



**FURQAAN
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A DIVISION OF AL-FURQAAN FOUNDATION

Online

THE COAST TO COAST NETWORKED SCHOOL
FULL-TIME ISLAMIC SCHOOL WITH INTEGRATED HIFDH

Furqaan Academy Online Quarter 3 Newsletter

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Theme of the Month:

Companions of the prophet (SAW)

Sa'ad bin Abi Waqas

Sa'ad bin Abi Waqas was one of the first people to convert to Islam. He was a close companion of the Prophet Muhammad(SAW). He came from a powerful family in Mecca and showed bravery and wisdom from a young age. He learned about Islam from his uncle, and despite facing opposition from his family and tribe, he embraced the religion because he believed in one God and did what was right. Sa'ad bin Abi Waqas was a strong supporter of Islam and an important figure in its history. He was known for his faith and leadership in battles, and strategic skills. His contributions were crucial in key battles like Badr and Uhud, making him respected and admired by many. Sa'ad bin Abi Waqas was not just a skilled military leader, but also an important diplomat and administrator in the Muslim community. He took on important missions for Prophet Muhammad (SAW), like meeting with other groups. Sa'ad was highly respected for his role in governing the Islamic state and remained an important leader after the Prophet's death. His dedication to Islam and bravery have made him an inspiration for Muslims globally.

H. Omar I. 8th Grade

Upcoming Events!

January 8 2024

Quarter 3 starts

January 15, 2024

**M.L. King Day-Institute Day/
No School for
students**

January 17 2024

Islamic Studies Competition

February 19 2024

**Teachers' Institute Day/ NS
for students**

February 29 2024

**English Spelling Bee
Competition**

March 8th, 2024

**Parent Teacher
Conferences & Last Day of
Quarter 3**

FAO CLUBS

Mondays - 6-12th Newsletter club

**Tuesday, Wednesday - 6-12th
Homework club**

Tuesday - Elementary Reading Club



Why is reading extremely

important?

Reading is extremely important because it increases vocabulary, develops communication skills, and expands knowledge. Students who read are better off than students who do not read. Reading helps students to be successful every school year and in every grade level. It is usually observed that students who frequently read are more advanced in their classes. But why is that? The reason is that reading is like a workout for your brain, similar to how push-ups can make your muscles stronger. By reading, you are strengthening your memory, concentration, and more. If you stop exercising your brain by reading, it may start to become weak. Therefore, it's important to keep reading and to keep your brain sharp and healthy.

When you read, you may come across words that you don't know and wonder what they mean. You may want to look up the word to understand its meaning and why it was used in the sentence. Why is it important to enrich your vocabulary? Well, because when you expand your vocabulary, you become a deep thinker, and you can express yourself better in conversations. In addition, if you improve your vocabulary at a young age, you will likely be more successful academically and in your communication skills as you get older.

Learning new vocab leads to more confident conversations, therefore to a better life. Good communication leads to a better understanding of how people communicate. Poor communication leads to being baffled in communications and having a hard time understanding what the people are saying. You don't want to be that person. You want to feel confident when talking, and you want to look knowledgeable in front of people you are talking to. Communication skills are necessary in life and are needed if you want to be successful.

Reading books about adventures enhances your reading skills but reading a science book enriches your knowledge of science. It greatly depends on what type of book you are reading, but if you read any book you will expand your reading proficiency. Reading books is like traveling but without actually leaving your home. When reading a book about magical lands, or ancient places you feel like you are physically there and experiencing it but it's all your imagination and it is not physically happening.

Noor K. 7th Grade



How To Prepare For Ramadan?

Ramadan is quickly approaching and everyone needs to know the best steps to prepare for our holy month. The best way to start to prepare yourself is to educate yourself. Whether it is talking to our local imams, researching online information, or even just talking with your family. Education is the best first step to preparing for Ramadan. The next big step into preparing for Ramadan is to make sure your Prayer and Quran are on point. Meaning, making sure your prayers are done on time, they are never missed, and your Quran is read everyday. These are things that we must do everyday during Ramadan so preparing beforehand will greatly impact how you perform these tasks during the Holy month of Ramadan. Inshallah with these easy steps we will all be prepared for the upcoming Month of Ramadan.

