

Salam Academy 2nd Trimester School

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Newsletter

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Ms. Fedah's News

Salam alaikum,

Welcome back to our in-person students! It is so wonderful to see all the kiddos back at school. Although, we cannot see their smiles, you can see it in their eyes and laughter that they too are happy to be back! Even on Friday's the older students are giddy with excitement to be back at school! Who would have thought that students would be so happy to be at school? I believe this past year has definitely taught us to appreciate the small things!

Looking back at this past year of how we have had to adapt to a new way of life, I believe that Allah (SWT) has helped us to adjust to the many changes that have been set forth. Almost a year ago, COVID was just something that we heard on the news and did not have much information about. When we closed the schools in March, we thought we would be back. SubhanAllah, how life has changed and how we changed as

well. Did we ever believe that we can do online schooling, wear masks whenever we leave the house, not be able to see family and friends, not be able to go out without fear of getting the virus? For most of us, probably not, but with what we know that it is possible with the guidance of Allah(SWT).

Moving forward, we know that things may never go back to the norm of what we were before COVID, but what we do know is that we are able to adapt and move forward!

On another note: We have purchased 60 Chrome books with funds from the CARES Act. Students will now be able to use the Chromebook while at home! They will be distributed soon!

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ February 19th-NO SCHOOL- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- ◆ March 22-26: Spring Break (NM PreK-HS)
- ◆ Ramadan-April 12/13 (TBD), 2021



1/19/2021 Virtual Lunch with Ms. Fedah



Grand prize Winner: "Why I love Salam Academy": Aya Bartaa 1st grade

Kindergarten News

In kindergarten we are currently working on

Reading and social studies: We read books that pertained to how things grow and change, what farmers do on their farm, and where fruits and vegetables come from. We read a book, *An Orange in January*. It talks about how foods are shipped to colder places and what kind of fruit and vegetables grow in those areas. We learned the new words; he; and; little; to; to our sight words. We are practicing letter formation. Please encourage your child to make sure their letters are facing the right way.

Writing: The children are learning how to write a rough and final draft. We start by making a chart, then we choose what we like from that chart, next we think of sentences that show what our opinion is of what we chose. On the final day we make sure we stick to the topic, the sentences make sense, write our sentences, and lastly, we draw a

picture. The students are learning punctuation, a period, a question mark and exclamation point. They are also learning about capital letters and their name. I have been practicing with them that the first letter is always a capital and the rest should be lowercase.

Math: The children are learning about sets of ten to count to 100. Using dimes and how much they are worth. They are working on patterns of AABB. The calendar is red, red, pink, pink and the shape is a rectangle. We are also working on the attributes of the shape for example, a rectangle has two short sides and two long sides.

The children are amazing and very excited to be in class and see each other. I was so excited we just talked and talked the first day back. Please encourage them to come every day. I know some like online but it's awesome that I get to see them every day.

-Ms. Alberta



World Hijab Day 2/1/2021
Zakia, Zubeida & Amira

First Grade News

First Grade has been very busy. The students worked very hard during virtual learning. It was difficult but the students tried their best. I am very proud of all of the students. I think we are all glad to be back in person. They are doing very well. We are going to start working on "How my body works" learning the body systems. In Social Studies we will be working on president's day and finish up map skills. On Monday February 15 we will celebrate the 101 day of school. In math, the students are learning their math facts daily and are becoming more fluent in recitation of them! It's so wonderful that many of my students are able to read their math lessons on their own and are able to complete it without help!

-Ms. Suzanne

Second/Third Grade News

In ELA, 2nd and 3rd graders will continue our Writer's Workshop as we focus on Narrative Writing and then move on to Opinion Writing. In Math, 3rd graders will work on strengthening their multiplication skills as well as learning new algebraic and geometric properties. The 2nd graders will continue to expand their knowledge and analysis of fractions and geometric problem solving. In Science, we will move our focus to Earth and Space Science- Identifying Earth's place in our solar system and exploring what makes our planet so different from all of the others. In Social Studies, we will continue to make connections among historical events, people, and symbols significant to our history and cultures.

