



FURQAAN ACADEMY

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Online

Class Of
2025



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

Quarter 4 Newsletter 2024-2025

Theme of The Month: Islamic Art



Islamic art is a unique artistic style. Unlike many religions, Islamic art is not limited to artwork made for Muslims. It also includes art and architecture from different countries around the world made by Muslim artists. Islam is not just a religion; it is a special way of life, with its own culture and art style. Additionally, early Islamic art developed more through the connections of existing artistic traditions after the Muslim conquests. Including artists from Byzantine and Sasanian backgrounds who implemented their styles into art, and shared it with Muslim patrons, which resulted in a unique combination of classical and Iranian designs. Some examples of this include the Dome of the Rock, which shows implementations from Greco-Roman, Byzantine, and Sasanian styles. The Umayyad caliphate (661–750) is considered an important period for the development of Islamic art. Overall, Islamic art can be categorized by lineage & ancestry, which is similar to Islamic history, as it began with the Umayyad and Abbasid dynasties and extended to the regional dynasties including the Safavids, Ottomans, & Mughals. Regardless of its regional differences, Islamic art still carries a strong identity, shown in its many special decorative designs. There are four main types of decoration, which are calligraphy, plant patterns, geometric shapes, and figures.



Jenna A. 11th Grade



Edited by:

Jenna A. 12th, & Donyia R. 11th

Upcoming Events!



Second Quran Competition

March 19, 2025

Spring Break

March 24-28, 2025

Eid Al-Fitr Break

March 31 to April 4, 2025

School Reopens

April 7, 2025

Arabic Spelling Bee

April 16, 2025

Spring MAP Testing

May 5-9, 2025

6th-12th Quran Finals

May 14-20, 2025

6th-12th Finals

May 20-27, 2025

Memorial Day (No School)

May 26, 2025

Graduation & Award
Ceremony

Last Day for Students

May 29, 2025

FAO CLUBS

Mondays - 6-12th grades

Newsletter club

Tuesday, Wednesday -

6-8th grades Homework club

First Senior Graduation

2025

At FAO



This year, in May of 2025, will take place the first-ever senior graduation ceremony at FAO. I and my fellow classmate, Jenna Atiq, have been preparing with teachers and ourselves for our big day. We've been taking graduation pictures, writing speeches, and making sure everything is planned nicely. It is going to be a truly special moment not just for us seniors, but for the whole school, as this is the first time seniors are graduating from Furqaan Academy online school. I've also been doing my own preparations, like getting my graduation gown ready and thinking about what I want to say in my speech. It has definitely been a bit stressful getting everything ready, but I know that when the day comes, it will all be worth it. We are currently about 6 weeks away from the graduation day. It will take place on May 29, 2025.



Donyia R. 12th

Why Choose FAO?

FAO is a very good school, and it teaches me a lot of things. What makes it even better is that it's an Islamic school, and it teaches us about Islam and the Quran. The knowledge I gain from this school will be useful in the future when I need it. Every school has something special. FAO is special because of the opportunities it offers students. FAO has opened an NLC (Networked Learning Center) in El Paso, TX.

Students attend FAO classes in the El-Paso Mosque, with the attendance of a supervisor on a daily basis. The mosque plays a role of a school building.

more mosques need to help FAO open in their cities.



Faisal H. 8th Grade



Alhambra Palace

Granada, Spain

The Alhambra is a huge palace and fortress in Granada, Spain. It was built in the 1200s by Muslim rulers from the Nasrid Dynasty, who were the last Muslim rulers in Spain. The name "Alhambra" means "The Red One" in Arabic because the walls almost look reddish. It wasn't built all at once—rulers like Muhammad I and his family added more to it over time. The Alhambra was used as a royal palace for kings, a military base to protect the city, and even like a small city for important people.

