

Pre-Kindergarten Curriculum – Brief Summary

The ICMA curriculum will be rigorous and relevant to students' life experiences which will stimulate critical and creative thinking in our students. These will help them to build their Islamic identity and become contributing members of our society.

Each lesson will be introduced to students by discovering an **Islamic Connection**. The Islamic Connection will bring in either a Quranic perspective, a Hadith, or a well-known Islamic concept practiced by Muslims. (See below for an example of an Islamic Connection).

Language Arts (LA)

Pre-K students will follow the scope and sequence laid out by **Benchmark Advance** for LA.

LA Phonics

- Pre-K students will learn to identify capital and lowercase letters and produce the sounds they make. Games, crafts, stories, and riddles will help them identify each letter as a beginning sound. Students will learn that letters are put together to make words. Consonants and vowels will be introduced as the two types of letters in the alphabet.

LA Writing

- Pre-K students will be given the opportunity to use pencils, crayons, markers, scissors, and paints to develop and strengthen the small muscles in their hands. Students will be introduced to the correct way to hold writing instruments and scissors as well as printing posture at the tables. They will practice coloring within the lines, cutting on straight and curved lines, forming numbers and letters and printing their name.

LA Reading

- Pre-K students will have many stories read to them in the classroom. They will learn that reading is an important way to gather information to help them learn. Reading will also be presented as a form of enjoyment through poems, nursery rhymes, and finger plays. Reading readiness skills will be taught such as positional words, rhyming, identifying likenesses and differences in pictures and letters, and sequencing pictures and thoughts.

Mathematics

Pre-K students will follow the Scope and Sequence laid out by **Eureka Math**.

- Pre-K students will be given the opportunity to reason and problem-solve using a variety of manipulative and games. They will learn to recognize shapes and to extend simple patterns as well as make new ones of their own. Students will learn to recognize and order the numbers 1-20. They will be given practice in sorting, graphing, counting out objects, comparing sets, and measuring.

Science and Social Studies

- Science and Social Studies lessons will be integrated into the other areas of the curriculum. Students will learn about an animal each week that goes along with letter recognition. Weather and the change of seasons will be taught during calendar math time. Lessons on friends, family, pets, transportation, planting, harvesting, and holidays as well as important people and events in our country's history will be taught seasonally.

Islamic Studies

- Pre-K Students will be basic tenets of Islam. They will read stories related to Iman, Akidah, Sirah of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ and Islamic character values. They will be introduced to Duas and Hadith related to everyday actions such before and after eating, before sleeping, etc.

Arts

- Pre-K students will learn to draw upon personal experiences as well as their imagination as a basis for their art. Students will work with a variety of materials and art tools such as paints, paper, crayons, glue, and scissors as well as unconventional media in planned projects and free expression lessons. The process and experience is more important than the final product at this age.

Physical Education



- Pre-K students will be given the opportunity to exercise their bodies in individual, group, and relay activities incorporating walking, running, hopping, tiptoeing, jumping and dancing. Students will learn to listen, follow directions and participate in activities that strengthen their large motor skills. These activities include the use of balls, hula hoops, jump ropes, parachutes, cones, bean bags, stuffed animals, scooters, mats, and ribbons on sticks.

Quran

- Pre-K students will learn to memorize short surahs from the Quran that are essential for prayer. They will also learn some of the names of Allah ﷻ.

Arabic Studies

- Pre-K students will be introduced to Arabic alphabets. They will learn and speak basic greetings and commands as well as counting to ten. They will learn to trace over Arabic letters.

Critical Thinking

- Pre-K students will be guided through lessons that help them develop critical thinking skills. Using games, group activities, listening stations, and hands-on materials students will learn to problem solve, reason, strategize and express their thoughts verbally. They will be taught to consider all the possibilities when playing games, comparing, classifying, sequencing, patterning, and planning.
- Pre-K Students will learn about cleanliness such as washing hands, putting things back where they belong in **Language Art (LA)** class; therefore, the following Islamic Connection would be very appropriate to introduce before starting the lesson.

Example of an Islamic Connection:



Cleanliness In Islam

HOW TO PERFORM WUDU

EVERY ACT OF WORSHIP
ACCEPTED BY ALLAH
=
NOOR(LIGHT)

EXAMPLE

مَحَلَّاتُ
→ SALAT
IS NOOR

KEY TO APPRAISE
PROGRESS

WUDU'UN
TO THE
SALAT!

ALLAHUDDU!