

The Islamic Center of Pittsburgh Summer Program 2009

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Summer Program Newsletter

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WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

AsSalam Alaikum,

Welcome to the newsletter of the Summer Program 2009 of the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh. This issue will cover all the activities were done in the program in the period of July 6-August 6, 09. Our program was based at the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh and we had 115 students representing different ethnicities. By the grace of Allah, the help of the staff, parents, ICP administration, and community members, the program was great experience for everybody.



Nahed Abdelgawad
Program Director



CLASS INNOCENCE 7-8 YEARS OLD TEACHER MANAL

Assalam Alaykim, My name is sister Manal Sourkatti. I was the teacher for class Innocence 7-8 years old. Our class studied Quran and reviewed Al-Fateha, An-Nass, Al-Falaq, Al-Ikhlis, AL-Kaferoon, Al-Masad, An-Nasr, and Surat Alala.

In Arabic Studies we did fatha, Kasra, damma, skoon and shada. We even studies some vocabulary, and did some alphabet projects.

In Islamic Studies we learned proper Wudu, and salah. We also learned Attaheyato llelah. The story of prophet Mohammed (PBUH). We also studied our manners. In activity time we made packages and much, much more.

We are so happy that the children leaned and had fun at the same time. The children were so eager to be the best Muslim they could be. May Allah help us all to be the best and to always keep trying. Thanks for our youth Teffany Velazques and Sr. Ouahiba for helping me in the class.



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CLASS ANGELS *3-4 YEARS OLD* *TEACHER FADIA*

Alssalamu Alaikum!

This is Fadia, the Angels teacher, ages 3-4 years old. They are a very active children and very good students.

This year we learned surat Al-khlas, Al-Fatiha, An-Naas and An-Nasr.

The children studied Arabic for

beginners. Al-fbaei, Al-molawana and some Arabic words. In the Islamic studies they learned some basic terms such as "Islamic Greetings".

I am so grateful to have been their teacher. Thank You. Thanks for Sr. Khadija, and Rasha for helping me in the class and during the field trips.



CLASS FAITH *9-10 YEARS OLD* *TEACHER ASMA*

Hi my name is Asma Houbaichi I am Class faith' s teacher. I have 23 students ages 9 and 10.

The class this year was able to memorize several different surahs. The surahs they learned were determined based on how much Quran they already knew, and ranged from small surahs like al-fatiha and some of the ones at the end of juz' amma to some longer surahs such as al naba' and nuh. The students also

learned new Ahadeeth, such as the one used after making wudu.

We also had a lot of fun, learning to cook things like pizza, cake, and croissants. The children really enjoyed a reject in art class were they had the opportunity to make a quilt. Thanks for Sr. Gheed for helping me in the class and during field trips.



CLASS WORSHIP *5-6 YEARS OLD* *TEACHER BAN*

Alssalamu Alaikum!

This is Ban the teacher of class Worship, ages 5-6 years old. They are a very energetic group, and very good students. This summer they learned surat Al-Kauther, Al-Asr, Al-Nasr and Al-Masad.

The children in my class were learning their Arabic letters

and even some words.

In Islamic Studies Class they learned some basics such as Wudu, and how to greet each other.

I would like to thank you for giving me the chance to teach your children. Alhumdallah! Thanks for our volunteer, Sr. Chaista and our youth Noora for helping me in the class and field trips.



CLASS PATIENCE

BOYS 11-AND UP

TEACHER IMAM ATEF



Salam Alaykim,

During this year's summer program, I taught Class Patience, a group of twelve boys ranging from age 11 years & up. As a class, we focused on the study of Qur'an, tajweed, the proper manners of a Muslim, and bits and pieces of the life of Rasulullah (salallahu 'alaihi wa salam).

Initially, we were supposed to have three units: Qur'an, Islamic Studies, and Arabic, but in such a short time, it was difficult to teach the Arabic language in all of its depths. I also felt a need on the part of the kids to learn Islamic studies and Islamic behaviors, so I decided early on to put more stress on these kinds of topics.

