Salam Academy

Monthly Newsletter



Goodbye Ms. Desiree

This month we said goodbye to one of Salam Academy's Pre-K teachers, Ms. Desiree Amaral.

A favorite among all the students here at Salam Academy, she left our school to move to California to be closer to her family.

A celebration was held in her honor with the whole school in attendance.

Principal and Board

President Ahmed Hasan as well as School Administrator Rebecca Mosallaei



said a few words about what Desiree meant to and contributed to the School during her service here at Salam Academy. Afterwards, cake was distributed by our parent volunteers to our students, staff and faculty.

Ms. Desiree had been with the school for many years and was well-respected among her students, parents and her peers.

While she will be missed, we wish her nothing but happiness in California!

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Honoring Maria

This month we honored Ms. Maria for her dedication to our school.

In recognition of her hard work, she was

given a certificate of appreciation and a gift card to Yasmine's Café during our morning assembly.



Students of the Month:

Middle School

• Ibrahim Kyalimpa

Elementary

Meena Murad

Early Childhood

• Iman Zeyaee



Our new pre-k teacher, Ms.
Jessica

Classroom Updates: Pre-K and Kindergarten

In Pre-K, we have learned in Letters through G and numbers through 8. October 9 we will be going to Wagner Farms. We will be learning letters through J and numbers through 20 during the month of October. Thank you all for welcoming me as the new teacher to Salam Academy. I am looking forward to working with your children and you this school year.

-Ms. Jessica

Kindergarten has been working very hard on their phonics this month. We have been learning our initial and final consonants and we will soon start working on the vowel sounds.

In Math, we learned how to read time to the hour and how to add. In Science, we watched a video and learned about the water cycle.

-Ms. Priyam



Classroom Updates: First and Second Grade



"We're so happy to have Ms. Francesca!"

First grade has been very busy. We are settling into our routine, and all the students are working very hard. We have begun a new math program that is lots of fun! As the weeks go on I am sure we will be learning a lot and having a great time doing it.

-Ms. Suzanne

In Second grade, we read Fernando's Gift, The Best Vacation Ever, Going Batty for Bats, and Zipping, Zapping, Zooming Bats. soft c, and soft g. We practiced comprehension, drawing conclusions, compare and contrast, making inferences, inflectional endings, antonyms, main idea

and contest clues. In science we learned about plants and animals. In social studies we learned about our families and where they came from. We continue to practice the fifty states and the names of their capitals.

-Ms. Francesca

Classroom Updates: Third and Fourth Grade

In September all of the students were tested. In Math most of the students are working at different levels.

We also learn to correct every problem. This helps us prepare for future tests and become more accurate in our daily work. We also went over the rules for chess and all students are playing when we have time.

-Ms. Darienne Dumas



Classroom Updates: Fifth Grade

Our fifth grade has been busy! We went on the UNM field trip two weeks ago and that was a great success. We created art with the UNM art students as our instructors making our own unique species out of clay. The 4th/5th grade class from the Jewish academy joined in the fun, too. Everyone made fast friends

with each other as we played amongst peace and love.

Also, we just finished reading our beloved <u>A</u> <u>Wrinkle in Time</u> and celebrated with watching the movie, enjoying treats, and dressing up as our favorite characters. Lots of fun we had! Now, we are ready for our next book, <u>Holes</u>.

Yay, for Fantastic Fifthers! -Ms. Peterson



Classroom Updates: Middle School

This month so many exciting things went on in Middle School! We welcomed our new science and math teacher, Ms. Cox to our community. We are so excited to have her with us.

The eighth graders now have new classroom pet, a guinea pig named Paco. The students are learning to how to be responsible caretakers and he is super cute!

-Ms. Baxley





Classroom Updates: Arabic/Islam

Arabic for Second to Fourth Grade:

The students wrote a small paragraph about themselves and the students learned vocabulary about their family members. They also started a nightly reading log which includes one summary per week

Islam for Third and Fourth Grade:

The students finished memorizing Surat Al- Layel. They were excited to begin a project explaining the right and wrong path in their one words.

Islam for Sixth and Seventh Grade:

They began to memorize Surat Ar-Rahman. They also learned about the Pillars of Iman in details.

Islam for 8th:

They began to learn Surat - Al- Waqiah and its meaning. The students started to take lessons about Hadith.



Principal's Corner



Alsalam Aluqum Salam Academy Students:

I would like to welcome back our returning students and greet the new students who joined Salam Academy for the first time. My message to our students is that we are looking forward to continue doing our best efforts to provide you with exceptional education under a safe and secure environment.

Every year we set up new milestones and goals to achieve before the end of the academic year. This year our first priority is to employ our resources to continue enhancing our academic standards to achieve new levels based on the New Mexico common Core standards. We

are very proud of our students and their academic accomplishments at Salam Academy.

Salam Academy is the only certified Islamic School in the State of New Mexico. Therefore. we are looking for every one of you to represent a good model for strong morals, ethics and values that are emphasized in the Islamic faith. We will be continuously updating our discipline policy to reflect these values and we expect all of you to cooperate with the teachers and school administration to implement the school policies.

I would like to call your attention to the school retention policy at Salam Academy that ensures each student is to be academically ready to move to the next grade level. I have asked the teachers to update the students' grades weekly so you will be able to access your score via GPA system anytime. The teachers are asked to arrange a meeting with the parents of any student receiving lower than "C" grade in any subject to work on a plan to rectify the grades before the end of the trimester.

We are looking forward to a very successful year with all of you, We wish you the best of luck.

-Ahmed Hasan, Ph.D.
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