-Ms. Leeah

Be Patient

*"Allah does not
burden a soul
beyond that it can
bear"*

Quran 2: 286

Mr. Warsaw's ELA/SS News

I have big plans for my students in the final trimester of this year for both ELA and social studies classes. The middle school will be working on a history unit covering WWII focusing on what led to the war and how the outcomes of this global conflict are still with us today. We will also be working on research projects where students will utilize their essay writing knowledge to present on their own self-selected studies of this era. In ELA class Middle Schoolers will continue to use IXL to practice grammar and vocabulary lessons as we take class time to focus on how to best use online sources and how to cite them. The fourth/fifth graders will be finishing up with Neil Gaiman's *The Graveyard Book* in the next week and will start working on their book reports, which will be writing-based, with an interesting artistic twist. We will also continue to fortify grammar and vocab acquisition with the use of one or two IXL assignments a week. We will then practice opinion writing techniques by investigating how to best identify and use trustworthy published and online sources to locate supportive facts. In social studies, students will be working on historical and cultural studies of different nations and will revisit geography lessons in preparation for presentations where each student will have to teach their peers about a nation of their choosing. I look forward to seeing all that my students will accomplish before the end of the academic year!

Mr. Gallagher's Math News

I'm looking forward to the final trimester with my 4th through 8th graders at Salam Academy! I've never felt more at home here at this school, even though it's a sort of home away from home right now. But we have such a great support staff here at this school, and I could not be more thankful to them and for how much love and support they show me and my students every day.

Last trimester had some growing pains for some - but I believe we are all getting on the right track in what I expect from them, and what they expect from me. Online learning isn't easy - but I hope with the addition of IXL, and with more time to practice each concept from the lessons in the textbook,

Ms. Bayan's Science News

Happy February! I hope you are all staying safe and healthy InshAllah. We have certainly hit the ground running this school year and alhamdulillah we are seeing continued progress towards the end of the year. In Science class, the students and I are committed to excellence and fun as well as devoted to purpose and understanding. Here is an update on the things that we have covered so far this semester:

4th/5th grade:

- What is Light?
- Visible Light Spectrum
- Brain Processing of Senses

6th/7th/8th grade:

- Properties of Matter
- Atoms and Molecules
- Conservation of Matter
- Chemical Reactions

Now that we have gone over the topics that we have covered thus far, I wanted to inform parents on the topics we will be covering in the next few weeks. Please keep an eye out for these lessons so that our students are prepared to succeed.

In 4th/5th we will be covering: human body systems, structure of living things, and adaptations of the environment. Students will learn that plants, humans, and other animals have internal and external structures that function to support survival, growth, behavior, and reproduction.

students will feel much more comfortable this trimester. A learning contract of what will be happening this trimester will go out for both parent and students to agree. Three lessons a week with IXL lessons, geared toward that week's lessons will sure keep the students learning and review new concepts! Those students who worked really hard show it in their grades, and for that I congratulate those who did well! Now this trimester is a new start for everyone, and I hope that we end the year right! You parents have some wonderful kids here and let me know if there's anything I can do to help. Thank you for all your support!

-Mr. Gallagher

In 6th/7th/8th we will be covering rates of chemical reactions, endothermic vs. exothermic reactions, balancing chemical equations, and synthetic materials. Students will learn more about chemical reactions by understanding and describing changes in particle motion, temperature, and state of a pure substance when thermal energy is added or removed. As well as describe that synthetic materials come from natural resources and impact society.

In computer class (4th/5th), we have covered the basics of computer coding (Python) as well as learned how to make Google logos! These next few weeks, students will be working on creating their own website which has their class work and goals for the semester. This is called their online student portfolio, which we will be using during our parent-teacher conferences that are student led for Science class (4th/ 5th).

Also, my office hours are on Tues/Thurs from 3:45-4:15pm. If you have any questions or comments, please make sure to reach out to me as I am more than happy in addressing them.

A reminder for my students: $E = mc^2$ and Ms. Bayan = Rocks!

Ms. Bayan

Islam and Arabic News

Alhamdulillah during this hard time we were able to overcome difficulties and cope with the situation of doing online classes. Many of our students did great job, they increased their knowledge in many subjects, memorized suras from Quran with meanings, did their homework and did projects and handouts for Islam and Arabic classes.

Inshallah we will be doing the following in the next semester:

- A) Culture week on March 8 to March 11
- B) Calligraphy in April
- C) Apply and practice conversation skill in Arabic by meeting with different levels to do a dialogue
- D) Visiting a higher - level student to read a story to another lower-level in Arabic and do a small project about it
- E) Virtual trip to an Arabic store on 2/25/21 from 8:00 to 9:00
- F) Competition for reading the Quran on May 4 and May 5
- G) Islamic knowledge competition
- H) Ahadeeth and Adī'ah competitions and Ramadan competition on the month of Ramadan and Ramadan activities on the month of Ramadan
- I) Festival / Eid day
- J) Eid Exchange gift

-Ms. Iman, Ms. Reda, Ms. Esraa, Ms. Dalal

Students were given the opportunity to write an article for the Salam Academy Newsletter this trimester. They were given 10 Article Topics to choose from.