CLASS WISDOM

GIRLS 11-AND UP

TEACHER ASMA

Salam Alaykim, my name is teacher Asmaa Mohamed. I taught class wisdom. I had 16 girls, 11 yrs and up. The students were divided into two levels, beginner and advanced level. Each of these levels has their own Arabic and Quran curriculum, but Islamic studies curriculum was the same for all the class.

Advanced level studied the book "Iqra' Arabic Reader 3": The conjugation of the verb to indicate future tense. How to identify each noun, verb or article. We also studied how to change some structures from masculine to feminine.

We learned how to respond to some greetings orally and written, and studied some terms and adverbial structures to express time, and some new vocabulary

For our Qur'an unit, we memorized all of Surah al-Waqia' and studied its meaning. I chose this surah because of what the Prophet Muhammad SAWS said about it. In one hadith, Ibn Asakir narrated that the Prophet Muhammad SAWS said, "Surah al-Waqiah is the surah of wealth, so recite it and teach it to your children." Abdullah ibn Mas'ud also reported that the Prophet Muhammad SAWS said, "Whoever recites Surah al-Waqiah at night will never encounter poverty."

We also studied tajweed and focused on how to recite Qur'an correctly. But I think that the most important unit we covered was our unit on the manners of the Muslims. It is important for children to learn and develop these manners at an early age and to know that the prophet Muhammad determined his missions when he said "I was sent to perfect proper manners." My group responded well to the lessons and the stories we told.

We did some fun activities as well. We played soccer and took several field trips, including an outing to the Carnegie Science Center and a trip to the Idlewild amusement park.

and structures. Arabic Beginner level studied the alphabet.

Quran level 1 memorized surat An-Nazeat. Quran level 2 memorized surah; Al fateha, An-Naas, Al-Ikhlash, Al-Falak, Al-Lahab, and An-Nasr.

In Islamic Studies we learned the stories of prophet Musa, prophet Isa, prophet, prophet Idris, prophet Saleh, and Al Isra and Almiraj {the miraculous night journey.

With the help of teacher Asia (JAK) we had some lectures' about Tawhid and the hereafter. Our project was a speech about one of the sahabiyaat and was presented in the graduation Day. Thanks for our youth Marwa Kandil for helping me in the class.

We also had library's fun activities. Some children and they know who they are I would like to thank for their outstanding behavior during ours classes.

After all I hope that the kids learned something from the summer program that would help them in their life, and it was a pleasure to work with them and I hope that it was beneficial for everybody. I want to thank Imam Abudsamih for helping us during the summer program.

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ICP Imam



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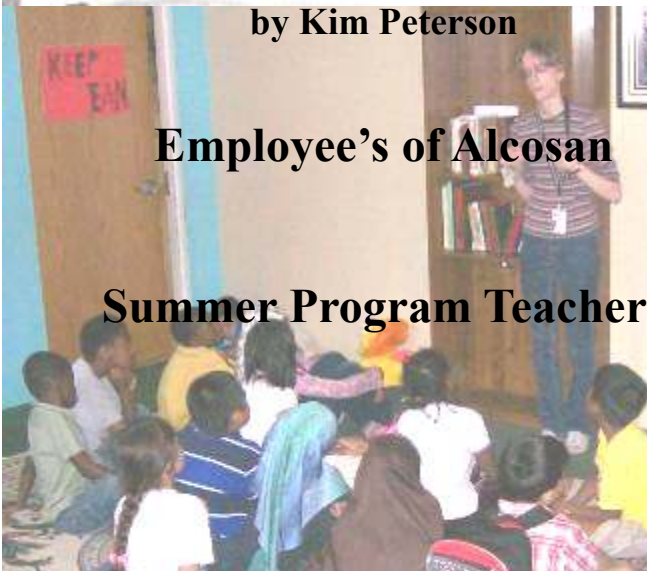
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