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السلام عليكم

With the summer break fast approaching; we would like to congratulate all the students and staff on their hard work and dedication. Alhamdulillah, this year has been a productive and successful year, and we could not have done it without all the help and cooperation from our valued parents, students, and teachers.

Quote of the month:

*“Success is simple.
Do what's right, the
right way, at the
right time.”*

-Arnold H. Glasow

We would like to remind parents to continue working with their children over the break. Teachers will gladly provide details on what to concentrate on during the summer. After all, practice makes perfect!

We wish everyone a safe, healthy, and fun summer, insha'Allah. May the blessed month of Ramadan fill your homes with barakah, and we look forward to seeing everyone back, refreshed and in good health at the end of August, insha'Allah.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Abu Hurairah, may Allah be pleased with him, reported:

“I heard Allah’s Messenger (may peace be upon him) as saying: All the people of my Ummah would get pardon for their sins except those who publicize them. And (it means) that a slave may do a deed during the night and tell the people in the morning that he has done so and so, whereas Allah has concealed it. And he does a deed during the day and when it is night he tells the people, whereas Allah has concealed it.”

Anas bin Malik, may Allah be pleased with him, reported:

“Two men sneezed in the presence of Allah’s Messenger (may peace be upon him). He (the Messenger of Allah) invoked mercy for one, and did not invoke for the other. The one for whom he had not invoked for mercy for him said: So and so sneezed and you said: May Allah have mercy upon you. I also sneezed but you did not utter these words for me. Thereupon he (the Holy Prophet) said: That man praised Allah, and you did not praise Allah.” SubhanAllah, what a great reminder for us to say ‘Alhamdulillah’ when we sneeze, and not deprive ourselves from the dua the listener can make, which is ‘Yar hamuk Allah’.

Abu Hurairah, may Allah be pleased with him, reported:

“Allah’s Messenger (may peace be upon him) said: yawning is from the devil. So when one of you yawns he should try to restrain it as far as it lies in his power.”

In honor of the Blessed month of Ramadan, insha'Allah:

Abu Hurairah, may Allah be pleased with him, reported:

“Allah’s Messenger (may peace be upon him) said: Observe Fast on sighting the new moon and break it on sighting it. But if (due to cloud) the actual position of the month is concealed from you, you should then count thirty days.”

Important Dates

- ◆ Last Day of School June 25
- ◆ Night of Achievement June 26
- ◆ Summer Break June 28-August 29
- ◆ School Begins August 30
- ◆ Ramadan Begins August 11 (subject to moon sighting)
- ◆ Eid Holiday Sept. 6-12

As parents and teachers, it is crucial to understand our students and children. We strive on a daily basis to enlighten them and help guide them towards the best path we know (Allah knows best). We try to keep them in a safe and healthy environment; with the same token, a fun environment so that they may enjoy their learning experience. We hope and ask Allah that Me'raj Academy is the place for this learning experience. However, we decided that the only way to find out is to ask the children and staff, in their own words, to describe what Me'raj Academy means to them.

Sanaa 03/24/10

What does Meraj Academy mean to me?

Meraj Academy means to me be muslims. Meraj Academy means to be good friends and not fight. Meraj Academy means to not be mean. Meraj Academy means to listen. Meraj Academy is the best school in the world!!!!

By Sanaa Mehdi Grade 1

03-24-10 Nabihah
What does Meraj Academy mean to me?

I have so much fun in Meraj Academy. Meraj Academy is so much work but it's still fun. Meraj is the perfect school. Meraj always has a party. It's really fun. I love Meraj Academy so very much.

By Nabihah Khan Grade 1



"Me'raj Academy means a lot to me, not only because I've learned a lot of new things that have improved my knowledge, but also because of the many great friends I've made in the past two years. There have been some rough times I'm sure some of us have had to go through, but I would say that there are plenty more enjoyable times to remember.

If you think about it, there is a little more to school than just studying and doing homework. There are times to have fun, and I have experienced those times; sometimes on field trips, sometimes with friends, and even sometimes in class with other students and teachers.

I know that when I leave this school, I'll be glad to say that I'm not going to be alone. My memories of the past enjoyable years will stay with me, hopefully for a very long time."

By Yasmeen Alkishawi Grade 7



"Me'raj Academy is half my life. I've been to this beautiful school for so long. I came in kindergarten when Mrs. Ayesha and Mrs. Mohammed taught the class. At that time, I was pretty advanced for my age. Instead of napping, I used to do work.

The next year, I was put into first grade, while some of my friends went to KG2. I remember all the kids and teachers who left. Mostly, I thank and remember my cousins, who first introduced me to this school.

