

### School Events

September 5<sup>th</sup>: Labor Day (School Closed)

September 7<sup>th</sup>: Picture Day

- All students (except Pre-K) must be in school uniform
- Every child will be photographed and proofs will be sent home at a later date

September 9<sup>th</sup>: Hajj Program 8:30 - 10:30 am

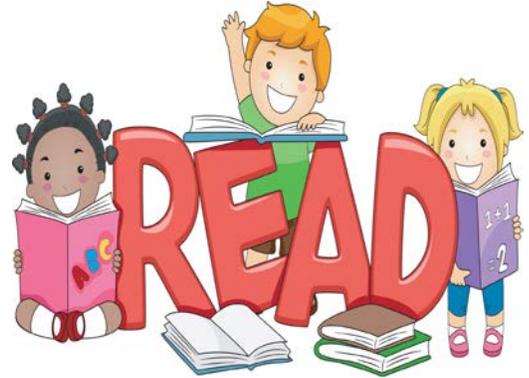
- Parents are invited to attend!

September 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>: Eid Al Adha Break  
(School Closed)

September 22<sup>nd</sup> - PTO Meeting

- Parent Teacher Organization helps to fundraise for school events. All parents are encouraged to attend this meeting to stay informed about your children and help improve our school.
- The deadline for collecting Box Tops for Education is coming close. Please send any box tops with your child to school.

### STAR READING



The purpose of STAR Reading is to assess student reading skills. The assessment provides an approximate measure of each student's reading level.

At Noor Academy, students in 1<sup>st</sup> grade and up have been tested for their reading level. They have begun to check out books from the library that they find interesting. Parents please encourage your child to read at home as much as possible. Reading opens the door to your child's **early academic success**, imparts a **love of learning** and leads to **higher grades** in every subject.

### Tutoring/Clubs



Tutoring and clubs will start back up again this month! Please watch for permission slips and schedules that will be sent home with your child.

### AZELLA Testing

Our students will begin AZELLA testing this month Inshallah!

AZELLA is used both for placement and reassessment purposes. Students who have been identified as second language learners take this test, and the student's proficiency scores determine appropriate placement for instruction.

## Theme of the Month:

Cleanliness



**"Cleanliness is half of faith"**

-Prophet Muhammed (PBUH)

**We will be having a dentist give a presentation at NAA to students about oral hygiene this month. More info will be sent home with students soon.**

### *Remember to:*

-  Wash your hands after using the restroom
-  Make wudu before each prayer
-  Brush your teeth twice a day
-  Cut your nails weekly

## Student Corner:

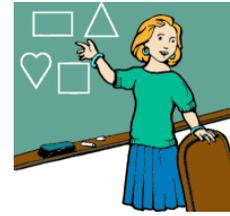


My name is Shahida Popal and I am 10 years old. I have one older brother and two younger sisters.

My favorite sport is basketball. I also enjoy painting and cooking. When cooking club starts, I would like to join. My favorite food is rice and meat and for dessert I enjoy cupcakes.

Quran and Math are my two favorite subjects in school. So far, I really like Noor Academy. There are wonderful teachers here and I have made some new friends. I hope to become a Biologist when I grow up Inshallah.

## Staff Corner



My name is Mrs. Nesma Khazendar. I teach Computer, Arabic, Islamic Studies, and Quran here at Noor Academy of Arizona. I was born and raised in Gaza, Palestine with three sisters and one brother. I received my Bachelor's degree in Computer Systems Engineering from Al-Azhar University. In October of 2009 I moved to the United States with my husband. Currently, I am working on my master's degree in Business Analytics and Data at Grand Canyon University.

I enjoy working with Muslim children and teaching them the precious principles of our Holy Quran. My major goal in teaching is to instill a true love of Allah and Prophet Mohammad (SAW) in my students' hearts. My focus is to motivate them to implement the Islamic concepts in their daily lives and encourage them to be proud Muslims.

Away from teaching, I spend most of my time reading and watching documentaries about the scientific miracles of the Qur'an. I also enjoy traveling around the world with my husband to explore fascinating Islamic architecture. Throughout our life together, we have visited Jerusalem, Makkah, and Madina. We are planning to visit Spain and Turkey soon Inshallah.

I am looking forward to spending the next chapter of my life teaching your children and hope to help them build a solid Islamic foundation that will impact many Muslim generations to come InshaAllah.



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