



Dear NLC Parents,

September 2019

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2019-2020 academic year. It has been an exciting few weeks as our staff put the finishing touches on curricular plans and set up our new classrooms. Seeing your children's names sorted into class rosters has brought a renewed sense of purpose and vigor to my own planning. The adult tafsir class is in for a real treat this fall, as we open the school year by reconnecting to the life of the Prophet Muhammad. No Islamic education would be complete without drawing proper attention to how our beloved Prophet served Allah by communicating the holy Qur'an to the people of the world. As always, we will source our studies in the text of the Qur'an itself, and discover the meanings, purposes, and instructions hidden in plain sight.

In order for our families to benefit the most from our teachers' hard work, we are hoping to see everyone in class whenever possible. I urge you to prioritize attendance at NLC each Sunday. Students with perfect attendance records will be recognized at the end of the year. Our children learn to follow our example; if we approach these Sunday studies with seriousness throughout the week, then they, too, will value the pursuit of knowledge encouraged by the verse Taha 114, "*wa-qul rabbī zidnī 'ilmā*"--"and say, my Lord, increase me in knowledge." My highest hope for my children--and yours--is that they grow up to become spiritually secure critical thinkers who turn to the Qur'an's teachings to help them navigate the waters of life. In my experience, alhamdulillah, our weekly commitment to Sunday school, as well as a family culture of study and open discussion, are beginning to bear this beautiful fruit. I wish the same and better for every one of you and your families!

Thank you for supporting your children's Islamic education. It is an honor for us to teach them Qur'an, Arabic, Islamic Studies, History, and life skills. Our teachers are planning many fun activities this year. Please see the manila folder you received yesterday for these important documents: our calendar, welcome letters from each of your children's teachers (organized by class), and information about the Qur'an and Arabic tutoring included with tuition. We encourage everyone to take advantage of these services!

I wish you a fun, thought-provoking, and spiritually rich Sunday school experience this year. If you have any questions or other feedback for our staff, please feel free to contact us. We are here to help.

Sincerely,

Fatima El-Hindi, NLC founder & director