The Alhambra has some really famous spots. These include the Nasrid Palaces, the Alcazaba (which is the oldest part and was a fortress), and the Generalife (a big garden area). Inside, there are amazing places like the Court of the Lions and the Hall of the Ambassadors. The walls are full of Arabic writing, cool patterns, and super detailed designs. There are also a lot of fountains and pools that made the place feel calm and refreshing. When Christian rulers Ferdinand and Isabella took over Granada in 1492, they kept the Alhambra because of how beautiful it was. Even though some parts changed later on, most of the Islamic art and buildings are still there today.

The Alhambra is a great example of FAO's Theme of the Month, Islamic art, because it shows how calligraphy, patterns, and amazing buildings were super important in Muslim culture.

Faduma A. 10th Grade



Can we really learn in an online school?

Furqaan Academy Online is a great school. I received a well-known education that combined Islamic Studies—such as quran memorization (Hifdh), Tajweed, and the core subjects. Furqaan Academy Online provides core academic subjects such as Math, English, Science, and Social Studies. The online format is really flexible and personalized learning, allowing me to study at my own pace. Online learning requires discipline and focus as well. I learned a lot in Furqaan Academy online, especially in Islamic Studies class. I learned about the Prophets and Messengers of Allah. The History of Islam and the required things in Islam. You need to work really hard to achieve your work, like completing your work on time. I worked really hard to achieve good grades. We can learn in an online school, but it depends on the student's discipline. You need to focus and be less distracted. A few students might miss face-to-face interaction. Online school is optional, it is not a must. Personally, I would prefer online school because you have more flexibility and you can work at your own pace.

Nabihah A. 6th Grade

Can we really learn in an online school?

Can we really learn in an online school? The answer is yes — you definitely can. At Furqaan Academy Online, learning is actually pretty easy. During my time there, I've gained a lot of new knowledge, such as learning Arabic language and reading the Quran. I am able to read Quran now on my own. My old school's system and teaching style didn't really work for me. Even though my siblings can be loud and distracting, switching to online school was still a better fit for me.



Nailah H. 7th Grade



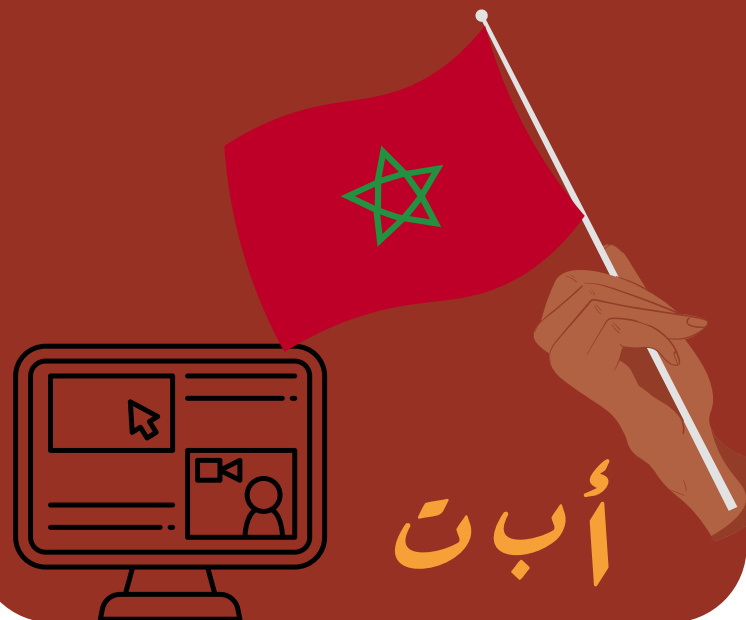
Can we really learn in an online school?

This year, I've learned a lot through my classes at Furqaan Academy Online. At the beginning of the year, the only Arabic I knew was the Moroccan dialect. Thanks to my teacher, Ms. Nihad, I went from barely knowing anything to understanding so much more. She taught us everything she could and helped me build a stronger character. I'm the type of person who always wants to win, but now I've realized it's okay to lose sometimes too.

At first, I hated the idea of homeschooling—but now, it's something I actually look forward to every day. Being a strong Muslima has always been a part of me, but Furqaan Academy Online helped me grow and make better decisions.

