

Spreading Light

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Our Mission Statement: The mission of Crescent Academy is to educate and raise young people imbued with the qualities of a Muslim personality: devotion to Almighty Allah, commitment to their Islamic principles, care and service to others, and an understanding of their role in contemporary society. The goal of the school is to develop students who are empowered by their Islamic faith and practice to live as effective, conscientious, and upright citizens in the national and international community contributing to the betterment of life.

Current Plans

We are focusing on establishing and maintaining positive relations within our communities. Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) said, "The Muslim has six rights. **(1)** When you meet him, you should greet him. **(2)** When he invites you, you should accept his invitation. **(3)** When he asks you for counsel, you should counsel him. **(4)** When he sneezes and praises Allah, you should bless him. **(5)** When he is ill, you should visit him. **(6)** When he dies, you should follow him (i.e. his funeral procession)." We ask for your support in applying this hadith. Please encourage students to spread *salam* (salutations) in and out of their homes. Also, please remind them of the blessings that come from sneezing. Students are giving advice to one another each day in the classroom as they share their understandings. Visiting the ill, accepting invitations, and following funerals should be practiced out of school. Students must understand that these are our rights and not just suggestions. All of these actions promote unity and Insha'Allah, will keep us on the right path.

The Nervous System

We are continuing our exploration of the human body systems. We are exploring the **nervous system** and learning its basic **functions**. Students are studying the cerebrum, cerebellum, and brain stem in order to understand how they help control the body.

Please continue to assist your child in discovery by allowing them access to the public library in order

to check out materials regarding the human body systems.

I would like to thank several of students for their **contributions** towards educating our class. I am very proud of **Leen Ibrahim** for sharing a presentation of the muscular system. Thank you to **Yara El-Sheikh** and **Jannah Zaki** for doing a wonderful presentation on the muscular system as well. I would like to thank **Ayaan Khan** for doing an informative and outstanding presentation on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Also, thank you **Subhi Alomary** for sharing a wonderful presentation on your trip to Washington D.C. and its historical sites. Insha'Allah, we will be exploring the nervous system for the next week and then move into phases of matter.

Young Authors Conference

Our students have been strengthening their writing skills throughout the year, Masha'Allah. It is now time to apply all of our strategies for YAC (Young Authors Conference). Our goal for this year is to have students create stories which will later be donated as charity. Students will include at least one hadith in their work in order to share an Islamic lesson with readers. We will provide the students with a list of 5 ahadith, and they may select one to implement in their work. Please see our class site for a list of the 5 ahadith as well as more information concerning YAC. We ask that parents only assist children in selecting a hadith from our list and brainstorming ideas. Insha'Allah, the rest of the writing process will take place in class over the next following weeks. Also, students are asked to submit \$3 in order to pay for their YAC Books before Friday, April 26.

Notes and Reminders:

- **April 22-26: Islamic Book Fair and PTO Spring Gift Shop**
- **April 26: Progress Reports**
- **April 29: NWEA Spring Testing begins**

I hope this finds you all healthy and happy. If you need to reach me you can send a note, call the office, or send an email.

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