

Third 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)

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

LA Reading

- Third graders will be able to identify the central idea, message, or moral of a text and one or two supporting details. They will analyze cause and effect in connection with the text. They will also identify key details, summarize the text, and draw inferences from the text. Furthermore, students will create text connection using reasons and evidence and use text evidence to make inferences. Students will compare and contrast some texts on the same topics. They will analyze how illustrations affect mood and readers' point of view.

LA Writing

- Students will learn to use correct punctuation, spelling, and capitalization in writing letters with identification of different parts of the letter. They will draft informative essays using text evidence. Students will also plan and write opinion essays. They will perform research about a topic using various sources such the Internet, textbooks, newspapers, and magazines. Students will take notes on index cards and incorporate supporting quotations to write a compare/contrast essay using linking words. They will plan, draft, revise, edit, and publish writing, using their opinion and teacher guidance.

Mathematics

- Third grade students will follow the Scope and Sequence laid out by **Eureka Math**.
- Initially students will use repeated addition to find the total from a number of equal groups. As students notice patterns, they let go of longer addition sentences in favor of more efficient multiplication facts. They will explore measurement using kilograms, grams, liters, milliliters, and intervals of time in minutes. Students will learn about factors from 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10 to include all units from 0 to 10, as well as multiples of 10 within 100. Students will explore an area as an attribute of two-dimensional figures and relate it to their prior understandings of multiplication. Students will extend and deepen second grade practice with equal shares to understanding fractions as equal partitions of a whole. Their knowledge becomes more formal as they work with area models and the number line. Students will generate categorical data, organize it, and then represent it in a variety of forms.

Science

- Students will learn about the human body, health needs, drugs, disease, teeth, food pyramid, organ systems, and healthy community. They will also learn about topics such as plant growth, how animals grow and change, living things need each other, and how people affect plants and animals. Students will learn about properties of matter, work and machines, forms of energy and sound. Third graders will explore topics related to electricity and magnetism; and motion. They will explore rocks and soil, changes in the earth, clouds and storms and solar system. Students will follow the scientific method to develop and present individual project for the annual Science Fair.

Social Studies

- Third grade students will learn about global and historical communities. They will learn about important personalities in our country and around the world. They will also explore and learn about the connection between a culture and its environment. They will study and use maps to gain a deeper understanding of geography and how geography affects a community. Students will learn about basic financial needs, such as how different communities support and sustain themselves and about how different communities govern themselves and their leaders. They will also learn and discuss those American holidays and important days that are in line with Islamic faith as they approach.

Physical Education

- Third grade students will have 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

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

Arabic

- ICMA is using the textbook “Our Language is Our Pride.”
- Third grade students will be introduced to the Arabic language by learning basic vocabulary, with a list of new 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.”
- Third graders will learn more detailed lessons about Islamic principles and character-building themes taken from the Quran, hadeeth, and the Seerah. They will learn about different Islamic topics that are presented as stories, related in a captivating and exciting narrative style.

Technology

- Third grade students will be introduced to computer terms and will build on the topics introduced in second grade. Students will learn to store, copy, search, retrieve, modify, and delete information using a computing device and more advanced topics such as

formatting a document, changing fonts etc. They will be introduced to code and 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 the Oceans in their science class; therefore, the following Islamic Connection would be very appropriate to introduce before starting the lesson.



- “And He is the One Who merges the two bodies of water: one fresh and palatable and the other salty and bitter, placing between them a barrier they cannot cross” (Quran:25:53).