

Week 3



Assalam-u-Alaikum

Week-3 of the camp had baking, calligraphy and LEGO ROBOTICS .

BAKING- was the most popular camp that saw 22 children enjoying the sweet creations mug cake, brownies, cupcakes, mug pizza, rice crispy treats and the grand finale each child decorated a chocolate cake and got to take it home to share with family. Some of the most delicious pieces of art were created.

LEGO ROBOTICS- was the second most popular camp with 17 kids this week. The kids made machine guns, merry go rounds, rovers, guitars and much more. Some kids did not want to go for a break as they were so engrossed in the build. The vendors were in praise of the kids for being so polite, well-mannered and well behaved.

CALLIGRAPHY- though not as popular as the other 2 camps, we had 8 kids working on the calligraphy skills and finding the artist hiding inside. They created exquisite pieces of art to take home and display.

Islamic studies and circle time was a lot of fun with skits and presentations each day. We learnt about etiquettes of treating our neighbors, attitudes towards life, modesty and being thankful for Allah's mercy. We revisited etiquettes of masjid, saying *salam* and purification. The children presented short skits on various hadith they had learnt over the last 3 weeks. The learning moment came when we talked about baking a cake and decorating it. Just like the cake has ingredients that need to be put together in the right amount to make a perfect cake, practicing the five pillars of Islam are necessary to make a good Muslim. But it is the manners and characteristics of being kind, humble, respectful, mindful, generous, and open-minded, that are the icing/decoration which makes our lives beautiful. Just like it took a lot of effort to bake a cake and decorate it , our lives as Muslims is also a constant struggle to be better than we were yesterday and pray to be better tomorrow than we are today. We had individual presentations(instead of group) this week and The children astounded me with their confidence and eagerness to participate. I hope we can organize an event with kids in the forefront making announcements, presentations, showcasing the art and other talent for the larger ICBC community in the near future inshallah.

Our Nonperishable items food drive is quiet a success and I am so proud of our little campers who bring in an item each day, Mashallah. Anyone who brings in canned food or dry pasta gets to choose a small gift either an eraser, pencil, squishy ball or a toy and it is very humbling to see kids put in an effort for small rewards. Inshallah next week we will have someone from the food bank pick it up.

I had wonderful volunteers supporting us this week too and the Volunteer of the week was Sr. Safa. A special mention of Aliya and Hiraad as they were camp participants and yet were very helpful during the break, helping watch the younger children.

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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