Donyia R. 10th



FAO Ramadan

During Ramadan, Furqaan Academy makes special arrangements to honor the month's significance. We adjust the school schedule for shorter days, allowing more time for spiritual activities. Daily assemblies bring students together for fun and engaging activities, including presentations of Ramadan-themed slides prepared by the students themselves. These gatherings HOLD a sense of community and celebration throughout the month.

Rayann S. 10th Grade



FAO Daily Morning Assembly

Furqaan Academy Online's morning assembly starts at 7:50 a.m., marking the start of a new day of study and development. Students and teachers gather and recite Quran verses and make supplications. The assembly then dives into discussion and in-depth study with a new monthly theme. Students explore different subjects using prepared articles and slides.

The assembly ends around 8:00 a.m., leaving everyone feeling inspired, educated, and ready to face the day's challenges.

This month theme, February, was the Sunnah. Students had to present about different

Prophet Mohammed (SAW) companions.

Jenna A. 11th Grade

Famous Palestinian People

- Yasser Arafat (Former leader)
- Mahmoud Darwish (Palestinian poet)
- Leila Khaled (Former militant)
- Edward Said (Palestinian Nationalist)
- Abu Obaida (Chief Leader)
- Isabella Khair Hadid (Palestinian Model)
- Jelena Noura "Gigi" Hadid (Palestinian Model)
- Mohamed Hadid (Palestinian real estate developer, and father of Hadid sisters)
- Rashida Tlaib (Palestinian politician and lawyer)

Donyia R. 10th

Musab ibn Umayr

His early life

In Musab's early life, was always spoiled with many luxurious and beautiful clothes and jewelry. All of a sudden, a call for Islam was spread all over Makkah. Not that many people had accepted Islam. Therefore, new Muslims would secretly have meetings in the house of Al-Arqam. Musab would always attend those meetings when he was only a teenager.

His acceptance of Islam

Once Musab started to attend the meetings more and more. He began to question himself when he found out about Islam. He put the truth of Islam deep inside his heart. He committed himself to Islam and tried to spread the religion, but Musab feared his mother's reaction if she found out that he had converted to Islam.

His efforts in dawah

Once Islam was unbearable, the prophet wanted to go make hijra somewhere, but the group of Muslims in Yathrib needed the prophet to teach them the ways of Islam. The prophet decided to choose Musab to be his ambassador because of his intellect, noble character, his beautiful recitation of the Quran and for his knowledge about it. When Musab recited more and more Quran to the people of Yathrib, most of them began to accept Islam. The leaders of Yathrib were definitely not happy with that.

How is Usayd ibn Hudhayr story connected to musab

Mus'ab and Asad were sitting near a well with a number of new Muslims and others who were interested in Islam. Sa'd in Mu'aadh did not like their preaching of their religion in his area. He sent Usayd ibn Hudhayr to warn them against it. Usayd addressed them with his sword, and angrily warned them against inviting people to Islam. Mus'ab told Usayd to sit down and listen to what was being said. Mus'ab also proposed to Sayd that they would leave if Usayd did not like what he heard. Mus'ab began sharing his knowledge of Islam and recited the Quran to him. Even before Usayd spoke, it was clear from his face that Islam had entered his heart.

Faisal H. 7th Grade

Interviewing a new FAO Teacher

1-What is your name?

Answer: Mrs. Mayada Elzayat

2-Where are you from?

Answer: I am from Egypt

3-How long have you been an Arabic and Quran teacher? Do you enjoy it?

Answer: I have been teaching Arabic Language for years and the Quran for 20 years. I enjoy it very much.

4-Are you still pursuing any other type of schooling?

Answer: I am pursuing a PHD degree, on how to teach Arabic Language to non Arabic Language speakers.

5-What are your goals for 2024?

Answer: My goals are to finish my own online Quran program.

6-Do you have any family in Palestine?

Answer: No, I do not.

7-Are you excited for Ramadan?

Answer: Yes, I am very excited

8- What are your goals for this Ramadan?

Answer: To seek forgiveness from Allah.

9-What is one thing you look forward to in Ramadan?

