

# Annoor Times

## Words of Wisdom

If you can't give money as charity, there are some other ways of giving charity:

1. Smiling at others is charity.
2. Removing something harmful from the road is charity.
3. Helping someone carry a heavy load is charity.
4. Saying a kind word is charity.
5. Sharing your lunch with someone who forgot his is charity.
6. Picking up litter is charity.

## Calendar

PTO appreciation lunch for teachers	Nov. 10
PTO meeting	Nov. 16
PTO-sponsored Movie night	Nov. 18
Early dismissal	Nov. 26 @ Noon
Fall break	Nov. 27-28
PTO meeting	Nov. 30
Next newsletter	Dec. 5

Most middle school students participate with the development of this newsletter under the guidance of Sr. Dana. Any questions, comments or suggestions can be directed to Sr. Dana at [dana.fechohilali@myannoor.com](mailto:dana.fechohilali@myannoor.com).

## Annoor students, teachers preparing for state assessment tests, IOWA tests from now

The teachers are preparing the students for the tests that will be taken in the spring. The school purchased the Assessment Conditioning Exercises series. This is a series of exercises which helps ensure that each student reviews the concepts they should already know. These concepts will be on the state assessment and IOWA tests in the spring.

Some teachers work on one exercise a day, while other teachers set aside one class period a week to work on these exercises. The teachers then teach the material from their curriculum the rest of the time. The teachers also have resources online to help prepare with these assessments.

The state assessments are broken down into categories and grades. Depending on the category, different grades will take only certain categories. The state assessment only tests grades three through eight. For reading and math assessments, all grades three through eight will participate. In the science

assessment, only grades four through seven will participate. For the writing assessment, only grades five and eight will participate.

The teachers will have an in-depth training about how else to help the students prepare for these tests at their inservice on Dec. 19.

The state assessment tests will be in late March and early April. The IOWA tests will be in May and will include all grades from kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup>.



The 4th grade finishes their spelling test. This grade has to take the science, math and reading state assessment tests.

## Time of year for viruses; stress good hygiene

This is the time of year in which many germs are making the rounds. The school requests parents and guardians to pay close attention to the students and not to send them to school if they are feeling ill or running a fever.

The school is emphasizing to the students to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer before and after lunch, upon entering the classroom, and after using the restroom. Hand sanitizer is in every classroom in the school for the students to use at any

time they wish. The number one way of preventing illnesses is good hygiene.

The school had two cases of hand, foot, and mouth disease so far this year. The CDC says that this disease usually affects children under 10 years old, but can affect anyone. The person coming down with it may feel not well for a day or so, which could include a fever, before breaking out with small spots in their mouth and on their hands and feet.

If your child(ren) come down with this, please

contact the office and keep your child(ren) at home. The disease is contagious until all sores from the mouth, hands and feet have disappeared.

The Wichita Clinics have reported recent cases of the flu, upper viral respiratory infections, and mono in the area.

Help encourage your child(ren) to practice good hygiene at home and that will translate to better hygiene elsewhere and a lesser chance of catching something.

## Many classes learning about American history, voting; reading biographies

### Pre-K3

Sr. Lutfiye's class is working on how to paste and use scissors correctly. They are also learning how to share with others and how to color pictures without coloring out of the line.

They are trying to recognize letters from numbers. They are also working on fall activities for the rest of this month. Sr. Lutfiye sings the kids a song so they can learn how to share and be friendly to each other.

They were playing *I Spy* to recognize things from other items. ~by Rama

### Pre-K4—AM

Lately, the preschoolers have been working on the letter q. Because they are taking the letter q, they made paper quilts.

Last week, they took the letter o and made octopuses. They are working on their behavior. ~by Iman

### Pre-K4—PM

Sr. Nikki's class loves to learn and they learn quickly. They learned the letter O. They are going to learn about the seasons and days of the week. They mostly color and do arts and crafts. They like snack time and when they play outside. Their favorite snacks are goldfish, cheese Ritz and cheese sticks. Reminder, NO PEANUTS OR NUTS OF ANY KIND! ~by Marwa

### Kindergarten

In Sr. Laura's class, they are learning new things. In math, they are learning the numbers 5-10 and tallies. They are also learning ordinal placement. In social studies, they are working on maps and identifying the borders of Mexico and Canada.

In language arts, they are learning double consonants. They are also on their third



These are some of the books the kindergarten class earned when parents ordered books from Scholastic.

book called *Stands Pigs*. They also have a new letter which is the letter R. ~by Juju

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

They are finishing qualities of good citizens and learned about the voting process and government leaders in history. In science, they will be studying animals; they are working on good character qualities like responsibility. A special thank you to Sarwa and Shaw's parents Roseena and Zubair Shaw for the 50 states carpet.

