

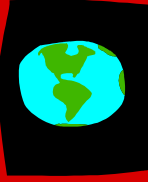
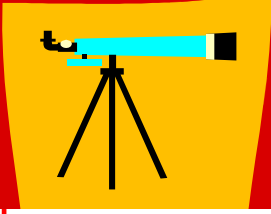


# FRIDAY

**My Iman Montessori**  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

# NEWSLETTER

Friday, October 21, 2011



## My Iman Friday Newsletter

### Science and Geography

During the last two weeks of school we have been talking about the growth sequence of an apple and pumpkin. We have also been talking a lot about our solar system. Some things they have learned are; the sun is the biggest star, we live in the Milky Way Galaxy, Mercury is the closest planet to the sun, Mars is the red planet, Jupiter is the largest planet with a Great Red Spot, Saturn is the ringed planet, Uranus and Neptune are blue, And Pluto is the smallest planet.



### Practical Life and Sensorial

An activity we have been working on is Knobless cylinders; this activity helps visual discrimination of height and diameter. The Red Rods were introduced and the children have been making mazes. We have been going over our shapes.

### Math and Language

Some children work with number rods, we have also worked with sandpaper numbers. Some children are also working on counting and writing numbers. Some Children are working on addition.



Naming the different planets

The children have been working a lot with insets, (they are making the planets in our solar system) this activity helps to prepare the children for printing, holding a pencil properly, and how to sit correctly when writing. Some children have also worked with identifying and matching upper and lower case letters. Children have been working with the movable alphabet; this activity helps progress from identifying separate sounds in a word to sentence structure. Children are also starting to write sentences. Some are also continually reading books. Some students are also reading lots of different three letter words.



## Islam/Arabic and Quran

Mashallah the Arabic program is going very well. The children are enjoying naming all the different things around them, like books, boxes, clothing, etc. We are also learning about the months, days, and weather vocabulary. For the next three weeks, we are going to learn to name the different parts of the torso.

In Islamic Studies, I've been teaching the children about the names of the Quran, like Al Kitab, Al Huda, Al Furqan, etc., and each of the name's meanings .

Quran, we've been practicing every day and trying to work individually with each student based on his or her level.

-Assalamu Allaykum

-Karima





Marble paint

## This Week's Highlights

- We ate pumpkin seeds!
- We made finger paint apple trees!
- We got to paint with apples.
- We our making our solar system
- We made suns
- We did Marble Art

### Reminders to Students

- Remember to walk in the classroom so we do not trip and get hurt.
- Everyone gets a turn at being Student of the week.
- NO HITTING!

*"I live in heaven. My home is a sphere that turns around the sun. It is called Earth."  
~ Maria Montessori*



Finger paint apple trees

### Upcoming Events

- Food Fair is this weekend starting at 10am!
- Book orders are due October 24<sup>th</sup> if you would like to order any books.
- Cedar Rapids Fire Department will be here October 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 to talk to us about fire safety.
- Early Dismissal October the 26<sup>th</sup>.
- 11:30 Pick up time.
- Pajama Day October 31<sup>st</sup>
- Join us on Facebook



Painting with apples