

# Salam Academy 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester School Newsletter

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## Ms. Fedah's News

Salam alaikum,

Well, what a year it has been, alhamdulillah for everything! I know this school year is not what we expected, but we survived it and rocked it!

We started the year off, with some very different rules and operations around the school. Alhamdulillah we all followed the new rules and we remained safe.

This last trimester, we were back to school for the entire school. The early childhood returning the beginning of January, with K-3 in February and grades 4<sup>th</sup> and up were able to return full time the beginning of April. It took us all some time to get used to everyone in the building, but it felt like a little normalcy returned to our lives, alhamdulillah.

Thank you to our teachers and staff, who without you all, this year would have been much different. You all

helped to ensure all the student's safety and learning were top priority.

Thank you to all the students who exceeded expectations with your learning. Your STAR Math and Reading, grades and DRA tests show how hard you worked this year and you all should be proud of yourselves.

I hope you all have a safe and wonderful summer. I look forward to seeing you all in August!

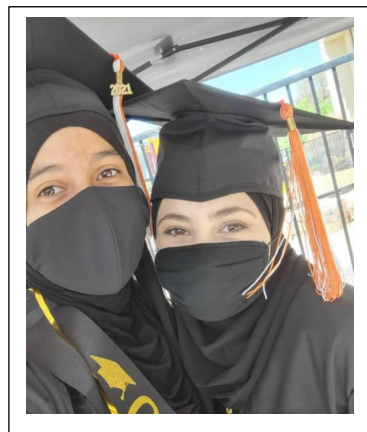
-Ms.Fedah

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### Upcoming Events

- ◆ June 1<sup>st</sup>- Summer Camp begins
- ◆ July 20- EID al Adha
- ◆ August 10 (Tentative date for 2021-2022 school year)



## Kindergarten News- Ms. Alberta

This last month our kindergarten students were working hard in all areas. This last trimester went too fast. In reading we worked on blending sounds like the th, ch, sh, and what they sound like together. They also worked on reading independently and selecting books on their own. I encouraged them to sound out the words and letters. They would yell, Ms. Alberta what does this say and spell the words out for me. In math we worked on naming different coins and their value, we were counting by 5's and 10's, and we were adding and subtracting numbers to 10. In science they learned about what's in the sky and

where different animals live. In social studies they were learning about the different symbols of the United States as well as the country that they are from. They made U.S. flags and learned about the stars and stripes. They presented their own flags to the class. I want to thank all of you for sending your child every day. I will truly miss them, and I am very happy that they are all ready for first grade. Have a great summer and see you in fall.

## First Grade News- Ms. Suzanne

First grade has had a wonderful year! We have worked hard and learned so much. I am very proud of all of the first graders and all of their hard work. All of them have come so far from where you started. I know they will all do great in second grade! I will miss them all! Have a great Summer!

**BE SINCERE**

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*Actions are (judged) by intentions.*

*[Bukhari and Muslim]*

## Second/Third Grade News- Ms. Leeah

Our final trimester in 2nd and 3rd grade ended with a book study and STEM projects that included a visit by a UNM engineering student. He gave them the opportunity to make circuits out of lemons. While this year with all its unknowns gave us a lot of lemons, I am so proud of what the students made out of them. They persevered, worked together to solve problems, and learned self-management. They became unafraid to ask questions and helped each other when they could. I have learned as much if not more about the resilience of hardworking students and am so proud to have been their teacher.

## Mr. Warsaw's ELA News

During this final trimester of the 2020-21 academic year, we were able to return to full-time, in-person classes. I like to think that all my students hit the ground running and were able to take advantage of this time back in the physical classroom. Transitioning back to class from distance-learning held its own challenges but I feel that the whole school handled the situation with much aplomb.

In my social studies course, 4/5th grade students investigated and gained knowledge on geography, family history, current events, Native and Meso-American history and cultures and we got plenty of work learning how to ask meaningful questions. The middle school studied political systems and did in-depth studies of WWI and WWII into the Cold War, focusing their efforts on learning context and nuance for these complex eras of global tension/conflict. In English, 4/5th graders continued to hone their writing by getting plenty of practice in regard to grammar lessons and both summary and essay writing. We also read plenty, both in and out of class, and I am confident that all students have made impressive gains in both their oral and silent reading abilities.

