**NM Prek 4 year olds, this is for you too!!!! Register for Kindergarten NOW!!!**

**Early application period for returning (current) students: February 12th - April 5th**

**Early application period for NEW students: March 18th-April 30th**

**Re-enroll now and save \$\$\$**

**The application fee is \$90 for returning students.**

**Student fees are \$495.**

**What does that mean?**

**If you register between 2/12 and 4/30 you will receive the following discount:**

**\$90 application fee**

**YOU ONLY PAY \$495**

**How to do it???**

**Go to your Gradelink account starting February 12th, and click Re-Enroll (please enter all information for your child. Including address, contact information, doctor. information, emergency information). If this information is not filled out, you will not be able to apply/register your child.**

**To be considered for financial aid or work for tuition, you must register/apply and complete all financial forms by May 31st. Failure to submit will result in a \$100 fee. Decisions regarding financial aid will be made by July 1st.**



The poster features the Salam Academy logo at the top center, which includes a sun rising over an open book. Below the logo, the text "ENROLLMENT NOW OPEN" is written in large, bold, blue letters. Underneath, it says "Now enrolling students for the 2024-2025 School Year". To the left, a list of levels accepted for enrollment is provided: Kindergarten, Elementary, Middle School, and High School. To the right, two registration periods are detailed: "Early Registration for Current Students: Save \$90 if you pay \$495 between February 12-April 5th" and "Early Registration for New Students: Save \$140 if you pay \$495 between March 18- April 30th". At the bottom left, there is a yellow "Enroll Now!" sign next to a small table with a chair and books. At the bottom right, two blue circles contain the text "ASK about ACE!" and "Get the early bird discount!". The website address "www.salamacademy.org\_" is at the bottom center.

**SALAM ACADEMY**

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Financial Aid application due no later than May 31, any application submitted after May 31, will be charged an additional \$100

# Elementary Updates

## 4th Grade

This has been a great 2nd trimester! The students are always so much fun and always full of energy. We have done so much work together and learned so many new things, read so many new stories. We have finished Unit 4 in our Wonders textbook and are heading into Unit 5 where we will cover new grammar and review older ones as well! Our students are growing into math geniuses. We are working on long division which students are picking up on very quickly. We are also working on word problems which hopefully by the end of the 3rd trimester our students will be exceeding in! We are growing in our knowledge of New Mexico as we cover all our state facts from state bird to state song! Our students' writing is getting so interesting as students learn to add details and add longer paragraphs making each writing piece their own. I truly have a great 4th grade class and am so happy to see how much they have grown these past two trimesters!

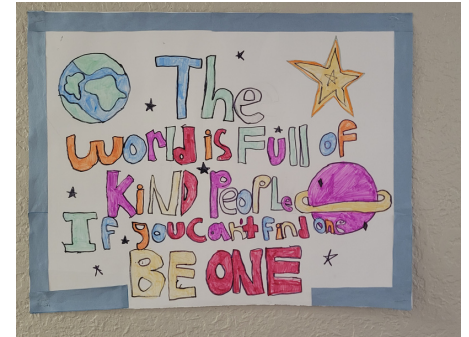


### Islam with Ms. Entisar

- **Subjects Studied:** Aqidah (Creed), Fiqh (Jurisprudence), and Akhlaq (Ethics), emphasizing character building.
- **Arabic Vocabulary:** Studied Islamic terminology in Arabic.
- **Quran Memorization:** Memorized 3 surahs, with plans to learn 2 more next semester.
- **Next semester, we'll study the wisdom of Prophet Muhammad through Hadith and Aibadah.**

## 5th Grade

Hard to believe that the 2nd trimester has already come to an end. Fifth grade students have been very busy this trimester. They have been working hard on all subjects. In ELA, we are currently working on Unit 4.3 Drama texts, identifying point of view, visualizing to deepen understanding, identifying structural elements, and making inferences to support understanding. In math, we learned about multiplying by three-digit numbers, perimeter, measures of a circle, naming numbers through hundred billions, probabilities, and using letters to identify geometric figures. In social studies, we completed Economics Unit, and the students were working hard on their small business projects. In science, we completed unit 3, and we have learned about hydrosphere & water distribution, mixtures & solution, groundwater as natural resource, water cycle, and natural disasters & engineering. In Islam, we will be continuing with Surat Al- Ala. Also, we started our second book "We are Muslims"



# Middle School Updates

## Ms. Elizabeth's Math

All students are being challenged and are expected to do work that is at their grade level or above. STAR test scores continue to improve and the sixth graders have made especially impressive progress! The advanced 7th & 8th grade group is on track to complete a full year of Algebra 1.