This is everything I've learned and gained at Furqaan Academy Online, and I'm truly grateful to all my teachers and the Principal.

Layla C. 6th Grade



Reading Quran Translation

Reading the Quran with the meaning is important for Muslims because it helps us understand what Allah is telling us. If we only read the Arabic without knowing the meaning, we might miss the message and lessons that are meant to guide our lives. By understanding the Quran, we can learn how to be better people, make good choices, and get closer to Allah. It also helps us know the purpose of our life and how to live in a way that pleases Him. So, reading with meaning makes our connection with the Quran and Islam much stronger. The Quran teaches us about the stories of the prophets, the Day of Judgment, and the importance of patience, kindness, honesty, etc. It brings us peace and makes our faith stronger because we can think deeply about the words and apply them in our daily lives.



Donyia R. 12th Grade

Layla C. Interview 6th Grade

1) What is your name?

"My name is Layla."

2) How old are you?

"I am eleven years old."

3) What grade are you in?

"I am in sixth grade."

4) What is your favorite subject in school?

"My favorite subject in school is Math."

5) Why did you choose Furqaan Academy Online?

"I chose Furqaan Academy Online to finish school and be in an Islamic environment."

6) What is your goal at FAO

"My goal is to finish the year off with all As."



Marya S. 6th Grade

What I Learned at FAO

In Furqaan Academy, I learned many things this year. I mostly gained knowledge from Islamic studies. In Islamic Studies, I learned about the Prophets, I also learned many principles of Islam. Islamic Studies is a very awesome class. My school year went pretty well and I earned amazing grades by working hard, also the teachers are awesome. The work was sometimes easy and sometimes hard. In the end, I learned a lot of things from math, English and other classes, and this school year went pretty well. This year could have been hard because it is online, but it was not hard. Online schools take a little more time to finish all your work because you might have more distractions.

Maen K. 7th Grade

Reading Quran Journey

This Ramadan, I read the entire Qur'an 3 times (3 khatmahs of the Qur'an), Alhamdulillah. I used to read 3 Juz's a day. I used to read my Juz's alone. My bedroom was the place that I always read in. When I had enough time, I would read slowly to understand the meanings of the verses in a better manner. However, when I have little time, I try to read in a normal consistent speed without focusing completely on the words, although I do understand them. Sometimes I felt tired & didn't feel like reading all 3 Juz's, but I end up pushing myself to do so either way, and I get into the mood quickly once I start reading. I really enjoyed reading the Qur'an during Ramadan. I really feel that I improved my Sabr (Patience) and became more determined, Alhamdulillah! :)



Yasmin Y. 9th Grade

ما شاء الله

Benefits of Fasting

Help with weight loss: When you don't eat for a while, your body uses stored energy, which can lead to weight loss over time. It can also help you lose body fat.

Better blood sugar control: Fasting can improve your body's control of sugar in your blood. This can help keep your blood sugar levels steady and might lower the chance of getting type 2 diabetes.

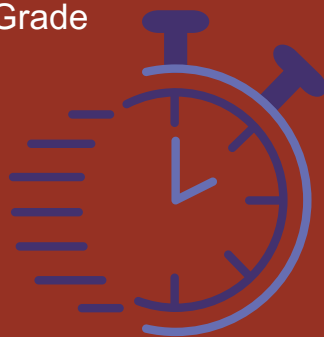
Good for your heart: It can help keep your heart healthy by improving things like blood pressure, the amount of fat in your blood, and cholesterol levels.

Good for your brain: Some research suggests that fasting might help your brain work better, improve your memory, and protect it as you get older.

Clean up your cells: When you fast, your body goes through a cleaning process where it gets rid of old and damaged parts of your cells, making way for new, healthier ones.

Easier meal planning: Having specific times when you eat can make it simpler to decide what and when to eat.