I remember how everything looked before we had the game room and before there were steps on the hill. I also remember the tiny seesaws in the preschool play area. I am very disheartened to say that I have only one more year at Me'raj. I have heard some of my friends who left before me say happily that they are finally going to be able to go to another school. For me, I don't see anything wrong here. I have amazing friends, brilliant teachers, and an awesome principal.

Me'raj Academy is half of my childhood. No matter how old I get, I'll always love and never forget Me'raj Academy, the school that raised me to become a better Muslim."

By Shamima Ahmed Grade 7

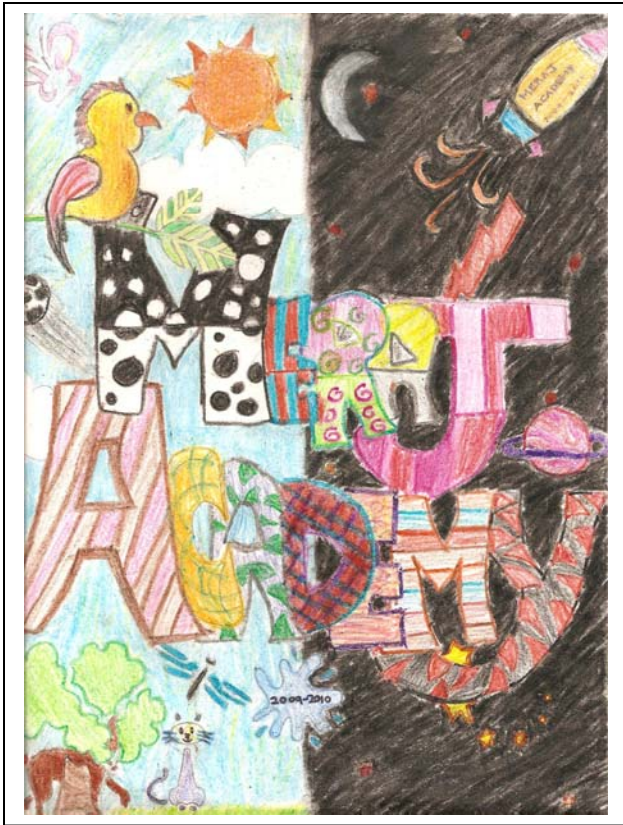
It was a Sunday afternoon in August that I sat in the seventh grade classroom to meet Mr. Mamdouh for the first time. I was filled with so much hope and excitement to be a part of something new. In the same token, I felt a bit apprehensive because I was not a Muslim teaching in a Muslim school. I feared I would not be well accepted by the school family. However, that feeling of apprehension quickly faded away as I got to meet the staff. Everyone was very warm, welcoming, and ready to lend a hand. I quickly realized that we were all from different backgrounds sharing a single commonality, the love of teaching.

I strongly believe everything happens for a reason. I was brought to this school to grow as a person and as an educator. This school year has been a journey of growing and learning. As I taught the children the curriculum, they taught me about their culture. As I guided them to build good character, they taught me about their faith. I have been very blessed to be surrounded by such wonderful and respectful children and supportive parents.

This year was filled with cherished memories and new friends. I end my first year at Meraj Academy with great expectations and hope for what the next year holds.

