



## Welcome to Kindergarten

Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatu,

My name is Sr Eman Ali and I would like to welcome both you and your child into my class this upcoming year. It is both a great honor and privilege for me to be a part of your child's early childhood school years.

Kindergarten is a very important year! Children are developmentally ready to achieve more academically and take on much more responsibility. My goal this year is to provide your child with a fun and enjoyable learning experience. This year we will be learning through play activities and focusing on strengthening your child's academic skills.

Inshallah, this year will be a very busy year! We will be doing phonemic awareness activities and building on literacy skills, play math games, and science exploration. Inshallah, by the end of the school year your child will be an emergent reader and writer. Additionally, your child will be acquiring strong math skills like; counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's and performing basic addition and subtraction, as well as strengthening his/her fine motor and social/communication skills. My goal is to create a lifelong love of learning for your children and by working together we can achieve these goals and much more InshAllah.

Thank you for sharing your child with me. I look forward to getting to know and working with you and your child. Inshallah this will be their best year!

Salam,

Sister Eman Ali

## Kindergarten School Supply List 2019-2020

Here is a list of the school supplies that your child is required to bring to school and will use in all of his/her classes. **All** supplies must be labeled with your child's name. These supplies are for school use and will stay in school. Please have an extra set of supplies for homework. The list is as follows:

*(PLEASE PURCHASE THE BRANDS THAT I HAVE LISTED)*

*Crayola washable markers (10 piece markers)*  
*1 big pack Expo dry erase markers*  
*2 packs of #2 **Dixon** pencils (sharpened)*  
*1 **packs** of pink erasers*  
*1 pack of play-doh*  
*2 marble wide ruled notebooks*  
*3 small glue sticks*  
*1 Primary manuscript lined writing notebook (primary journal)*  
*2 Five Star **plastic** folders with pockets*  
*2 packs baby wipes*  
*2 tissue boxes*  
*1(Purell or Germ-X) Large Hand Sanitizer*  
*Clorox wipes*  
*1 Lysol all-purpose cleaner*  
*1 pack of small Ziploc bag*  
*1 pack of big Ziploc bag*  
*Extra set of clothes (labeled in a Ziploc bag) (in case of accident or spills)*  
*Water bottle (carried to and from school daily) (labeled)*  
*Art and craft supplies for art*

*The following art supplies can be found in Dollar Tree or any dollar stores:*

- *Colorful craft sticks*
- *Big googly eyes*
- *1 pack of construction paper*
- *1 pack of colorful index cards*
- *Post-it notes*
- ***Daily** healthy snack in lunch box*

The following list is examples of acceptable healthy snacks:

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| • Pretzels            | • Wheat thins               | • Dry fruit  |
| • Animal crackers     | • Cheese it                 | • Applesauce |
| • Gogurt/yogurt       | • Fruit cups / sliced fruit | • Vegetables |
| • Goldfish            | • String cheese             |              |
| • Cheese and crackers | • Granola bars              |              |



## Recommended Summer Reading

In this day and age of hectic lives and busy schedules, reading together is a simple and enjoyable way for parents to take time out and focus on the family. Young children need lots of special, dedicated time with their loved ones. The importance of reading to/with children cannot be stressed enough. Reading aloud to children helps develop them in many aspects including academically and socially. Below is a summary of the *significant* ways in which reading stories aloud to kids for 20 minutes a day will change their lives and yours.

- Reading children's stories is a wonderful bonding experience that fosters meaningful one-on-one communication with our kids.
- It shows our children in no uncertain terms that they are important to us.
- It molds our kids into becoming readers, and raising a reader significantly increases our child's potential for academic success as well as lifelong success in general.
- It is a vital and integral part of teaching our kids how to read as children learn how to read by being read to.
- It helps our children master language development.
- It builds listening skills, increases a child's attention span, and develops the ability to concentrate at length of which all are learned skills.
- It develops children's ability to express themselves more confidently, easily, and clearly in spoken AND written terms.
- It develops and fosters a child's natural curiosity.
- It develops creativity and a child's ability to use their own imagination!
- It expands our children's horizons, quells fears, exposes them to new situations, and teaches them appropriate behavior.
- Reading children's stories to our children provides the best opportunities for true "teaching moments."
- Reading picture books develops a young child's appreciation for the arts through exposure to many different styles of art and illustrations.
- Reading children's stories aloud to our kids is just plain FUN!!

Attached is a list of some suggested books to read to your child throughout the summer. Choose your favorite books from the library or book store and read them to your child. These books will help strengthen their reading and math skills as well as build or strengthen the bond between you and your child. Remember all you need to do is to read together 20 minutes a day and your child will become a reader for life!

Thank you for all your cooperation.

Sister Eman

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1. *All Kinds of Families* – Mary Ann Hoberman
  2. *Baby Bear Sees Blue* – Ashley Wolff
  3. *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* – Bill Martin and Eric Carle
  4. *The Can You See What I See? Books* – Walter Wick
  5. *Corduroy* – Don Freeman
  6. *A Den is a Bed for a Bear* – Becky Baines
  7. *Five Little Monkeys Reading in a Bed* – Eileen Christelow
  8. *The Frog and Toad Are Friends* – Arnold Lobel
  9. *Gilbert Goldfish Wants a Pet* – Kelly DiPucchio and Bob Shea
  10. *The Giving Tree* – Shel Silverstein
  11. *Gone with the Wand* – Margie Palatini
  12. *Goodnight, Goodnight Construction Site* – Sherri Duskey Rinker and Tom Lichtenheld
  13. *Goodnight Moon* – Margaret Wise Brown
  14. *How Do Dinosaurs Say Happy Birthday?* – Jane Yolen and Mark Teague
  15. *If You Take a Mouse to School* – Laura Numeroff and Felicia Bond
  16. *I'm Your Bus* – Marilyn Singers
  17. *Interrupting Chicken* – David Ezra Stein
  18. *LMNO Peas* – Keith Baker
  19. *Memoirs of a Goldfish* – Devin Scillian and Tim Bowers
  20. *Meow Said the Cow* – Emma Dodd
  21. *Miss Fox's Class Shapes Up* – Eileen Spinelli and Anne Kennedy
  22. *The Night Before Kindergarten* - Natasha Wing and Julie Durrell
  23. *No, David!* - David Shannon
  24. *Pinkalicious books* – Elizabeth and Victoria Kaan
  25. *Splat the Cat Books* – Rob Scotton
  26. *Strega Nona* – Tomie de Paola
  27. *The There Was an Old Lady Books* - Lucille Colandro and Jared D. Lee
  28. *Three Little Fish and the Big Bad Shark* – Ken Geist
  29. *The ABC's of Thanks and Please* – Diane C. Ohanesian
  30. *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* – Judith Viorst and Ray Cruz
  31. *Curious George* by H. A. Rey
  32. *Each Peach Pear Plum* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg
  33. *The Gingerbread Boy* by Paul Galdone •
  34. *Gregory the Terrible Eater* by Mitchell Sharmat
  35. *Millions of Cats* by Wanda Gág
  36. *What's in Fox's Sack?* by Paul Galdone Beginning, Middle, and End Concept