

Second Grade 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)

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

LA Reading

- Students will demonstrate their understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes): Identify, blend, segment and manipulate syllables in multi-syllabic words and sounds in 5-phoneme words, including consonant blends. Second graders will be able to identify the central idea, message, or moral of a text and one or two supporting details. They will identify characters, setting, conflict, resolution, and events, in literary text. They will also identify and explain how images are used to illustrate ideas and narratives in a text. Furthermore, students will determine the meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary or phrases in an informational text, using metacognitive strategies and reference tools.

LA Writing

- Students will learn to use correct punctuation (end punctuation), spelling (high frequency words), and capitalization (first word in sentence and proper nouns), authentically in writing. They will learn to use nouns (common, proper, possessive, and plural), verbs (regular and irregular), and frequently occurring adjectives, conjunctions, and prepositions in simple sentences, authentically in writing. They will plan, draft, revise, edit, and publish writing, using self-reflection and teacher guidance.

Mathematics

- Second grade students will follow the Scope and Sequence laid out by **Eureka Math**.
- Math lessons will provide foundation for students to master sums and differences to 20. Students subsequently apply these skills to fluently add one-digit to two-digit numbers at least through 100 using place value understanding, properties of operations, and the relationship between addition and subtraction. Students will learn addition and subtraction of length units. Students will learn place value, counting, and comparison of numbers to 1,000. They will perform addition and subtraction within 200 with word problems to 100. Second grade students will get the conceptual foundation for multiplication and division.

Science

- Students will explore properties of matter solid, liquid, and gas. They will compare properties of objects, learn about plant life, and identify plant parts and their functions. They will learn about ecosystems, and water on the Earth. They will also learn about space and weather.

Social Studies

- Students in second grade will learn the concept of community beyond that of their family and neighborhood. They will learn more about how others influence the world around them and about important people that have influenced history. They will learn about community, and our government. They will learn about communities, states, countries, continents, landforms, and the American History. Second graders will learn about national identity such American holidays, landmarks, and symbols.

Physical Education

- Second grade students will be given the opportunity to exercise their bodies in individual, group, and relay activities incorporating walking, running, hopping, tiptoeing, and jumping. Students will learn to listen, follow directions, and participate in activities that will strengthen their large motor skills. These activities will include the use of balls, hula hoops, jump ropes, parachutes, cones, bean bags, stuffed animals, scooters, mats, and ribbons on sticks, etc. They will demonstrate a proficient level of spatial awareness. They will develop creative movement skills, such as catching a bounced ball or an underhand thrown object.

Quran

- Second grade students will memorize short surahs from the Quran that are essential for prayer. Students will review those surahs that were taught in first grade. They will learn to read words from the Quran and form sentences. They will be introduced to some rules of Tajweed. They will also review some of the names of Allah ﷻ learned in first grade and learn additional names of Allah ﷻ.

Arabic

- ICMA is using the textbook “Our Language is Our Pride.”
- Second grade students will be introduced to Arabic through learning basic vocabulary, with a list of novel words with pictures or meanings with related activities to ensure using them in the right way. They will also learn basic grammar through conversation. They will be introduced to sentence structure and grammar rules, along with different activities.

Islamic Studies

- ICMA will be taking lessons mostly from textbook “I Love Islam.”
- Second graders will start their lessons focusing on foundation of Islam such as Iman, and faith. Students learn about who Allah ﷻ is and some of the attributes of Allah ﷻ. They will learn the importance of Salat. Students will be introduced to various Prophets including life of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. Diverse topics related to life of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ will be introduced. Students will learn about Islamic characteristics, ideals, and morals. They will perform a variety of hands-on activities such as activities related to the Hajj and act out a simulated Hajj during the time of the Hajj. Some topics related to the Islamic History will be introduced.

Technology

- Second grade students will be introduced to computer terms, and they will build on the topics introduced in first grade. They will be introduced to Microsoft/Google office products such as Word, and Excel. Students will learn to store, copy, search, retrieve, modify, and delete information using a computing device. They will be learning to solve problems with block coding.

Arts

- Students will be exposed to a variety of artwork using images and stories about renowned artists and their art. They will use various art mediums such as: pastels, watercolor, mosaic, clay, wire, print making, ceramics, and chalk to create their own masterpieces.

Example of an Islamic Connection:

- Students will learn about striving for **Excellence** in their Social Studies class; therefore, the following Islamic Connection would be very appropriate to introduce before starting the lesson.



- Students will be introduced to the following sentence of the Quran which talks about Excellence.

قَالَتْ إِحْدَاهُمَا يَا أَبَتِ اسْتَجِرْهُ إِنَّ خَيْرَ مَنِ اسْتَجَرْتَ الْقَوِيُّ

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- One of the women said, “O my father, hire him. Indeed, the best one you can hire is the strong and the trustworthy” (Quran 28:16).