



AL-NUR



Chronicle

Lighting the Way for Our Children

Volume 1, Issue 1

Dear Al Nur Family:

January 2009

Upcoming events:

January 9
T-shirt Money Due

January 12
Candy Fundraiser
Begins

January 14
Muffins With Mom
7:30 am

January 16
Pizza Sale

January 26
Candy Fundraiser
Money Due

January 29
Al-Ansar Meeting
6 pm

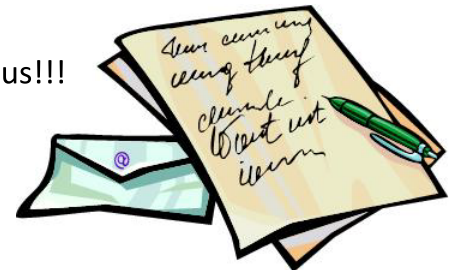
January 30th
No School
Parent/Teacher
Conference

We are pleased to introduce the first Al-Nur Newsletter! The newsletter is meant to keep parents and the community aware of the amazing things happening at our school.

A special thanks to Sister Sakinah for helping me with this enormous project! I could never have done this without her. May Allah reward her efforts! Ameen.

Enjoy reading about our beautiful campus!!!

Ameenah Nayef



1st Quarter Honor Roll - Congratulations!

Fantastic First Grade:

Mariam Fateen

Haaitham Sajjaad Omokehinde

Amir Elasmarr

Fourth Grade:

Ayah Fateen

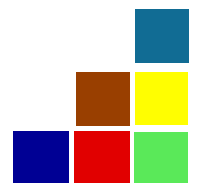
Yasmeen Acosta

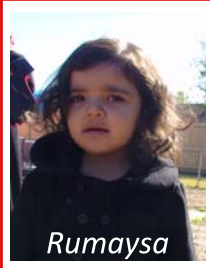
Super Second Grade:

Nadia Dayah

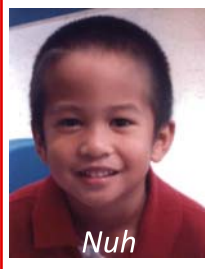
Bushra Saeed

Fatima Gendra





Rumaysa



Nuh



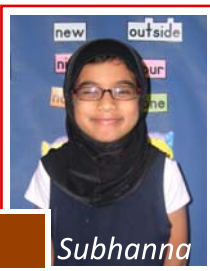
Farah



Mariam



Bushra



Subhanna

Students of the Month:

Totting Toddlers:
Rumaysa Ali

Precious Preschoolers:
Nuh Agarwalla

Kutie Kindergartners:
Farah Bey

Fantastic First Grade:
Mariam Fateen

Super Second Grade:
Bushra Saeed

Third and Fourth grade:
Subhanna Ahmed

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS...

Farah Bey deserves this award because she demonstrates positive character traits; she is always calm, polite, and studious. We believe she is the best puzzle solver. She can solve any puzzle in a short amount of time. All of her friend ask for her help when working on puzzles. She is our puzzle wizard. Her sincere effort and hardworking personality will give her great opportunities towards a successful future. Sr. Fatima

Mariam Fateen is an excellent student. She is respectful, considerate, and she provides a positive role model for other students in the classroom. This is why we awarded her for Student of the Month for the month of December. We like to call her the little scientist of our class, because it is impossible to see Mariam without a bug or worm in her hand during recess time. We hope that one day she will be one of the great Muslim scientists. Sr. Fatima

Bushra Saeed has demonstrated exemplary qualities in second grade this year. Her kindness and generosity is shared with all students at Al Nur. She is responsible and extremely respectful to the staff and her peers. She always comes to school with a refreshing, positive attitude. These fine qualities have earned her this month's student of the month award for 2nd grade! Sr. Alana

Upon entering the 3rd grade at Al Nur this year, *Subhana Ahmed* distinguished herself as being a model Al Nur citizen. She is kind and respectful to the teachers and staff at Al Nur, and she extends these qualities to her peers. She is helpful to all when needed and assists others even without being asked. Subhana's self assertiveness and integrity have earned her this month's student of the month award! Sr. Alana

January Teacher Spotlight:

Sister Abir Barazi

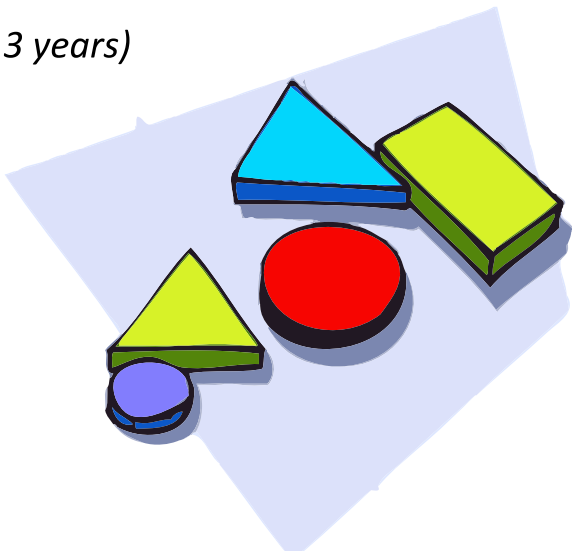
It is no accident that my first spotlight is on Sister Abir Barazi . We are blessed to have her teaching 2nd- 4th grade Quran, Arabic and Islamic studies. This month during my assessments, I spent a few hours in her class. I quickly noticed her patience and nurturing spirit with her students. She effortlessly leads them through the Arabic lesson taking time to make sure they all understand and complete the task. Keep up the hard work sister Abir, we appreciate you!!!

DECODE THIS SECRET MESSAGE: *By: Jamal Gibson (13 years)*

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Word Key
 % = A \$ = B 5 = C 7 = K 12 = N 20 = S != H ? = M 13 = O
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Fundraiser update:

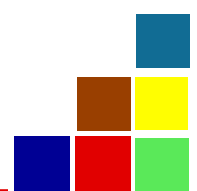
Al- Nur currently holds classes for infants to 4th grade students. Our goal is to continue growing. So over the summer, we will be reorganizing the classrooms to incorporate the addition of 5th grade. This addition will have to be built, fully furnished and equipped. We are in need of approximately \$15,000. Every newsletter, I will update you on how we are doing and how you can help.

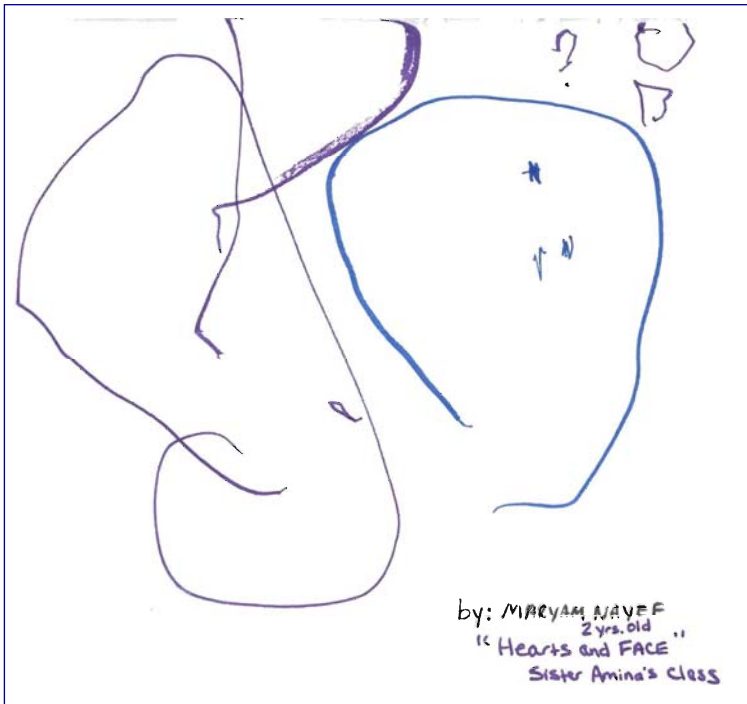
ameenah@alnurschool.com. This month we will inshaAllah begin our student candy fundraiser. The kids will have an opportunity to win prizes and most of all feel good about helping their school. We are also hosting, "Muffins With Mom" breakfast. Next month we will be selling Al-Nur T- shirts for the students to wear on the field trips and on "Al-Nur pride days".



