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Welcome Back to Preschool!

Assalamu Alaikum Dear Parents:

It is our pleasure to welcome everyone to another great year in Creative Minds. We are so excited to have students back in our classrooms. Alhamdulillah, we had a great first week of school. We got the opportunity to meet some of the students and parents. Our mission is to help each child feel welcome. Our goal is to provide an experience where children can gain confidence and grow educationally, physically, emotionally, socially and cognitively. We are fortunate to have a great caring staff who spend hours planning and creating classroom activities to engage our students in learning. They are always happy to assist any child or his/her parents.

To help your child with any possible uncertainty or nervousness, we encourage parents to keep a positive attitude and try their best not to stay too long at the preschool at the drop off. A brief goodbye would be much more helpful. Before long, your child will likely settle right into his/her new routine in shaa Allah.

At Creative Minds, we follow the guidelines and restrictions provided by Alberta Health Services and the ministry of Children Services to provide a safe and healthy environment for our students, staff, and parents. Please read the guidelines that were sent earlier. We have attached the presentation link for your review https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cypt1-tONtoqFZHF8y420frxLwRoWwj/_view?usp=sharing. As a result, all visits must be by appointment only. Also, parents will not be permitted into the classroom unless directed to do so by one of the staff. Please make sure not to mingle in the preschool lobby or hallways and keep social distance, so that we can all stay healthy. The Alberta Health Daily Checklist does not have to be submitted to the school, but you are encouraged to go over it daily and make sure your child does not have any symptoms. Please keep your children home if they are symptomatic. The checklist is attached with this newsletter for your reference. If you require a hardcopy, please ask your child's teacher for one.

A monthly newsletter will be sent out in the first week of every month with important school information. Please make note of special days and fieldtrips when reading the monthly newsletter. Also, the Creative Minds Preschool yearly calendar has been attached.

We value open communication and appreciate you sharing your comments, questions, and concerns with us.

Jazakum Allahu Khairan,

Creative Minds Team

Passion

Integrity

Quality

Creative Minds Staff

Noha Rahal; Supervisor

Assalamu Alaikum; Welcome to MAC Creative Minds Preschool. My name is Noha Rahal and I will be the supervisor for this school year. This is my fifth year with MAC. Although, I have been working with preschool children for 15 years. I love kids and I enjoy working with them! I am excited for another year full of fun and learning. I look forward to meeting all of you and working with you for the betterment of our children in shaa Allah!

Nasrine El-Hajj

4-Year-Old Arabic/Islamic Teacher

Assalamu Alaikum; My name is Nasrine El-hajj. I am the Arabic and Islamic teacher for the 4-year-old classroom (Apples Room). This will be my fifth year working at the Creative Minds Preschool. I taught Arabic at MAC Learning Centre for 5 years, currently teaching at Al Huda weekend school. I hold a bachelor's degree in science and an Early Learning Childcare Certificate. I am looking forward to this school year.

Widad Attar

4-Year-Old English Teacher

Assalamu Alaikum; My name is Widad Attar and I will be the English teacher for the 4-year-old classroom (Apples Room). This is my fourth year working with Creative Minds Preschool although I have been working with children for 6 years. I am a graduate of Early Learning and Child Care from MacEwan University. In shaa Allah, we will work together, to assist our children in learning as we set the foundation of their future.

Sanaa Assaf

4-Year-Old Arabic/Islamic Teacher

Assalamu Alaikum; My name is Sanaa Assaf and I will be the Arabic and Islamic teacher for the 4-Year-Old classroom (Bumble Bees Room). This will be my fourth year working at Creative Minds. I have my Early Childhood Diploma. I am looking forward to meeting all of you.

Humara Khan

4-Year-Old English Teacher

Assalamu Alaikum; My name is Humara Khan and I will be the English teacher for the 4-year-old classroom (Bumble Bees Room). This is my second year at Creative Minds. I am an Early Childhood Education Assistant with a master's degree in Islamic Studies from Pakistan and working on finishing my Diploma in ELCC. I have 15 years' experience in childcare. I always enjoyed working with kids. I look forward to meeting you all and have a great year in shaa Allah!

Ghadir El Khateeb

3-Year-Old Arabic/Islamic Teacher

Assalamu Alaikum; My name is Ghadeer Elkhateeb and I will be the Arabic and Islamic teacher for the three-year-old classroom (Fish Room). This is my fourth year working with Creative Minds Preschool. I worked as a substitute teacher for all grades. It would be a delight to meet all of you parents.

Aya Daoud

3-Year-Old English Teacher

Assalamu Alaikum; My name is Aya Daoud, and I will be the English teacher for the 3-year-old students (Fish Room). I'm an educational assistant. I graduated from college 2 years ago. I enjoy working with the kids and hearing their funny stories and seeing their smiles. I am looking forward to this school year!

English Theme of the Month

My School/ Health & Hygiene Safety



Arabic & Islamic Theme of the Month



Reminders:

- Please do not send any **NUTS** or nut products with your child for snack because we have children with **SEVERE ALLERGIES**
- Please do not send juice, chocolate, chips, or candy. Let us keep it healthy!
- **During Drop off and Pick-up:**
- Please use the designated doors for entrance and exit and follow the signs on the hallway floor
- Please stay in the line until the teacher calls your child to enter the classroom (first come first go), and keep the doorway clear
- Please wear a face mask and sanitize your hands
- Please drop off your child and leave as soon as possible

Important Dates:

Red Day (Wear Something Red)

Thursday, September 24rd, 2020



Four-Year-Old Outcomes for this month

English

We will start with learning about Line & Dot



Numbers: (1)

Color: Red

Shapes: Circle

Arabic

We will introduce the Dot (Noqtah) and the Line (Khat)

Letters (Horouf): Baa (ب)

Numbers (Arkam): Wahid (1)

Colors (Alwan): Red (Ahmar)

Shape: Circle (Da'erah)

Nasheed:

Madrasati (My School)



Islamic

Quran: Introduce surat Al Fatiha

Dua'a: upon waking up

اللَّهُمَّ بِكَ أَصْبَحْنَا، وَبِكَ أَمْسَيْنَا،
وَبِكَ نَحْيَا، وَبِكَ نَمُوتُ، وَإِلَيْكَ
النُّشُورُ

Allahumma bika Asbah'na, wabika amsayna Wabika nahya wabika namootu wa-ilaykal-nushoor

O Allah, by Your leave we have reached the morning and by Your leave we have reached the evening by Your leave we live and die and unto You is our return

Aqidah: Learning about Allah SWT the creator

Islamic Manner: Learning about when to say Bismillah.

Nasheed: Bismillah



Three- Year- Old Outcomes for this month

English

We will start with learning about
Line & Dot

Numbers: (1)

Color: Red

Shapes: Circle



Arabic

Letters (Horouf):

Alif (ا)

Numbers (Arkam):

Wahid (1)

Colors (Alwan):

Red (Ahmar)

Shape:

Dot (Noqtah), Line (Khat)

Nasheed:

Madrasati (My School)



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Nasheed: Bismillah

