

ALI 260: Parent Engagement



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Rights of Parents

And your Lord has commanded that you shall not serve (any) but Him, and goodness to your parents.

If either or both of them reach old age with you, say not to them (so much as) "Ugh" nor chide them, and speak to them a generous word.

17:23



Responsibilities of Parents

Messenger of Allah (PBUH) says:

- "Observe justice in dealing with your children in the same manner in which you expect them to observe justice in being kind and good to you."
- "The parents are responsible with regard to their children in the same manner in which the children are responsible with regard to their parents."
- Among the rights of the child over the parent are three: To give him a good name, to teach him to write and to marry him when he comes of age.

Responsibilities of Parents

- *Imam Ali son of Abu Talib (as) said:* May Allah have mercy on the one who helps his child towards righteousness by being good to him, appealing to him, teaching him knowledge, and training him.
- *Imam Sajjad (as) said:* The right of your child is that you know that he has emerged from you in this world; his right and wrong are attributed to you. You are responsible of his fine teaching and training, guiding him to his Lord, Almighty and Glorious, and, assisting him to obey Him.

http://www.ezsoftech.com/stories/parent_corner.asp

Agenda

- Importance of Parent Engagement
- Best Practices
- Resources

Research Shows

Parent engagement is a key factor in:

- The enhancement of student achievement and well-being
- Motivation to earn higher grades,
- Better behaviour and social skills,
- Continuation of education to a higher level

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/involvement/>

Study By “People for Education”

Reviewed 30 Years from Research from Canada, USA and England and suggested that parents should:

- Have high expectations
- Talk About School
- Help Develop Positive Attitude
- Help Develop Good Work Habits
- Read Together (in any language)

<http://www.peopleforeducation.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/SuccessParentTips.pdf>

Best Practices

- Pray together
- Eat together
- Open Communication - Take active interest
- Ask Open Ended Questions
- Use Problem Solving approach
- Develop rules and expectations together



Best Practice

- Praise Success
- Don't dwell on mistakes
- Encourage risk taking
- Give confidence to seek help
- Use Hands on Approach and Problem Solving Model

http://www.ontariodirectors.ca/Parent_Engagement/PA%20Downloads/34918_CODE_Tool_Kit_Book-ENG_sm.pdf

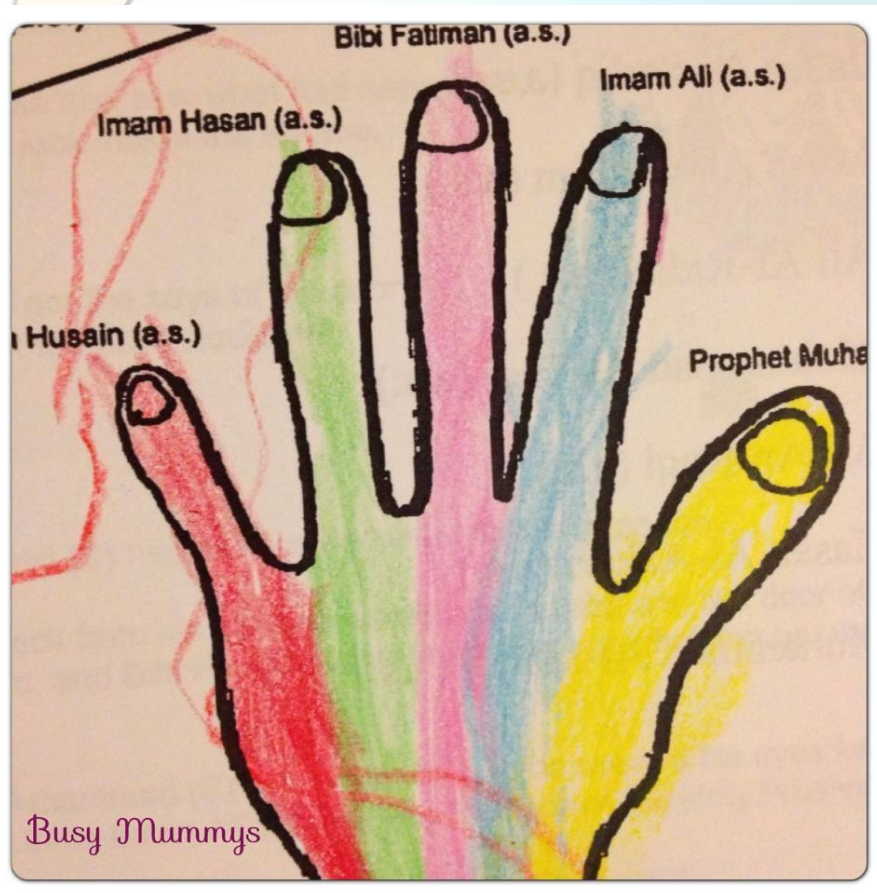
Character Building - Akhlaq

- Instill pride in our identity and build self esteem
- Use first language
- Attend programs within the Muslim and mainstream communities
- Participate in activities to support humankind - share examples of the Ahlul Bayt
- Discuss current events

<http://teachingkidsnews.com/>

TEACH BY EXAMPLE!!

Beautiful Prayer Tool



- 1. Be Kind - Remember P.Muhammed (SAWW), always Smile and be kind to all.
- 2. Choose Your Words - Remember I.Ali (as) and speak politely.
- 3. You are Beautiful - Remember B.Fatema (as), never forget that you are amazingly beautiful and
- VERY CAREFULLY DESIGNED by Allah.
- 4. Be Patient - Remember I.Hassan (as) for he was always patient.
- 5. Do Your Best - Remember I.Hussein (as) and do your best.