Noor K. 8th Grade



Benefits of Fasting

Fasting in Islam, especially during the holy month of Ramadan, carries a range of Spiritual, Physical, and Social benefits such as:

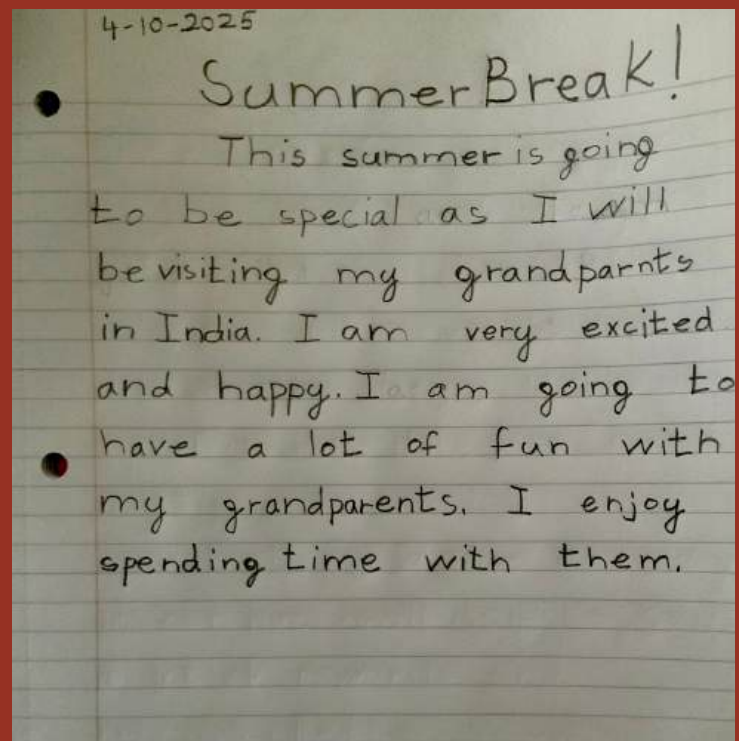
- Taqwa and restraining, and remembering Allah in all actions.
- Muslims are also encouraged to give more charity and generosity, as well as Zakat, Sadaqa, etc...
- Family and gatherings and bonding, Shared Iftars and Jama'ah Prayers (such as Taraweh), which strengthen communal ties.
- Fasting is also beneficial because sins are forgiven and Past sins, and will be seeking a Reward.
- Lastly, Fasting helps cleanse our souls and hearts and replace them with good deeds and good Intentions, and good habits.



Aya A. 10th Grade



Elementary Writing Class



Safura S. 2nd Grade

Eid Al-Fitr Celebration عيد مبارك Eid Celebration

First, we woke up and prayed Fajr. We took a shower and ate an odd number of dates. Then, we got ready for the Eid Prayer. I wore a 3 piece dress that I got from Bangladesh. The clothes were originally from Pakistan. We headed to the Masjid for the Eid Prayer. We did takbeerat and prayed 2 rakat of Eid Prayer. We attended the Khutbah. The Khutbah was about Ramadan and how Eid was so special. Later, we greeted everyone and said: "Eid Mubarak". Lots of people came to the Eid Prayer. We had baklava and goodie bags for all the kids. Then, we went to our 'grandparents' house.

Nabihah A. 6th Grade



In the morning, on Eid Al Fitr, we prayed salat Al-Fajr in our house, and then we went to the mosque called IOC. We then made Dua while driving to the mosque. In the mosque we made Dua and we prayed and the Iman said a lecture about Eid in different countries. After the prayer and the Khutbah, it was time to eat food there was donut, pancakes, cakes and a lot of other food. Afterwards, we passed out goody bags that we made a few day before Eid where we put candy, cookies, bubbles and toys. After that, I saw my cousin we played together. At 10:00 we had to leave. In the car we said Dua until we were home. When we arrived home, our dad told us a lecture. Then we opened our Eid gifts. We had a limit of 50 dollars, so I got two nerf-guns, one for me and 1 for my brother. My brother got bey-blade. Finally, after we opened our gift we played with them for a while.