My Mom's Kunafa Recipe

Yusef Abdelhack- 7th Grade

My favorite recipe is kunafa. When my mom makes kunafa, it tastes delicious. The topping is made out of sugar and water, but there is more sugar than water. When you start to eat it, the cheese in the middle starts to stretch and when you finally cut it, that's the best time to pour the topping on it. If you pour it before it's cut, it doesn't taste as good. But when you pour it when it's cut, it adds the extra flavor and when it's in your mouth it's the best taste you will ever experience. Most of the time when I have it, I will have three or four pieces (if my mom lets me). If you have leftovers, make sure you save some for yourself and others.

When you do have leftovers, you need to heat them up in the microwave. In my opinion kunafa is not as good as when it comes right out of the oven. The ingredients for kunafa are important. You have to get a 16 ounce box of shredded phyllo dough, 15 ounce container of ricotta cheese, 1 cup of shredded mozzarella cheese, one-third cup of white sugar, and finally, 12 ounces of unsalted butter. Now you know how to make kunafa. While yours may not be as good as my mom's, you may learn to make a respectable kunafa over time.

How Covid Affected Those I Love

Eman Khader- 5th Grade

My name is Eman, and I would like to share how Covid-19 affected my Aunt Fatimah and others who I care about. As everybody knows, Covid-19 has affected people everywhere. Many people I know have gotten Covid-19, and at times I have found myself crying and asking myself, *If I get Covid, will it get bad? Will my family be okay?*

The first person I knew who got Covid was my school principal, which broke my heart. Then my friend's family got it. After that was my grandma, and after that was my cousin. Eventually my mom's Aunt Fatimah became ill. I didn't realize how serious it was, but I was wrong. One day my mom was on the phone, and as I headed upstairs, I heard her say that her aunt, Khalti Fatima, was in the hospital with Covid.

I ran upstairs, worried about what I had heard my mom say, and then I just sat and cried. Time passed and day after day I prayed. For most of that time, I couldn't sleep. A few months passed, and then one day my mom announced that her Aunt Fatima was coming from Santa Fe to have dinner with us.

After what has happened to so many of those I love, I realize how important our health is. I believe that good health matters more than anything else. Please stay safe!

In-school learning or online learning?

By Abdullahi Alli- 3rd grade

What is the difference between online and in-school learning?

I like online but it causes problems. When Ms. Leeah is on Zoom she has a bunch of stuff to share, but sometimes it disappears. It is confusing because it lags a lot and we get kicked out, so we have a hard time focusing.

In-school, I like it because we learn in person and we can do anything. In person we can talk to each other and we don't have problems when we are working. We can listen and focus better. We can play together but we still have to be safe and keep our distance.

Now, do you like to learn online or in-school?

Fun Recipes In Quarantine

Rania Awawda-5th grade

DIY Starbucks Cookie drink recipe:

- 2 Oreo cookies
- 2 heaping Tablespoons Nestle Quik chocolate powder
- whip cream
- 1 cup milk
- 5 ice cubes
- chocolate syrup
- a tall cup for cold drinks
- one spoon

Start by adding ice cubes. Then fill your cup up with milk. Put in the chocolate syrup. After that, add Nestle Quik chocolate powder (only two spoons). Then crumble the Oreos and add them to the drink. Mix the drink for 30 seconds. Last but not least, if wanted, top it with whip cream.

Peanut Butter and Jelly Tray Bake!

Huda Al-Maared- 5th grade

There are many wonderful recipes in the world, but my favorite are the ones with lots of sugar. I have a thing for sweets. They are nice and they taste amazing. The one that is the most amazing is Peanut Butter Jelly Tray Bake. I made it and it was amazing. It was breakfast and it was the best thing ever! You need to get pancake batter, 8 eggs, jelly and peanut butter. Get a bowl, and something to mix it with. First, you add the pancake batter in the bowl, then sugar, baking powder, oil and pinch of salt. Mix then add the milk and 8 eggs. Continue mixing then put in an oven safe tray for 15 to 20 minutes and take it out. When it has cooled a little bit, cut a piece and add some raspberries. You now can enjoy your nice and amazing breakfast.