## Ms. Beverley's English Language Arts classes 6th/7th/8th

During the first two trimesters, I have seen improvement in my ELA student's progress. They do some type of writing everyday including note-taking (Cornell Notes), sentences, paragraphs, and essays. The seventh and eighth graders presented a "how to" speech with a visual aid and a reflection paper. Their peers respectfully rated each speaker according to a rubric designed for the purpose of feedback. All the students did a fantastic job. My sixth grade students enjoyed reading *The Giver* and were able to answer weekly quizzes about the setting and characters in full sentences with detail. They have learned about plot, setting, and characters and now apply their knowledge to other stories. Both classes do daily grammar problems and learn about Standard English Grammar. For our final trimester, students will continue to study the elements of English and keep improving their written and oral communication



## Islam 6th grade:

The students memorize some Surahs, understanding the meaning, and they start to memorize some verses of Surah Abasa. I am focusing on manners, learning some Ahadith and lessons about manners, and applying them to daily life. Also, they learned some stories from the Quran and some Sahaba.

The students will start with Ramadan decorations and projects, a Quran competition, and a surah project.

## Ms. Entisar's Islam:

- **Focus:** Studied the lives of the 4 Khulafa Al Rashideen (Rightly Guided Caliphs), appreciating their unique characters.
- **Quran Memorization:** Memorized a surah with its tafseer, with completion planned for the next semester.
- **Next semester, we will start studying Aqidah and Fiqh.**

## Mr. Chema Balderas Social Studies

This last trimester the students went over and out in world history and made some great accomplishments learning about Muslim Empires and the Enlightenment in Europe. This next trimester we will be learning about American History. We will be focusing on the American Revolution, the Civil War, the Vietnam War, and World War II. They are very interested in civil rights and 9/11, I hope to get into it.

For their elective we will be beginning Spanish. I look forward to this next trimester and what our kids can and will accomplish.

## Dr. Tariq's Science

The students in science have been learning some amazing things alhamdulillah this year aided by a long-experienced true scientist teaching them. For example, students have been following the Amplify Science curriculum this year, which is a top-notch curriculum with advanced units on different subjects, and which also meets, in its teaching materials, the NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards). As part of this curriculum, there is an advanced online simulation software associated with every unit that mimics physical or natural behavior to an excellent extent. Students have enjoyed running these simulations on their school supplied laptops but they were also available to be run outside the school. Students have also done regular experiments that were supplied in kits.

In addition, the students have spent several weeks working on their science fair projects while fully aided and intervened by the teacher as well. Congrats to all those who earned top marks in the School science fair and advanced to the Regionals. I have already started working with individual students or groups to better prepare them for the Regionals.

# High School Updates

## Arabic/Islam

The High School Students completed several great projects this trimester. First, they worked hard on their Science Fair Projects, an extra project on top of their school work. Even though they were very busy with their Connection Academy/Pecos Program and CNM classes, the students still came up with and completed many great science fair projects. It was impressive to see how hard they worked; several of our students were winners in their division and qualified to go to Science Fair Regional. Next, we held a field trip to BARCO Recycling Center where we learned how to recycle properly. Our goal is to teach our experience at the Recycling Center to the middle and elementary students in the near future. Additionally, we went to see the movie "Origin," which reflects on the history of American Slavery, the Holocaust, and shows that even today people face racism, and it plays a big role in our society. Our next project is to assist with the Food Drive during Ramadan, and to plan another field trip to visit the FBI local field office. The FBI recently visited us at Salam Academy to teach us about ways to safeguard our school and learn about their career paths and work opportunities

The students learned some Arabic stories, with the meaning of the new vocabulary, and some grammar. The students will start to learn some conversations about daily life and do a project about the country.



## Student Council News

Student council has been really busy this year! We have had many successful events including Palestinian Night which brought together people to learn about the history and traditions of Palestine. We've also had a school spirit week, we planned multiple fundraising events selling ice cream, snacks, popcorn etc. to raise money for fun future events like field day. We had a successful booth at the Ramadan Bazaar where we hosted games, raffles and gave out prizes. Stay tuned for what else the student council has planned for the future.

-Shahed Manasra (SC President)