<http://buzzideazz.com/back-to-school-idea-2/>

Teaching Peace



<http://www.teachpeacenow.org/parents.html>

Great Islamic Websites

<http://playandlearn.org/>

<http://www.islamicplayground.com/>

<http://buzzideazz.com/>



Noor Kids



- Using 4 main characters, it is created for 3-8 year old
- Cartoon strip, little games like Spot the Difference - but with Islamic themes such as Muslim Inventions, the introduction of Arabic words, and it also has an 'In the Kitchen' section, featuring different recipes.

<http://www.noorkids.com/>

Source: <http://buzzideazz.com/>

Mujtaba Magazine

- Colourful with graphics
- General knowledge facts, mind benders and puzzles, a section for Young cooks, and Sports and Fitness.
- Poems and stories of important figures, Asma'ul Husna and a Charter of Rights, which focuses on the different rights of people around us and the different parts of our body!
- Section where children sent in their opinions about a certain topic - this one was about phones and technology - if we only need phones to text and cal, why do we need the most latest one?!
- It is great for children age 7/8 onwards.
- For more information, visit <http://www.mujtabakids.com>

Source: <http://buzzideazz.com/>

Islamic Apps

- We are Going on A Hajj Trip

Teeny Stories

Get the #1 Islamic Children's Story App

Available on the App Store

We're going on a Hajj trip.
We're going round the Kaaba.
We do this seven times.
Around we go!

<http://teenystories.com/>

<http://buzzideazz.com/category/apps/>

Great Multilingual Resources *On The Web*

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/abc123/eng/tips/>

People for Education Tip Sheets in 15 languages

<http://www.peopleforeducation.ca/how-does-education-work/multi-lingual-information-for-parents/>

<http://tvoparents.tvo.org/parents-toolkit>

READ, READ READ!!

- Model reading
- Read together in any language
- Make reading fun
- Visit the library often

<http://vimeo.com/21752842>



“Read in the name of your Lord who created.”
(Sura Alaq, Verse 1)

Reading Online

- Dual Language (ICDL) <http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>
- Dual Language
<http://www.thornwoodps.ca/dual/index.htm>
- Starfall.com <http://www.starfall.com>
- Stories online <http://www.storylineonline.net/>
- Tumble Books
<http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/detail.jsp?R=EDB0128>

Apps

- ICDL- Listen to stories in many languages
- Starfall ABCs- learn the letters and the letter sounds, and interact with the letters and sounds in short sentences
- Bitstrips - a cartoon/comic creating app where the user can design cartoon

Good Fiction Books

- 1) Hilmy the Hippo series - Good character building books

<http://www.noorart.com/Hilmy-the-Hippo-Stories-Set-of-7-Books>

- 2) I Can Series - board books for very young kids

<http://www.noorart.com/I-Can-Series-Set-of-6-Books>

- 3) A variety of children's books from Sound Vision

http://www.soundvisioncanada.com/Readers-7-10_c_85.html

- 4) Secular books with humorous lessons

<http://www.juliacookonline.com/>

Some good books from her include My mouth is a volcano, A bad case of tattle tongue . . .

Apps To Learn English

- Sight Words: Kids Learn (free app): This app gives you 25 sight words divided into different sections.
- ABC Phonics (paid): This app teaches letter sounds. The app says the letter sound while the student has to trace it with their finger.
- Pocket charts (paid - free trial though): There are a few different pocket charts - rhyme, initial consonant, ending sounds, etc. These drag and drop apps speak to students and provide immediate feedback.

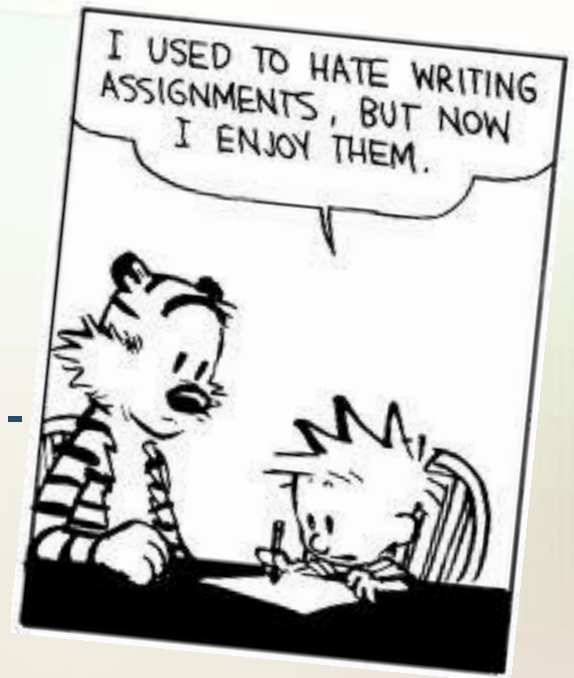
Learn English

<http://www.languageguide.org/english/>

<http://www.linktolearning.com/esl.htm>

Creative Ways to Practise Writing

- Write letters / emails to others
- Create grocery lists together
- Label items around the house
- Use magnetic letters
- Storybird is a digital book creation website. Students select illustrations - that are contributed to the site by artists - and then write a story to go with them.



<http://storybird.com/>

Support in All Subjects

- A Canadian curriculum based website that provides useful links to various websites based on subject

<http://www.linktolearning.com>

- Support in different subjects

<http://gws.ala.org/about>

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