Benefits of Islamic School

By:Layla Abdel-Hack- 4th grade

Have you ever been to an Islamic school? If not let me tell you the benefits. In an Islamic school you have a very friendly community, and you know that you can trust everyone. An Islamic school is good because you can learn about Islam and Arabic, also you learn the Qur'an and surahs from it, and one last thing is that you learn that it is good to be a Muslim and the importance of it.

We can learn about Islam and Arabic. It's important to learn about Arabic because it is the language of the Quran and it is my language from where I'm from. And it's important to learn about Islam because it is my religion and what I follow. I can even learn from my holy book the Qur'an. When Islamic school (Salam Academy) teaches me surahs from the Qur'an I get hasanat from Allah and I become a better Muslim. I learn what Allah swears by and the meaning of every surah. I get many benefits from learning from the Qur'an such as stories of our prophets, and how Islam is the best religion. Salam Academy teaches me to be a better Muslim and the importance of it. Salam Academy teaches me what I as a Muslim have to do to succeed in life. The teachers teach me the importance of being a Muslim and what is harm in Islam and what isn't.

Going to an Islamic school is good for learning about the religion that you are from and the language of that religion and learning my holy book and what I can benefit from it and learning about a Muslim and the importance of it. So, I love and appreciate going to an Islamic school! I love Salam Academy!

Snow tubing

Anas Khader-7th Grade

During Christmas break, I tried snow tubing for the first time! We drove three hours to get to our destination, which was Ruidoso. Because of the holiday, it was really crowded, and I had never snow tubed before, so I was really scared to do it. I tried a medium-sized snow tube the first time and had to wait for about an hour for that ride. When I finally began, I hit the side of the rail and scraped my hand. I switched to the smaller path until my friend bumped into me. It was like that all the way down the hill.

As if that wasn't enough, I got sent all the way to the other tubes and then spent another 15 minutes making my way down the stairs and through a crowd of people before getting back to the top. We also did a 15-person train. It took us like 15 minutes to connect all the trains. The person that sent us down was shocked because he had not seen such a large train before. We snow tubed down and the time passed quickly. Then what I dreaded finally happened; it was time for Ruidoso Winter Park to close. We had snacks and left for another place to go and see. We went to a nearby lake. It was so much fun doing something I have never done before.

Early Childhood/ NM Early PreK and PreK

Our littles have been so wonderful! They are currently learning about Community Helpers for this months theme unit. Our 4 year old PreK class made little firemen that climb up a ladder. They also have been going to visit our school library and are doing some reading with the abundance of books in there!

Our 3 year old class made some police officer badges and learned about the colors of the stop lights.

If you or someone you know is interested in our Early Childhood program let them know about our amazing teachers and center! We have space available.

Registration for our free NM 3 and 4 year old PreK classes is coming up. Stay tuned....



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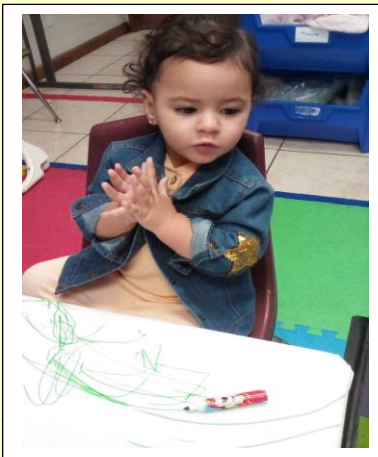
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High school Students are participating in a monthly dialogue with some other High School Students in New Jersey. Once a month the students share something about their religion and discuss similarities as well as differences! -MY club

This year 2 of our High Schoolers will be graduating! Congratulations Fatema and Safa!!!



Top: Egan linking monkey's together in class using those fine motor skills!
Left: Shadia coloring and clapping for herself on such a job well done!

Shoutouts!!!

Science Fair Winners: Winners will proceed to the Regional Science Fair on March 26th.

4/5 Top 3:

First place: Zubair Adan
Second place: Jafar Salem
Third place: Dima Allaham

6/7/8 Top 3:

First place: Anas Khader
Second Place: Zakia Mohamed
Third Place: Heba Awawda

Do you want to shout out a special friend or a teacher? If so, email Ms. Fedah fedah.abdelhack@salamacademy.org and let her know so she can put it in the next newsletter.

I'm Possible: Check out the Alumni interviews held by current Salam Academy students all on our Salam Academy YouTube page. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E0msO_i1D4Y

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