By Ms. Tannie
First Grade Teacher

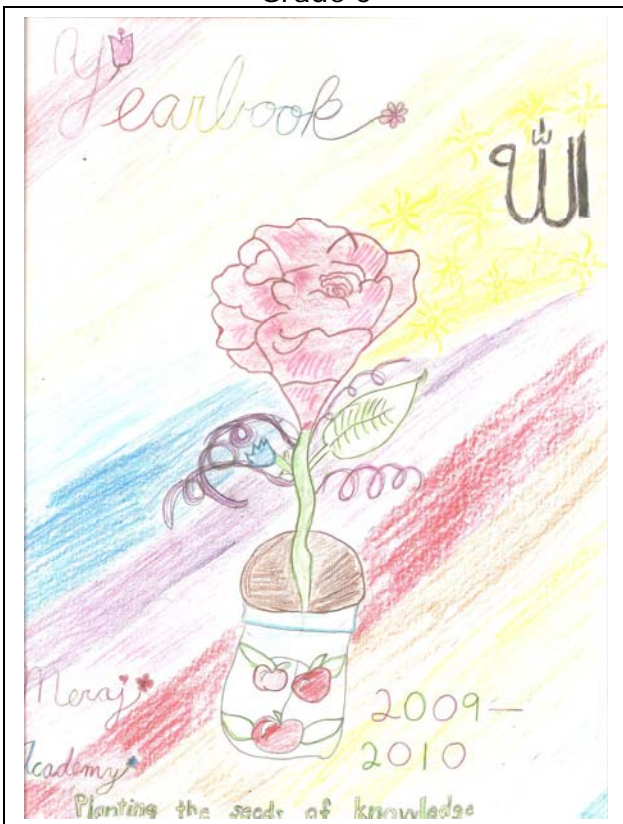
1st Place
Sabreen Mehdi Grade 7



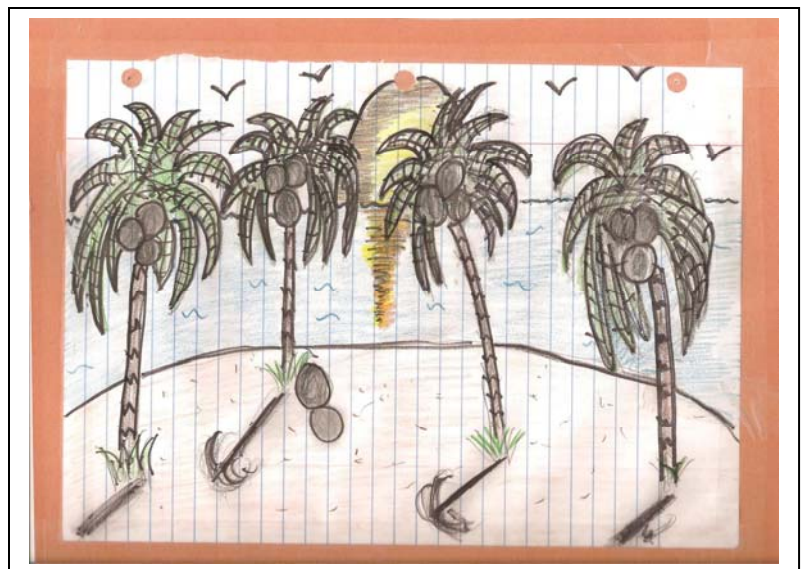
2nd Place
Shamima Ahmed Grade 7



3rd Place
Arwa Khan, Habeba Kamil, Merzia Subhan
Grade 5



4th Place
Mohsin Khan Grade 5



"My most memorable day this year was when I made triangles and pyramids with Mr. Kam. It was my first time making it and it was fun."

-Farhad Ahmadyar Gr. 6

"My most memorable moment this year was when a Kindergartener came into our class to be Ms. Huda's helper. He kept pointing at people and shaking his head if we sat wrong, talked, or looked at him. It was really fun and weird at the same time."

-Adam Leone Gr. 5

"Being with my friends, laughing about jokes, talking and sharing experiences makes everyday memorable for me."

-Sabreen Mehdi Gr. 7

"Our most memorable moment this year was when we went to the Descanso Gardens."

-Yasmeen Alkishawi Gr. 7
and Hafeeza Sheikh Gr. 6

"I'll always remember when I wrote the best paragraph about what Me'raj Academy means to me, and got to read it on-stage for the fundraiser."

-Shamima Ahmed Gr. 7

"My favorite moment was the Olympics. It is something you don't see in many schools, and was fun, challenging and creative. The Olympics are just a tiny part of why Me'raj is such a great school."

-Aya Elalami Gr. 6

"My most memorable day this year was the day of our basketball game. Even though we were losing, we still had the perseverance to keep going and not give up. I had a lot of fun, and hope others did too."

-Yousuf Jalala Gr. 7

"My most memorable moment was when I jumped from the stairs and my knee hit the rail. I did a whole front flip and couldn't move it for a week."

-Nazir Khouja Gr. 7

"This year, my best memory is of the Descanso Gardens. It was like an adventure when we went hiking. It was like sight-seeing when we saw the beautiful flowers with our groups. I have lots of memories of fifth grade, but this one is my favorite."

-Arwa Khan Gr. 5

"My favorite moment was when I won a race against two seventh graders. I thought I would lose since I am so much shorter than they are, but instead I won! That was the best moment in fifth grade."

-Habeba Kamil Gr. 5

"My most memorable moment of the year was when I won two free movie tickets in Ms. Dina's class. Ms. Dina put us into pairs and we had to do a lot of word scramblers. The group who won would get a prize. I was paired with Farhad. Both of us were good at word scramblers. After three days of intense work, we eventually won first place. After a few days, Ms. Dina got us two movie tickets. I can't wait to use mine!"

-Abdullah Elalami Gr. 6

"The most memorable moment this year was when Ms. Souzan dressed up for Mismatch Day. Another memorable moment was when Ms. Shandiz and Ms. Mariam dressed up as twins for Twin Day."

-Ameera Mulla Gr. 2

"The most memorable moment this year was Spirit Week. Ms. Souzan was really mismatched. It was really exciting!"

-Malica Mohsenzadeh Gr. 2

"One thing I remember most this year was when we putty. It was fun to make."

-Umaima Arif Gr. 2

"The most memorable moment this year was when we rubbed balloons on our hair. It is called static electricity."

-Lana Ismail Gr. 2



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