Abdelrahman A. 6th Grade



Eid Al-Fitr Celebration

My Eid Al-Fitr was really fun! First, my family and I went to Dallas for a nice vacation. Dallas was actually a lot greener and prettier than where we live, which surprised me. Next, we rented the nearest hotel we could find to spend the night. In the morning, I wore my Eid clothes for the occasion — nothing fancy, just a simple, nice outfit. Then we headed out to grab lunch (it was so good). My parents got some Yemeni food from a place called "Yemandi." They also got a dessert called "Yemeni Coffee," but I got Chipotle instead. After lunch, we rented a blue house for three days to just chill and relax. After the three days were up, we drove back to El Paso and made it home. Sadly, I didn't get any Eid money this time, but hopefully I'll get some next Eid!

Marya S. 6th Grade



Eid Al-Fitr Celebration

We first woke up in the morning for Eid prayers. We wore our new clothes, and then we got ready and left for the masjid. The masjid was full, and everyone was praying. Then the imam spoke about Al-Fitr how Eid is about being happy and spending time with your family. Afterwards, we went to eat. We ate a good breakfast, and the food was eggs and other things. We ate some sandwiches, and sweets. At the end we had ice cream for lunch. Lunch was outside and breakfast at home. Then for dinner, we just had different kind of snacks. That's all. Then after the Al-Fitr day ended, the rest for me was almost the same things.

Maen K. 7th Grade



What I Learned At FAO

Furqaan Academy Online is a school for Muslim kids to learn new things and explore different subjects. FAO also helps students grow in their religion. They offer lots of fun events like the Quran Fair, Arabic Word Day, Cooking Show, competitions, and more!

I learned so much this year. At first, I didn't know many surahs, but now I know so many! I learned Surah An-Naba, An-Nazi'at, Abasa, At-Takwir, Al-Infitar, Al-Mutaffifin, Al-Inshiqaq, Al-Buruj, At-Tariq, Al-A'la, and Al-Ghashiyah. That's 10 surahs—almost 11 now!

Before, I didn't know how to write much Arabic and only knew the Yemeni dialect. Now I've learned so much more. Making up sentences, and learning a lot of vocabulary words in classical Arabic Language. My handwriting and writing skills have also improved a lot because at FAO we are required to write the new lessons and any surah we are learning

In math, I learned different ways to divide and multiply. In science, I learned cool facts—like the sun is actually a HUGE star! I had no idea before. In world geography, I learned about how people lived in the past and different religions around the world.

In language arts, I'm starting to read better. I've learned new vocabulary words and read amazing stories that help us improve our English language, eloquence and writing.

Thanks to all my teachers, I've learned so much this year. Alhamdulillah—that's a really good thing!



Marya S. 6th Grade



What I Learned At FAO

I joined Furqaan Academy Online on February 21st, 2024, as a 5th grader. Furqaan Academy is a virtual live school, which means all classes and tests are live. Students attend classes every day, and teachers are present every minute. It is open to all students from 1st to 12th grade. It was launched 3 years ago. Furqaan Academy Online started with only a few students, but it has been growing more and more every school year. Now, there are many students and teachers. We have qualified teachers from all over the world—countries like Egypt, Qatar, Algeria, and places in the U.S. like Illinois and Texas. At Furqaan Academy Online, we attend all core and religious subjects. Students take classes like Islamic Studies, Arabic, Quran, English, Math, and more. It's just like a regular school—but online and without a building.

Since joining Furqaan Academy Online, I've learned so much. In Islamic Studies, I learned to value Islam even more. I can now memorize the Quran way faster than before, and I've improved a lot in Arabic. I used to be good at Arabic in my old schools, but now I know more meanings of words and sentences.

I also improved my Arabic language and Quran handwriting because we write down our Quran lessons to help us practice, read, and memorize more easily. I moved from memorizing Juz 28 to Juz 25 in less than a year and a half. Right now, I finish two surahs a month. I memorize half a page of the Quran every day, and one time I even memorized a full page and gave it to my teacher. Furqaan Academy Online is a great school. It's amazing for both Quran/Hifdh and core subjects too.

