



# Islamic School of Irving

*Today's Learners Tomorrow's Leaders*



## Welcome to 1st Grade B



# FLAMINGOS

## 2021-2022 School Year

### ISI VISION

To be the Islamic school of choice in North Texas weaving academic excellence with highest morals and ethics.

### ISI MISSION

To provide our children an environment which will enable them to achieve their highest potential, founded on Islamic morals, scholastic excellence, and good citizenship.

**Assalamolaikum Dear Students and Families,**

**My Name is Sarah Khatri and I'm excited about the opportunity to get to know you, and I'm looking forward to a joyful and productive school year.**

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Thanks to Allah (swt) for giving me the opportunity to serve in Islamic School.

Assalamo Alaikum WR WB.

Respected Parents,

Welcome!! Summer has flown by and once again we gather for another year of learning. You will find this letter to be helpful Insh'Allah.

I want to assure you that I am here ultimately for your child through this transition back to school and in shaa Allah we will learn together and the children will have fun! In shaa Allah!

My name is Sarah Khatri and I will be your child's homeroom teacher this year for first grade 1B, Insh'Allah. This will be my 12th year to be part of the ISI team. A little about myself. I have a Bachelor's Degree, from Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas. I am currently certified EC-6 in the state of Texas. I have also worked in many child care facilities, and given loving care to children of all ages. Children are our future, and they mean the world to me, therefore, I want the absolute best for all children Insh'Allah. I am trained in CPR, First Aid, Classroom Management and various other Professional Developments related to the fields. I am very excited to start the new academic year and feel blessed that I have the honor and privilege to be a part of your children's lives. I pray to Allah (swt) to give guidance to teach your little ones as they make their journey through 1st grade!

My Ultimate goal is to help develop academics and while doing so to continue becoming committed balanced Muslim, a knowledgeable scholar, a contributing citizen, and a community builder and give them a quality care and training in all aspects of life, Insh'Allah.

Parents' involvement is the key to success in children's education.

Please stay in touch throughout the whole academic year because together, teacher and parents can make a difference, Insh'Allah.

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year at any time please feel free to contact me to set up a appointment or e-mail me at [sarah.khatri@islamicschoolofirving.org](mailto:sarah.khatri@islamicschoolofirving.org).

**Jazakallahu Khairan,  
Sr. Sarah Khatri**

## **Curriculum areas we will focus on this year include: 1st Grade Curriculum**

**The key elements for the year are as follows:**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND READING:**



In 1st grade students will build on the literacy skills acquired in Kindergarten. Students will continue to learn phonics and decoding skills using the curriculum “Texas Wonders” an English Language Reading program. Teachers will guide 1st graders in developmental spelling practices. Reading comprehension strategies will be used to help students identify words in texts, and to support students in making connections and visualizing. Additionally, students will learn about fiction and nonfiction texts, points of view, and comparing and contrasting characters. Writing, paired with the 6 Traits of Writing program will focus on beginning sentences, conventions, parts of speech and grammar to strengthen student beginning writing skills.

**MATHEMATICS:**



In 1st grade, students will spend their 2nd year using the “Everyday Mathematics” a spiral curriculum that builds math skills by touching upon many topics throughout the year. Students will build on number sense and place value, continue with measurement and looking at simple data, and will begin to create and use number sentences based on real world situations.

## SCIENCE:



1st graders will study a variety of topics over the course of the school year including Life Science, Earth Science, & Physical Science. The Science Fusion curriculum provides students exciting and accessible standards-based lessons. It promotes curiosity and fosters the development of science inquiry skills. Through a consistent and structured learning cycle, students confidently build upon their experiences to develop a lifelong understanding of science concepts.

## SOCIAL STUDIES:



Family and community is the theme for 1st grade social studies. Teachers will guide students using Texas Wonders in understanding the idea and methods behind cooperation, following school rules, and elements of what makes a good neighbor. Map skills will be taught to help students situate themselves and their homes in the community. Students will continue to study families, how families change and celebrate particular traditions. Teachers will also introduce basic ideas of Economics based on needs and wants.

**Students are asked to bring the following supplies to school before:  
August 20, 2021.**

### 1 ST GRADE

6 Primary journal creative story tablets (marbled front* (3 for IQA*))	1 pkg sandwich Ziplock bags
5 Pocket Folders (red, yellow, green, blue, orange)	4 containers Clorox wipes (35 count or more)
2 bottle antibacterial hand soap 3 pkgs. #2 pencils (Paper Mate Mirado or Ticonderoga only)	8 large pink erasers 2 pkg of dry erase marker ( Big Ones)
1 inch binder with clear pocket on front	3 rolls paper towels
1 container baby wipes 2 –	1 pair of blunt metal scissors (Fiskars suggested)
1 pkg. of 12x18 multi color construction paper	3 Composition Book (No Picture)
1 Pkg Lined paper	plastic pencil box labeled with name (Sterilite 8.5 x 5.75 x 2.5 in)
2 package small size (mini) disposable cups	3 boxes crayons (24 Count)
1 package of colored stock paper	1 package of paint (assorted colors)(Art)

1 paintbrush (Art) 15 glue sticks	1 package of white stock paper
2pkg. broad tip markers	1 Pkg of playdough
1 Sterile Crates Black- for Boys Purple- for girls	1 bottle of hand sanitizer
1 pkg manilla paper	3 pocket folders (Green, Blue, Red) (IQA)

### **My grading policy is:**

Homework: 15%

Classwork/Participation 25%

Projects 20%

Tests/Quizzes 40%

**Every week we will have “Helpers” in the classroom. There will be assigned jobs for each child and they will know each of their duties.**

**For behavior we will have a “Money Bank” where your child will earn pennies, nickels, dimes and even quarters and will save the money each week and at the end of week will be able to buy something from the treasure box.**

**Please see the school Calendar for important dates and events throughout the school year. Studies show that parental involvement in a child’s education is one of the strongest indicators of student success. We hope you will make it a priority this year to attend as many school-sponsored events as possible.**

**If you have any questions or concerns or if you would like to visit our classroom, schedule a conference, or volunteer to help out. You can contact me at [sarah.khatri@islamieschoolofirving.org](mailto:sarah.khatri@islamieschoolofirving.org). And or The best times to reach me are available conference times, once I have those times available, I will e-mail you soon with the times I will be available to you throughout the year in shaa Allah!**

**Once again, welcome to 1st grade Flamingos.**



**Let's work together to make this the best year ever!**

**May Allah bless our time together,**

**Sarah Khatri**