

Noor Academy April 2016 Newsletter



HERE'S THE NEWS

Holidays

- **Staff Development Day Early Release:** Friday, April 29th. Please pick up students by 12:30 pm.

School Events

- **AzMerit Testing:** April 5th -April 7th
- (3rd-6th reading/math)
- **AIMS Testing:** April 14th-April 15th (4th Grade)
-NAA PTO will provide breakfast/snack
- **Science Fair:** Tuesday, April 19th 8:30-10:30 am
-All projects must be submitted by April 8th.
- **Earth Day:** April 22nd
- **Essay Competition:** April 25th (1st-6th grade)

Message from Kindergarten Class

*In The Name of Allah, the most Gracious, the most Merciful
Read In the Name of your Lord who created
Created man, out of a clot.
Read and your Lord is the Most Generous
Who taught by the Pen
Taught man that which he knew not.*



Our Kindergarten class hosted a Family Read Along event on Friday, March 4th. It was an unforgettable day where parents and children came together to share the joy of reading. Kids chose their favorite picture books while parents and teachers read the stories to them. Children were also given the opportunity to read aloud to each other. Everyone enjoyed a delicious breakfast afterwards provided by PTO. This experience made students very excited about reading. We hope to make this a regular event and encourage all parents to attend to support students in their reading journey.



1. Do not schedule trips, dental or medical appointments, or early pick-ups on Aims/AzMerit testing days.
2. YEARBOOK ORDERS ARE DUE BY APRIL 11TH
 - If you paid for an extra page for your child, please email all photos ASAP to nooracademyaz@gmail.com
3. Club fees are due! In order for your child to continue in their weekly clubs, fees must be paid at the beginning of each month.



For your
Calendar

Science Fair
April 19

Earth Day
April 22

Essay Competition
April 25

Early Release
April 29

Theme of the Month Mercy



The Prophet (PBUH) said:
"He is not one of us who does not show mercy to our young ones and respect to our elderly."
(At-Tirmidhi)

Staff Corner

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Ms. Jameela Pugh and I am your child's Language Arts Teacher at Noor Academy (3rd-6th grade). I currently live on a farm in San Tan Valley and I acquired all my schooling in Ohio and earned my Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education at Kent State University. After I started teaching, I went on to earn a Master of Arts degree in Curriculum and Instruction. In Arizona I continued my education and acquired an endorsement as a Reading Specialist from Arizona State University. In recent years I also received training and certification to teach English as a foreign language and have received all required training as an ELL instructor in Arizona.

Parents are a child's original teacher and are the largest influence on their life. Therefore, I would like to invite you to share with me anything you think I should know about your child at any time. Things like: how would you describe him or her as a learner and as a person? What are the things that you as a parent know would be important for me to know? What are your child's interests? How does your child think and play, what makes him or her unique? I look forward to hearing from each of you and learning about your child!

Student Corner

Asalamu Alaikum. My name is Faisal Omar and I am in 6th grade. My favorite class in school is Quran. I enjoy memorizing and learning the meaning of the Quran because it Allah SWT's words. I want to succeed in school and get into a good university in the future Insha'Allah. I am very thankful to my parents who brought me to Noor Academy where I learn many things and have made really good friends.

One of my favorite things to do in my free time is play basketball. I hope to one day become a professional basketball player for the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Message from School Counselor

As the school counselor, it is my job to help students find success academically as well as personally. This is why it is so important that students acquire the attitudes, knowledge, and skills that contribute to effective learning in school and across the life span. The events and seminars we hold at Noor Academy provide students the ability to develop these skills.

-Mrs. Rokeya Omar Agha

Last Month's Events

Mrs. Hiba Kuzaiha came to our school on March 23rd to give a seminar on manners to students in grades 1st-6th. She discussed respect, attitude, bullying, and good behavior towards our parents, teachers, and friends.

On March 2nd graduate student Hana Alkahlout visited our school to discuss healthy eating habits with students. She provided them with a delicious salad filled with a variety of vegetables. She explained the different food groups and the importance of choosing healthy snack/lunch options.

Field Day

On March 25th the entire school took a field trip to Jaycee Park. Activities included sports, jump rope, ring toss, face painting, cookie decorating, and breakfast. It was a good opportunity for teachers and parents to spend quality time with the students. Alhamdulillah it was a beautiful event and everyone had a lot of fun.



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