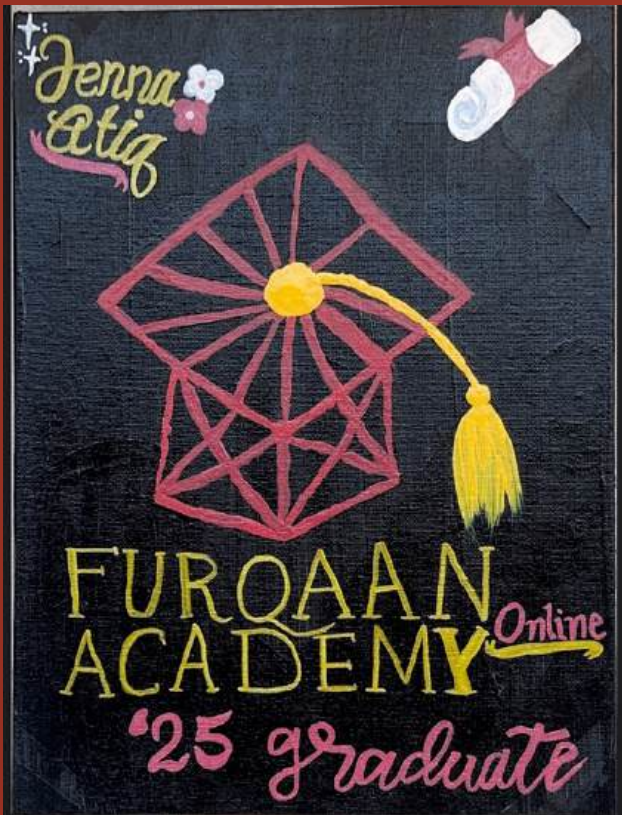
Nabihah A. 6th Grade



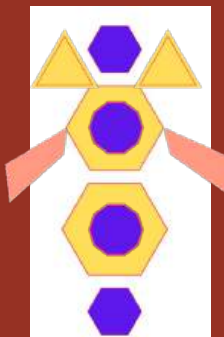
FAO Students' Art Gallery



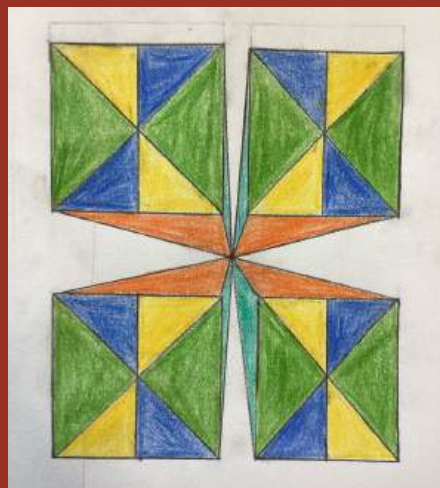
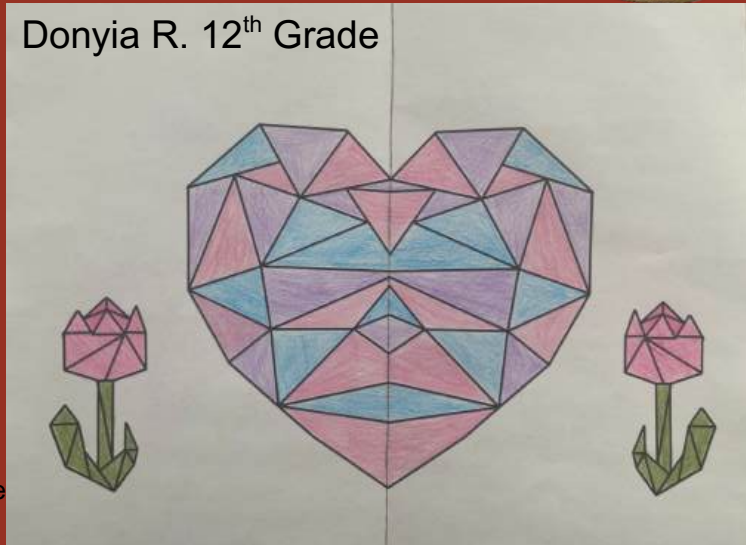
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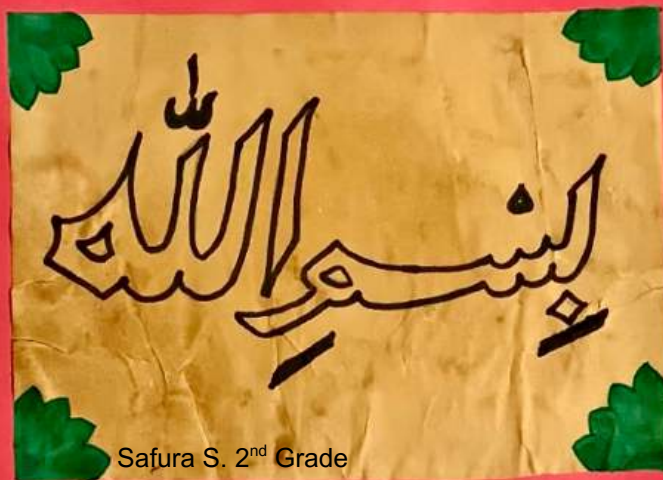
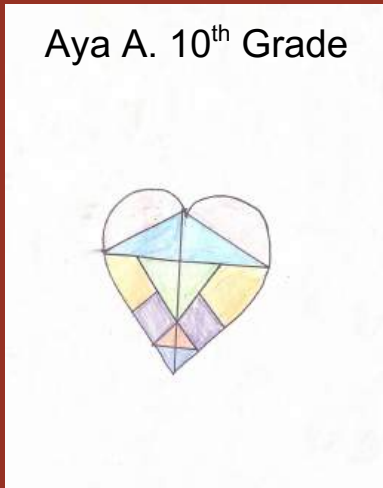
Huda A. 11th Grade



