

HOLIDAYS

Ramadan: Yemenis fast from sunrise to sunset. This is a spiritual holiday devoting their closeness to Allah

Eid Al-Fitr: Three day feast following Ramadan. Families carefully clean the house, shop for new clothes, and run any necessary errands. Women bake cookies, make nuts and candy and celebrate.

Eid Al-Adha: Celebrated on the 10th day of the last month where it lasts four days. Families buy a goat, sheep, or cow to sacrifice them to commemorate Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son. The meat is sectioned off to three parts: one part is retained by the family, another third is given to relatives, friends, and neighbors; the last part is given to the hungry and needy.



SCHOOL LIFE

Elementary Schools learn: science, math, Islamic education, Arabic, history, and geography

Religious studies and science studies are the top two classes

Students allocate a lot of time for homework

Teacher-student relationships are formal, and teachers are not challenged or questioned

When a teacher enters the class, students are expected to stand and say: Ustaaz (male teacher) and ustaazah (female teacher) followed by the teacher last name

Corporal punishment is acceptable in most schools and is an affective way to discipline students

