

INTERNATIONAL LEARNING CENTER WEEKEND SCHOOL (ILCWS) Class Summary Information Sheet – Level 2

Program Goal

The goal of the International Learning Center Weekend School (ILCWS) is to help educate and support our youth to become better Muslims, so that they can meaningfully contribute to, and better interact with their surrounding environment including but not limited to their families, communities, and peers.

Criteria to graduate to level 2:

- Student has in general been enrolled in ILCWS Level 1 for two years and shows the required level of maturity and performance;
- is at least 9 years old; and
- has a basic understanding and knowledge of Who is Allah, What is Islam and Muslims, Who is our Prophet (sws), and the five pillars of Islam.

Expected Results:

- Strengthened and enhanced interest, confidence and capacity to learn about and understand Islam at an intermediate level;
- Understanding and increased practices of Islamic values, norms, and principles (based on the Qur'an and Sunnah) in daily life; and
- Increased awareness of dutifulness to parents, family, peers, and community.

Concepts/topics Covered:

Books: Weekend Learning Islamic Studies, Level 7, By Mansur Ahmad & Husain Nuri; Noorani Qaidah, By Ar-Ra'ee Noor Mohammad; Holy Quran; other (supplemental)

- Islamic Studies: Pertinent and key topics will be covered in order to instill a deeper understanding of Islam, as well as to build excellent moral grounds in the students. Class will be focused on topics such as (but not limited to): **character building; Revelation of Quran; Why we should worship; Characteristics of the messengers; stories of various prophets; masajids around the world; being truthful; Responsibility & punctuality; Kindness & forgiveness; significance of salah, sawm, zakat, & sadaqah.**
- Seerah: Based on the information students have learned in previous classes, they will gain a deeper understanding of the life of the Prophet (sws), specifically focusing on the Madinah Period. **Topics will be covered to teach students the personality of the Prophet (sws) with the goal of encouraging students to follow his righteous example and search for answers from the seerah in dealing with their daily life. Students will learn various hadith & how to**

apply them, about the various battles, Brotherhood, Relations with non-Muslims, farewell pilgrimage, Last Journey. Our hope is that when students are faced with difficult choices, they will search for the answers from the seerah -- Sunnah, and hadeeths of Prophet Muhammad (sws) and choose to do what Rasulullah (s) would have done in that situation, inshaAllah.

- Qur'an and Fiqh Studies; Salah: To root our students to the Quran by teaching them to read Quranic Arabic with appropriate rules; to teach Quran memorization as it is needed for Salah and beyond; to teach various fiqh topics as relevant to students' age group; to teach the steps and duas of salah from start to finish.
- Special Topics and Field Trips: Periodic alternative learning initiatives/schemes through presentations/teachings of relevant topics and practical activities (e.g. community services, family support, economic responsibilities etc.) to raise awareness and strengthen characteristics of our youths in order to help them step up to their civic duties and social responsibilities

Progress Monitoring and Evaluation:

- Attendance
- Class participation
- Homework assignments
- Special projects & assignments
- Formal & informal quizzes
- Oral exams
- Mid-term and Final Exams