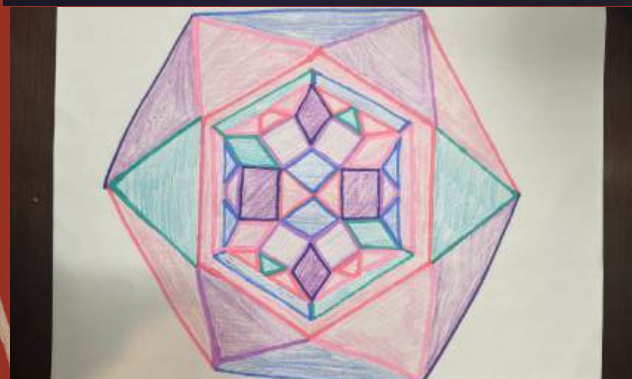
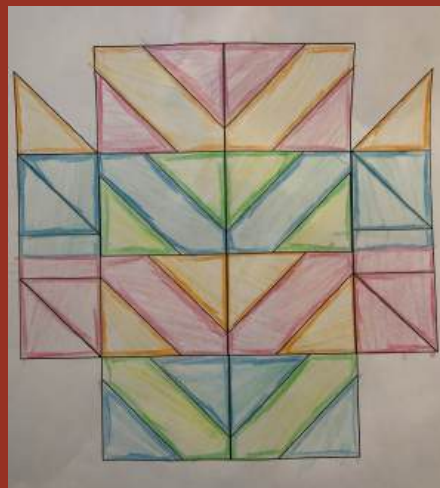
Donyia R. 12th Grade



Aya A. 10th Grade



Safura S. 2nd Grade





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- **Daily Live Instruction**
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Day	Date	Time
Saturday	March 22, 2025	12:00 - 1:00 pm (CDT)
Saturday	April 12, 2025	12:00 - 1:00 pm (CDT)
Saturday	May 10, 2025	12:00 - 1:00 pm (CDT)



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Date April 20, 2025
Time 2:00 - 3:00 pm (CDT)

Day Saturday
Date May 17, 2025
Time 2:00 - 3:00 pm (CDT)

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Date June 14, 2025
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