



The Academy Connect

ICM Academy Monthly Newsletter

November Updates

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ICM ACADEMY

QURAN COMPETITION



March 25th

Pre-K-3rd

ICM Academy will hold its first Quran competition. The Quran teacher will help students practice memorizing the selected Suras. Please be advised that taking part in this competition is optional.

ICM Academy in ACTION

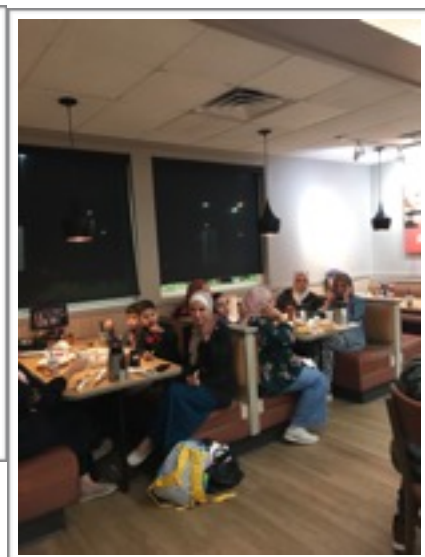
We captured our students in action - performing experiments, doing math operations, having fun on the playground, and working on their art projects!

Juma'a at ICM Academy



Family Night at IHOP

Our second family night was a success Alhamdulillah! Thank you all for coming and supporting the ICM Academy.



Story Time

Students take turns reading mini-stories to their classmates after salat- Al-Thuhr. The stories are based on authentic Hadiths and Islamic teaching. This daily practice has two goals. The first one is character building through storytelling. The second objective is to hone the students' public speaking skills.



Fire Truck Visit

On October 23, students enjoyed the opportunity to learn about fire safety during a visit from our local fire department. Firefighters discussed the importance of fire safety during the visit. Students were able to walk outside to see the fire apparatus and engage in a question and answer session. The students received a hat from the fire department.



Pizza Day



Bookmobile Visits

Every Friday, our students have the opportunity to browse different book titles and check them out.



Art Project for Elementary Students

The students enjoyed painting the autumn leave outline.



Arabic Centers

ICM Academy students study Arabic as a second language. Our, Ms. Hala, works really hard to instill the love of the language in students. She does many activities to make Arabic learning interactive and meaningful. The students rotated through stations that encouraged them to practice the skills they have learned. Research has shown the many benefits of learning a second language. In the case of Arabic for our students, not only does it enhance their cognitive skills, it improves their spiritual and religious understanding.



Preschool

Part of learning about MY BODY theme. Students enjoyed learning about faces through puzzles.



Pre-K

These in-class hands-on learning opportunities allow students to learn through exploration and structured play. It allowed them to incorporate knowledge from different disciplines to produce complete and effective projects. They also could feel a sense of accomplishment with seeing their work come to life in projects that produced a successful end result.



Special thanks to our parent volunteers! Every Tuesday, a parent joins the Pre-K class and reads a story to them!



Kindergarten



EDUCATIONAL WEBSITES

Education coupled with technology is overall a very positive thing. Students seem to really enjoy and are excited about using it. Therefore, we would like to recommend the following educational web programs to use at home, ideally, on a daily basis. The good news is they all are free of charge!

1. **Math Game Time:** Organized by grade or subject, your students can play math games and get homework help. Grades: PreK–7
2. **Funbrain:** Funbrain has been helping students learn key math concepts and develop crucial skills since 1997. Students can choose from a slew of games. Grades: PreK–8
3. **SplashMath:** www.splashmath.com
4. **Toy Theater:** This website helps students learn multiplication while shooting hoops. They can do that and more at Toy Theater, which teaches early math concepts through game-based learning. (Grades: K–5)
5. **Xtramath:** www.xtramath.org is like a daily math vitamin. An interactive online tool that helps students practice and master basic arithmetic facts, it's quick and easy to use. Weekly emails provide progress reports for teachers and parents. (Grades: K–8)

Parents' Corner

HONESTLY, IT'S BEST TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE

You want to instill honesty and respect for rules in your child. What's better than talking about these traits? Demonstrating them! To lead by example and be a good role model for your child:

- Play by the rules. If the library book is due back by next Saturday, return it by next Saturday.
- Don't fib at the ticket counter. Is your child 11 years old? Then don't claim he's 10 so you can buy the cheaper ticket.

Own up to your mistakes. "You're right, officer. I was speeding, and I'm sorry." The more you "do as you say" when it comes to teaching about honesty and respect for rules, the more likely your child will do the same. So keep up the good work. Remember, your child is watching!

WHEN YOUR CHILD STRUGGLES

Does your child struggle in school? Discovering a passion may help—and lead to success. Help your child find an activity that he loves. By doing something outside of class that he's passionate about, your child may:

- Experience the thrill of excelling at an activity.
- Begin to feel better about himself, knowing that he is capable.

The positive feelings he gets from his activity might translate into doing better in school!

Source: K.N. Condrell, Ph.D., *The Unhappy Child: What Every Parent Needs to Know*, Prometheus Books

GRADELINK

At ICM academy, we are using a student management system called Gradelink. Gradelink produces an award-winning online school administration system that connects students, parents, teachers, and school administrators. It has many useful features that we are planning to implement as the year progresses.