Answer: To be with my family and friends and to attend daily Taraweeh prayers insha'a Allah

Huda A. 10th

The Importance of the Newsletter Club to FAO Students

At Furqaan Academy Online (FAO), the newsletter club is a place where students come together to share their thoughts and experiences. In the club, we talk about what's happening in the world, write poems, discuss our favorite books, and get ready for special times like Ramadhan and exams. Being part of the club is important because it helps us feel connected to our school and each other. It's where we can express ourselves, learn new things, and have fun together.

The FAO newsletter club is like our own little community within the school. It's where we can talk about things that matter to us and share our ideas with others. Writing for the newsletter helps us improve our writing skills and learn how to communicate better. Plus, it's a chance for us to be heard and make a difference in our school.

Being in the newsletter club at FAO is not just about writing and sharing—it's about growing as individuals and as a group. It's a space where we can be creative, express ourselves, and learn from each other. The club helps us build friendships, develop important skills, and feel like we're part of something special. That's why it's such an important part of our school experience at FAO.

Faduma A. 9th Grade

Ramadan

Ramadan Salah Poem

During Ramadan's Glow

A month of devotion and prayer,
Fajr, Dhuhr, Asr, Maghrib, and Isha
So Serene

Salah, a connection with the divine,
A chance to realign and feel sublime

Through Prayer, we grow,
Closer to Allah.

Our commitment to faith and all that is true.

Donyia R. 10th

Ramadan Schedule

Time/ Subject

MS & HS

8:00 -8:35 am

Math 5th / Quran MS

Writing HS

8:35 - 9:10 am

Arabic 2 MS

Quran MS

Literature 8th- 12th

9:10 – 9:45 am

Env. Science 8-12th

Is. S. 7th / Quran 6th

9:45- 10:20 am

Adv. Islamic Studies 8th-12th

English MS

10:55 - 11:30 am

Geometry/Algebra II HS

Quran 6/7th / Arabic Level 1 MS

11:30 - 12:30 pm

Lunch & Break School Ramadan activities

45 mn periods after lunch

12:30- 1:15 pm

Science MS

S. Studies 8th /S. Studies HS

1:15 - 2:00 pm

Is. Studies 6th / Math 7th

Arabic 1, 2 HS / Quran HS

2:00 - 2:45 pm

Science 5th / Math 6th

Quran 7th/8th /Adv. Arabic 8th - HS

Time/ Subject

Elementary

8:00 -8:35 am

Math

8:35 - 9:10 am

Language Art

9:10 – 9:45 am

Reading

9:45- 10:20 am

Quran

10:55 - 11:30 am

Islamic Studies

11:30 - 12:30 pm

Lunch & Break School Ramadan activities

45 mn periods after lunch

12:30- 1:15 pm

Arabic

1:15 - 2:00 pm

Science/Social Studies

2:00 - 2:45 pm

Reading Club

Tuesdays

2:45 - 3:20 pm

6-12th grade Newsletter club

Mondays

Homework club

Tuesday and Wednesday



THE ISLAMIC SCHOOL REIMAGINED

INTRODUCING THE FURQAAN ACADEMY ONLINE (FAO) NETWORKED LEARNING CENTERS (NLCs)

Every community in the USA can now have a Full-Time Islamic School

ENROLLMENT OPEN YEAR ROUND FOR GRADES 1-12

LIVE INSTRUCTION DAILY

8:00 AM - 4:15 PM CDT | 9:00 AM - 5:15 PM EDT | 7:00 AM - 3:15 PM MDT |
6:00 AM - 2:15 PM PDT

- Balanced Educational Program – Knowledge of Both Deen and Dunya
- Daily Live Instruction in All Subjects
- Builds Foundational Skills in Reading, Writing and Math in Addition to Academic Excellence in Science and Social Studies
- Comprehensive Islamic Education that includes Quran, Arabic and Islamic Studies (Fiqh, Aqeedah, Hadith, Tafseer & Islamic History)
- Hifdh with Focus on Tajweed and Correct Pronunciation
- Academic Credit Recovery Program for High School Students
- Character Education with Daily Assembly
- Engaging Extracurricular Activities and Clubs



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