If you know of anyone who would like to donate to this cause please contact me at

Thank you for your continued support.



Student Art:

Drawing by Maryam Nayef (Toddler)



Drawing by Zayd Ali (PreSchool)

**Creative Writing:**

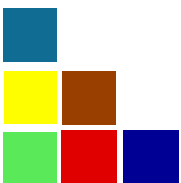
Good Manners

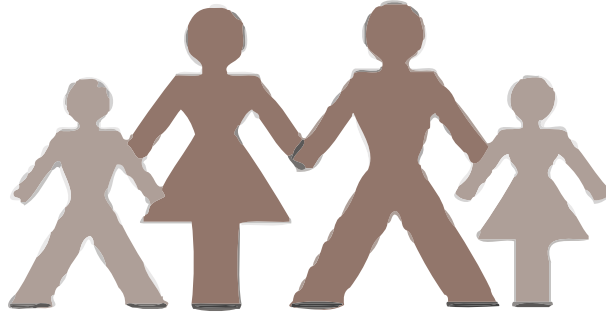
By: Ayah Fateen (4th Grade)

Having good manners is an important part of being Muslim. The Prophet (saws) said "The believers who have the most perfect faith are those who have the best manners. "There are many ways to have good manners like listening to your mother, saying good words like please and thank you, not backbiting and slandering, being humble, and helping others.

One time when it was the end of the school day, I saw my teacher getting all of her things together to take to her car. When I saw her I said, "Can I help?" and she said, "Yes and thank you." Now I try to help her everyday because I know it is good manners. I enjoy helping my teacher and she appreciates me helping her.

On the weekends, my mom likes me to clean my room and I am very happy to do as she says because it is also a part of good manners to listen to your parents and make them happy. Everyone should make an effort to please their parents and never say "uff" to them as we were told by Allah and his messenger Muhammad (saws).





Parent Connection:

We ask parents to be involved in the progress of their child, especially encouraging their child to do their best on their schoolwork. Have you ever wondered, as I have as a parent, how much is too much involvement? Sometimes we want to do too much for them, and their self-esteem may suffer if we enable them too much. So how much is reasonable help? What do you do if they just don't seem to understand how to do the work?

Check out these rules for EFFECTIVE AND APPROPRIATE HELP in the next column.

EFFECTIVE AND APPROPRIATE HELP

RULE 1

Don't Do It For Them. The assignments are given for a reason—they need to learn the concepts and they can't do that learning if you do their work.

RULE 2

Guidance Is Great! Help your children understand assignments by talking with them about the concepts. Say your

child is having trouble with basic division. Dump out a stack of pennies or paper clips, count the total, and, together divide them into groups of five, six, or seven—making is something they can see and feel can help in understanding concepts. Say your child has writer's block, instead of suggesting things to write, brainstorm ideas together. Help your child think through the process, so they can do the work.

RULE 3

Be Encouraging. It can be frustrating learning new things or completing a larger project. I always tell my son to be positive, patient, and persistent. Remind them often, and support their feelings as they apply these to learning.

RULE 4

Expand Their Brains. You can support your child's learning by asking them to go beyond their original ideas. If your son has a poster idea, tell him it is a good idea but ask what other ideas might add to it. Talking through a number of different ideas or

ways of doing the task can add to a child's creativity and deeper understanding of the concept being taught.

RULE 5

Always allow children to follow their own path in the learning. With your guidance you and their teacher will be pleased with the result—and the work will be their own!

RULE 6

Know When To Call For Help. If your child is consistently having trouble with specific concepts and you have helped, it may be time to let the teacher know. Chances are your child is not the only one confused. This rule allows your child to also gain the idea that it is smart to ask for help when you don't understand something. Children need the guidance of school and their family because they don't know all that they need for adult success.

By: Ameenah Nayef



Thank You to all of our January Sponsors!

REMINDER TO ALL:

Re-enrollment forms
and deposit due
February 9, 2009 to
reserve your child's
space for 2009/2010
school year.

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