

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> June 2011

Dear Respected Parents

I hope you are all in the best of health and Imaan. Inshallah, our end of year examinations will be held on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2011 from 9.30am to 12:30am**. Inshallah the written examinations for classes 4 to 10 will commence on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

Please ensure that your child attends on the specified dates and he/she is fully prepared for the examination. Please also emphasise the importance of behaviour and attitude towards the examiner.

This is the opportunity to put extra time and effort into your child, to help them achieve the best marks possible. You should also make them pray salaah and make them ask from Allah (SWT) through dua. This will build that connection and yakeen towards Allah (SWT).

Only the top 2 students will receive an award from the Madrasah. We will also give an award for one student from each class who has been outstanding and has put in a lot of effort. For fairness, this will not be a student who has come in the top two.

The following dua should be prayed 3 times daily for increase in memory:

TO STRENGTHEN THE MEMORY

Read the following daily.

سُبْحَانَكَ لَا عِلْمَ لَنَا إِلَّا مَا عَلَّمْتَنَا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَلِيمُ  
الْحَكِيمُ ، رَبِّ اشْرَحْ لِي صَدْرِي ، وَيَسِّرْ لِي أَمْرِي ،  
وَاحْلُلْ عُقْدَةً مِنْ لِسَانِي ، يَفْقَهُوا قَوْلِي ، رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا ،  
اللَّهُمَّ تَوَرِّقْ قَلْبِي وَزِدْ قُوَّةَ سَمْعِي وَبَصَرِي وَحِفْظِي ،

Glorified are You. We do not know except what you have taught us. Surely you are all-knowing, all-wise. My Lord, expand for me my Bosom and ease for me my task and remove the knot from my tongue (speech) so that they may understand my speech. My Lord increase me in knowledge. O Allah, fill my heart with light and increase the strength of my hearing, my sight and my memory.

A good dua for examinations is:

***Allahumma laa sahla illama ja-'altahu sahla, wa anta taj 'alul haz'na sahlan etha shi'ta***

O Allah! An easy task is only one which you make easy and whenever you will, difficulties are reduced to easy things

It is understood from verses 33-37 of Surah-e-Al-i-Imran and verse 28 of Surah-e-Maryam that man's development and perfection depend upon the following four factors.

1. A believing father
2. A believing mother
3. A good and sympathetic teacher
4. Lawfully obtained food

I would like to remind all mothers to always make dua for your children. Not just for the usual things we pray for after the salaah like their health, obedience, success, welfare and the hereafter but also for daily things that you would like them to be. The Prophet (SAW) said that the dua of a compassionate and loving person (i.e. a mother) will not be ignored, and thus mothers, you must use this tool everyday in bringing up your children!

***Hazrat Abu Hurairah radiiallaho ta'ala anhu narrates that Rasool Allah sallalaho alaihe wasallam said, "Three peoples prayers is always accepted, a father's prayer for his children, a traveller's prayer and the prayer of an oppressed person."***

We learn that three Duas are never rejected and one of them is the dua of a father for his children. Rather the prayer is made from the heart and those prayers made from the heart are accepted in the court of the Lord of all the worlds. It is very rare to find any father in the world who is not sincere in his love for his children. They are the coolness of the eyes of all fathers. A father brings up his children with great love and tenderness and puts up with lots of hardships. May Allah Ta'ala guide us and help us to bring up our children in the correct way. Aameen