

Toddler Curriculum

Children in our Toddler program at Al Nur School explore these concepts, but are not required to master them before entering Pre-School. Children learn these concepts at their own pace. Children are taught with hands-on materials, songs, and games. They are assessed by observation and work samples.

Goals

- Provide a safe and loving environment for all children
- Foster a sense of self-confidence and well being in each child
- Expose children to and build a love for reading, math, science, Arabic, Quran, social skills, art, and movement
- Provide physical activities to facilitate gross and fine motor development
- To develop in children and parents a positive attitude towards self, others, school and learning

Program Description

Al Nur School uses a top quality curriculum with our toddlers. In our toddler class, it is all about exposure. We really focus on strengthening their fine motor and gross motor skills. This is the age where they are building their speech skills and vocabulary, so we have many manipulatives and activities that focus on increasing their speech and vocabulary in both Arabic and English. We expose them to the English and Arabic letters as well as vocabulary and sound associated with each letter, and work on recognizing their shapes, colors, etc. in both languages. We also do lots of art projects, creative play, and circle time and really get them use to being in school and getting along with other children. We also recite Quran and teach them Islamic concepts on a daily basis so they begin to become familiar with it at a young age.

Arabic

- Exposure to alphabet: letter names and sounds
- Recognize first name in Arabic
- Learn to hold a pencil, marker, crayon correctly
- Draw pictures and dictate sentences about stories and experiences
- Answer questions about stories
- Concepts of print: right to left direction, holding a book right-side-up
- Build new vocabulary
- Build listening skills
- Develop fine motor skills: play dough, scissors, writing utensils, Legos, etc.

Quran

- Develop the love of Quran and a motivation to memorize it.
- Know the right etiquette for learning Quran and learn to respect it.
- Memorize AL Fatiha and Juz Amma from Surat Al Nas to Surat Al-Asr.
- Understand the basic meanings of the Surahs with the help of stories and pictures.
- Improve on Quran reciting and pronunciation.

Islamic Studies

- Develop the love of Islam and a sense of Muslim identity.
- Develop love and respect for knowledge and scholars and the school.
- Know Allah (s.w.t.) and Attributes of Allah.
- Know Five Pillars of Islam
- Know the Major Prophets of Allah (s.w.t.) and their stories.
- Know some of the characteristics of a good Muslim.
- Show respect towards elders.
- Learn to love one another, know kindness and sharing.
- Build a sense of truthfulness and honesty.
- Know how to use the toilet
- Learn how to perform wudu and salat
- Memorize dua'as for different everyday situations