Reminder for the parents: It is important to read every night at least 20 minutes and fill out the reading log. They found a caterpillar; it may be a butterfly or a moth and now it's a cocoon. It probably won't hatch until summer. They are also learning where chocolate comes from. ~by Tasneem

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Sr. Connie's class is playing reading games. In social studies, they are learning what one goes through in order to vote and all of the regulations of voting. Sr. Connie has lots of fun activities for her class. She made a reading group for her class where they learn the basic rules of reading. She is also playing games in the class which is making class and studying more fun for her class. ~by Malasia

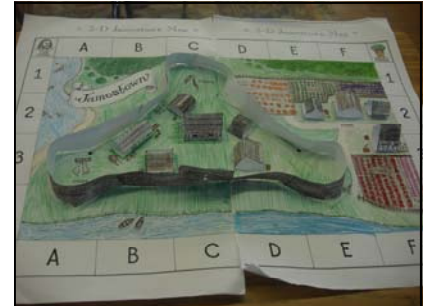
### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Sr. Michelle's class is starting United State's history. They are learning about Indians and pilgrims. They are also reading biographies and making timelines. They are also working on making character webs about selected biographies. In science, they are learning how to use a microscope. ~by Syed

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

In Sr. Margo's science class, they are studying chapter two plants. They will learn the different parts of plants' growth. In hand writing, they are learning more cursive—letters m and n—and review the letters they took so far.

In reading, they did book reports for the month of October. They will be reading biographies in November. They will have a book report due for the month of December as well. ~by Anisa



This is the 5th grade's rendition of the city of Jamestown.

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

The 5<sup>th</sup> graders started learning about colonies in history. They even built a model of Jamestown. They are going to keep adding pieces to their masterpiece.

In science, they are studying about weather. A channel 12 meteorologist is coming to talk to them about the different types of weather.

Narrative papers and stories are being written by the 5<sup>th</sup> graders. In the month of November, they are working on reading biographies. On the 25<sup>th</sup> of November, Sr. Ruth's class is joining the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grades for Thanksgiving Day. Some of the kids are going to dress as pilgrims and others are going to dress as Indians.

Sr. Ruth is making a teaching book about character education. It will be used by all teachers. ~by Heba

### 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades Math

This November, Sr. Suad has a busy month ahead of her. The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are learning to tell time and elapsed time, calendars, time lines, and problem solving.

The 4<sup>th</sup> graders are multiply numbers 1-10, problem solving, working on square numbers, and multiplication table patterning.

The 5<sup>th</sup> graders are focusing on mean, mode, median, and range. They are also learning pictographs bar graphs and line graphs.

The kids are wondering really hard this quarter and, Insha Allah, will keep on trying. ~by Mehma

## Behavior reward implemented in Sr. Lana's class; hajj carnival coming up

### Sr. Lana

The 6<sup>th</sup> graders are learning about Allah's fascinating creatures like the dinosaurs. They are also learning about the shayton. They watched a movie about the moon and the dinosaurs.

The 7<sup>th</sup> graders are learning about how the Quran was collected all together in the time of Rasullulah.

The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are learning about the Athan or the calling for salah, and how salah can organize our life. This week, middle schoolers will be having a unit test.

In Arabic level 2, they are finishing lesson 2. They are learning about happiness. Also the root word of grammar and building good sentences to make good paragraphs. By the middle of this month, they will have a unit test.

They are having a new program for behavior. If they are good in their behavior, they will get a no uniform coupon which they could use anytime. If the whole class has good behavior, they will get a party.

She would like to announce the student who are doing good in their grades in Islamic Studies:

- 6<sup>th</sup>: Marwa
- 7<sup>th</sup>: Heba
- 8<sup>th</sup>: Tasneem

In Arabic level 2, the students who are making good grades include Amena, Marwa, and Abdul Wahhab Jesri who are 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

Reminder of the coat drive: she hopes that everyone can at least donate one thing for the coat drive and that the middle schoolers are helping in that. *All coats, hats and other garments must be clean and at least in good condition.* ~by Amena

### Sr. Maha

They enjoy Arabic tutoring on Thursdays. Two students did so well that they graduated to the advanced class: Howra and Ali.

The 1<sup>st</sup> grade is starting to read in November. They have a big test. Every two weeks, they start a new lesson. ~by Quthar

### Br. Mohamed

Lately, some students have made strides to be better at reading Quran. Those students include Abdul Wahhab, Marwa, Mahmood, Madinah, Tasneem, Zainib, and Amir. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade started Surat Hujarat, 7<sup>th</sup> started Surat Al Malak, and 6<sup>th</sup> started Surat Al Jinn. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade started Abassa. Each grade has a test every Friday. ~by Quthar

### Sr. Rabeah

In kindergarten, they finished the Arabic numbers from 1-10. And they also finished the letter ra. They are beginning on the letter zain. In preschool 4, they finished Al-Fatiha, Al-Nas, and Al-Iklas. They are learning the dua for eating. They are recently finishing Al-Falq (ayah 2). In pre-k3, they are taking the Arabic letter dal. In Quran, they are two ayahs away from finishing Al-Fatiha. ~by Heba

### Br. Sami

He is waiting for the masjid administration to give him permission for the basement for movie night and a fixed date. The school is having a hajj carnival soon, Insha Allah. They have collected many materials to build a new Ka'ba for the Hajj carnival. They have made a binder that has all the information for the steps of hajj and extra information. Br. Sami has printed off the steps of hajj and is going to hang it in the gym on a poster. They will also have a movie on hajj.