The middle school excelled in their ELA class, often scoring quite high on IXL lessons and going above and beyond expectations in their writing assignments and reading goals. Despite needing to resort to Zoom classes for much of this last year, through new approaches and tactics, we were still able to have a great year and students' summative and cumulative assessments, Diagnostic Reading Assessments and STAR testing scores help demonstrate the considerable growth made by the fourth through eighth graders over the last nine months. I look forward to another productive year with less pandemic-restrictions, inshallah, after a nice restful summer-break!



## Mr. Gallagher's Math News

The students at Salam Academy have progressed so much in math this year. I have learned so much about how to teach both online and in the classroom this year as well. It is so nice to be back in the classroom! We learned about many new concepts in the subjects of arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and statistics. I saw a growth in the skill of mathematics from each and every student in all of my classes this year, and I am very proud of all of them. I also want to say thank you to all of the staff and families this year for all of the warmth, gifts, and support. Truly, it is a blessing to me, and I look forward to continuing on this journey with all of you next year.

## Ms. Bayan's Science News

Alhamdulillah, we have reached the end of an interesting and one of a school year! I hope you are all staying safe and healthy InshAllah. I would like to share how happy I am with my students as they truly started and ended the trimester with great progress alhamdulillah. 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 for the rest of this school year:

4th/5th grade:

- Body Systems
- Tissue & Multicellular Organisms
- Earth's Landscapes
- Fossils & Extinction
- Earth's Orbit & Rotation
- The Earth, Moon, & Stars (Solar Systems)

6th/7th/8th grade:

- Chemicals In Our Lives
- Competition in Ecosystems
- Biodiversity & Endangers Species Project
- Photosynthesis & Respiration
- Teach Me A Lesson (Topic Review & Final Project)

In computer class (4th/5th), we continued working on typing, and programming code for the students.

Now that we have gone over the topics that we have covered for the rest of this school year, I wanted to emphasize how proud I am of my students for completing this year with such great growth, positivity, and success! I hope it all pays off with a fun and safe summer for us all! I hope you guys truly enjoy your break and can't wait to see you all in the next school year inshAllah.

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



## Islam and Arabic News

Alhamdulillah this unusual school year came to an end with its ups and downs, it was a very hard and challenging year for administration, teachers, and students but we all had gained many new experiences and utilized new online teaching platforms and tools. Despite all these obstacles we managed to overcome them and succeeded in our mission with the help of Allah sw.

Last semester we accomplished many projects and activities in Arabic and Islam classes:

- 1- Culture week, students presented about their home countries
- 2- Students practiced conversation
- 3- Students presented many projects
- 4- Ramadan decorations and Ramadan competition
- 5- Memorizing Hadiths along with meanings
- 6- Quran competition
- 7- Presented Talent show

Ms. Iman Babaa, Ms. Reda Elkomy, Ms. Esraa Elsidawy, Ms. Dalal Mehiar

## High School News:

- Our HS students had great fun having virtual collaborative learning workshops via MY Club, about religion and culture, with the Joseph Kushner Hebrew Academy, Livingston, NJ. This activity meets our goal, ***“to learn, understand and respect other cultures and beliefs, including Judeo-Christian values.”***
- MY Club has collaborated with “Why Islam” and InshaAllah, from June 2021, our HS students and upper middle school students will be attending virtual Dawah training – Certificate program, custom designed for our students.
- Congratulations to Salam Academy's first High School graduates. **Safa Kassem and Fatema Manasra**. Both students earned Certificates of Achievement from Salam Academy. They will both be attending UNM in the Fall.





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## Early Childhood/ NM Early PreK and PreK

Alhamdulillah, we had a successful year in our Early-childhood area. These past few months of learning about insects, Gardening, animals and community helpers. Our NM PreK classes received some caterpillars and were able to observe the life cycle and see the caterpillar turn into a beautiful

Monarch butterfly. They then took the butterflies to release them outside!

Our NM PreK classrooms had a stepping up ceremony. Students received backpacks filled with educational supplies for the upcoming year.

Our Early Childhood area is open throughout the summer, if you need care!



## Shoutouts!!!

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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E0msO_i1D4Y)

## Non-Profit Silver Seal:

Our organization earned a 2021 Silver Seal of Transparency! Now, everyone can learn more about our programs and areas served and find us on social media. Check out our updated #NonprofitProfile on



Candid: <https://www.guidestar.org/profile/85-0481401>

Thank you to all that voted for Salam Academy BRIGHT SMILES Contest. With your help Salam Academy won \$1,000 in the Regional Contest and an additional \$2,500 in the National Contest for the MY Club students and program!

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