**WELCOME TO JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN!**

Dear Parents, Assalamalaikum.

I am pleased to welcome you and your child to Junior Kindergarten! Insha Allah, the 2014/2015 school year will be a fantastic one. The program consists of many new and exciting things, and I hope that you will see positive growth in your child throughout the year.

I know that during the first few weeks of school, it is hard for some children to adjust to a new environment. However, I kindly ask all parents to quickly drop their child off at the door and leave as soon as possible. It becomes harder for the child if their parent remains in the classroom. It is also hard for the teacher to control the classroom when there are parents present, because the children are not focused on the lesson. From my experience, a child who is crying calms down quickly once their parents leave, and they adjust to school routines well.

At the end of each month, a class newsletter will be sent home to inform you of what the students are learning and doing at school, as well as important information and dates that you need to be aware of.

The September “Leader of the Day and Snack Schedule” will be given to parents towards the end of the first week of school. If your child has any food allergies, it is **critical** that you inform me as soon as possible. **Please do not send any food containing nuts or nut products**, such as peanut butter or Nutella. We also request that ingredients on packaging be read very carefully to ensure that all food brought into class is halal. That means no lard, gelatin, pepsin, etc.

Please remember that when your child is the leader, they are allowed to bring a Show and Tell item to share with the class. It is a good idea to practice with them the night before to plan what they will say during their sharing time. Ideally, their sharing item will be something not easily breakable and not anything with small pieces that may get lost.

I am honoured to be a part of your child’s kindergarten experience. If you have any questions during the year, please leave a message at the school office which is 416 321 3776, or send an e-mail to me at sanasiddiquiali@gmail.com. Open communication is the key to a successful year for everyone.

Please visit our school website, [www.myifs.ca](http://www.myifs.ca), to access our classroom’s webpage and school related information.

Wassalaam,

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