



Arabic Program

Overview

Arabic is one of the most widely spoken languages on earth, and knowledge of it is considered a valuable asset among employers of all kinds. It is one of the United Nation's six official languages, and is the official language of a great many countries as well.

The PWA Arabic curriculum is based on immersing the students in Arabic, using English only when necessary. Even though many Middle Eastern countries speak Arabic, there are various dialects within the language; we utilize the Egyptian dialect, which is considered among scholars to be the easiest to learn. The Arabic program incorporates a hands-on approach, music, videos, computer software, and multimedia into lessons. The curriculum is centered on the International Baccalaureate (IB) themes.

Overview by Grade Level

Preschool 2s

Students participate in Total Physical Response (TPR) activities, including songs, rhymes, finger plays, and art.

Preschool 3s

Students recognize the alphabet and various Arabic sounds. They also memorize and sing songs in Arabic, and learn simple poetry and common phrases.

Junior Kindergarten

Students identify basic vocabulary terms, commands and greetings. They also recognize the alphabet, letter/sound correspondence, and numbers from 1 to 20.

Kindergarten

Students practice the foundation of the Arabic pronunciation as well as write the alphabet with all its different shapes, making blends. They are also introduced to cultural aspects, including different arts and dance. They are able to read simple words.

First Grade

First grade students learn to read and write Arabic and gain proficiency in reading and writing simple texts. Cultural aspects including different dialects and food are introduced.

Second Grade

Students in the second grade continue to learn and develop new vocabulary, including objects, shapes, counting and skip counting. Writing descriptive sentences and using infinitive verbs are introduced.

Third Grade

Third grade students develop the ability to greet others appropriately and participate in basic conversations about a range of everyday activities.

Fourth Grade

Fourth graders discover new grammar aspects including singular, plural, gender, and adjectives. Cultural awareness is developed through geography.

Fifth Grade

Fifth graders learn to make introductions, requests, and describe things. Grammatical topics covered include simple verbs, definite and indefinite nouns.

Sixth Grade

Sixth graders continue to develop grammatical knowledge that includes compound verbs, prepositions, demonstratives, possessive pronouns and direct objects.

Seventh Grade

Seventh graders engage in communication in directed activities and dialogues. New vocabulary using action verbs and personal pronouns are introduced.

Eighth Grade

Eighth graders develop conversation skills in Arabic, using computer technology. They also write statements with subject-verb agreement, and discover cultural differences in-depth with full discussions.