On November 4, the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders had a quiz night. The students competed against their parents.

Masha Allah, the 1<sup>st</sup> graders are

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## Book reports turn students into characters at end of month; students taking tests

### Br. McGuire

This week, middle school turned in their cereal boxes they made for book reports in English. This month, the book report will be on biographies. It will be due on Nov. 30. The students will have to dress the part of their choice. Those pictures will be in the next issue...stay tuned.

In 7<sup>th</sup> grade history, they are discussing the Constitution. 6<sup>th</sup> grade is doing Western Civilizations in Greece. 8<sup>th</sup> grade is working on the Spanish Americans. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade will have a reading test.

There is a new policy in Br. McGuire's class. If students are late to class, their participation points will be cut. A reminder: current events are due every Tuesday and Thursday. ~ by Suhaib

### Sr. Gulnar

Sr. Gulnar has successfully given the Chapter 3 test to the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Sr. Gulnar is happy about the grades the middle schoolers scored on their tests and says Masha Allah.

Everyone is starting chapter 4. Here are some plans of what will be covered for the month:

- 6<sup>th</sup>: multiplying and dividing decimals by decimals
- 7<sup>th</sup>: linear equations and functions
- 8<sup>th</sup>: starting chapter 4 along with ratios.

Here are the A students:

- 6<sup>th</sup>: Suhaib, Amena, Marwa, and Iman
- 7<sup>th</sup>: Mehma, JuJu and Heba
- 8<sup>th</sup>: Tasneem ~by Abdul Wahhab

### Sr. Dana

The middle school students have all taken chapter 3 tests. The eighth grade student who earned an A is Anisa, while the 7<sup>th</sup> grade A earners include Mehma, JuJu and Syed. The sixth grade just took their exam, so scores are not yet available.

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades are in their last chapter for this book and will be moving to the next book in the series before the

month is gone. They will have two tests before moving on the next book: chapter 4 and a book test. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders are learning about fossils in this final chapter and the 8<sup>th</sup> graders are learning about the element carbon and its importance in the life cycle.

The sixth grade is learning about the waste people throw away and its impact on the environment. They are also learning about land and soil resources. The last two chapters in this book are about pollution and energy use. This book should be wrapped up in early December.

In communication, the middle schools students are responsible for providing the content for the newsletter. They interview the teachers and staff, type their story, and take pictures. The students are excited that the development of the yearbook is underway and their role in the production of it. If any parent or student has pictures they would like to submit for possible inclusion in the yearbook, you can attach them via email to [dana.fecho-hilali@myannoor.com](mailto:dana.fecho-hilali@myannoor.com).

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## PTO hosts BINGO, Islamic quiz

This month the PTO is starting a new event. Starting next Monday, the organization is going to provide pizza for purchase for the students. Each slice is \$1. On Nov. 4, the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades had an Islamic quiz against their parents. The students won against their parents. Nov. 10, there is going to be an appreciation lunch for teachers at 11 a.m.

There will be PTO meetings on Nov. 16 and 30 at 2 p.m. There will be a movie night from 6 to 8 p.m. on Nov. 18.



Above:  
BINGO  
night

Right:  
Islamic  
quiz



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## AIQ

learning their salah and tashahood in salah. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders are enjoying learning about the Prophet Hud. The 4<sup>th</sup> graders are learning on the migration of the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) from Makkah to Madinah and will watch a movie. ~by Amena

### Sr. Wafa

Pre-k is learning Surat Al Falaq.

Kindergarten is learning Surat Al Kafiroon. The 1<sup>st</sup> grade is learning Surat Al Bayanah.

In Islamic studies, they are learning how to say *salallah alayhi wa salam* after saying Prophet Muhammad. They also are learning how to say *subhanhu wa tala* after saying Allah. They are also learning the shahadah.

# Islamic Quiz

1. Mention the names of the Prophet's children?

2. Where was Prophet Ibraheem buried?

3. How many wives did Prophet Ya'qoob have?

4. What are jinn made of?

5. What does "rajeem" mean?

6. What dua' do we say when we come out of the restroom?

7. What was the first crime on earth?

8. Who is the first Prophet?

9. Which mountain did the ark of Prophet Nuh land on?

10. What is Naynawa?

Please submit your answers to Br. Sami. The first three students with the correct answers will receive a prize.

## Reminders

- All children pray Zuhr prayer. For the younger girls, they need a hijab with their name marked on it.
- Don't want your elementary child(ren) to lose his/her belongings? Make sure each item—backpack, lunch box, jacket, hijab, etc.—is marked clearly with their name.
- Please feed your child(ren) a healthy and fulfilling breakfast before bringing them to school.
- Ask your child(ren) about their homework on a daily basis to ensure they are keeping up with their peers at school.
- Teachers use TeacherEase to update students' grades. Make sure your email information is current, so you can find your student's progress.
- Boys need to wear belts as part of the uniform.