

## Week 2

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Assalam-u-Alaikum

Alhamdulillah week -2 of our ICBC summer camp is done and it was just as much fun as week-1. We had enthusiastic children in Pottery, Lego Robotics and Cordovan art.

### **Pottery**

The instructor was an amazing young sister of the masjid Sumayyah Hussain, she is a fine example for other youth in taking initiative and sharing talent with others. The kids started the week with taking blocks of clay and making shapes but they soon learned that it was not as easy as it seems. Molding the clay in shape required patience, concentration and the right amount of pressure. The creative kids made unique art pieces and are ready to put it in the kiln to see the finished product.

### **Cordovan Art**

The kids in this camp have amazed me at such young age with their extraordinary talent for choosing shades of colors to create exquisite works of art. They learnt different art techniques and worked on their Origami skills. By the end of the week I was certain that Inshallah, we may have a future Picasso, Monet or van Gogh in our midst.

### **Lego Robotics**

This was the most exciting part of the camp as kids worked with computers and Lego pieces and created variety of working robots which were displayed eagerly by each group, They built a Ferris wheel, a spider, a machine gun which shoots Lego pieces and they even let me try it. There surely are Engineers of the future who will make our ummah proud just like the engineers of the golden age of Islam.

Throughout the week we were able to relate the activities in camps to Islam. We had story of the creation of Adam from clay and subsequent exit from his Jannah. We talked about how an piece of art in any form requires patience, concentration, dedication and right amount of force to turn into a beautiful product, so does the struggle of a person to be a good Muslim and seek the pleasure of Allah SWT. In the story of Ayub AS we learnt about his patience and his sincere belief in Allah. We revised the Etiquettes of the masjid and greeting. We talked about the importance of visiting the sick and dua we make for them.

As we continued our theme of Islamic manners we discussed humility and the perfect example is the Prophet Mohammed SAW. Children worked in groups and made presentations and it was wonderful to see the older children engage the little ones and work in a group. Our children possess the leadership qualities to become successful leaders and torch bearers of our community.

A lot of children brought nonperishable donations for the food bank each day and were excited to see their contribution turn into a tower of goodness. We will continue this in week 3 and 4. Each day they were excited to share the good deeds they did and enter them in their passports and earn a sticker.

Overall it was a fun filled learning week.

The volunteer of the week this week was Sr. Maryam Burhan.

I hope parents found the camp beneficial for their kids and give us feedback as to what they thought was the best and what we can do to improve.

This is a brief summary of the week, we have a lot of pics and a couple of videos which we will share if the parents give us permission to use them in a slide presentation. Otherwise only the artwork will be displayed.

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