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## First Graders Ordered to Decorate Muslim Prayer Rugs for Ramadan

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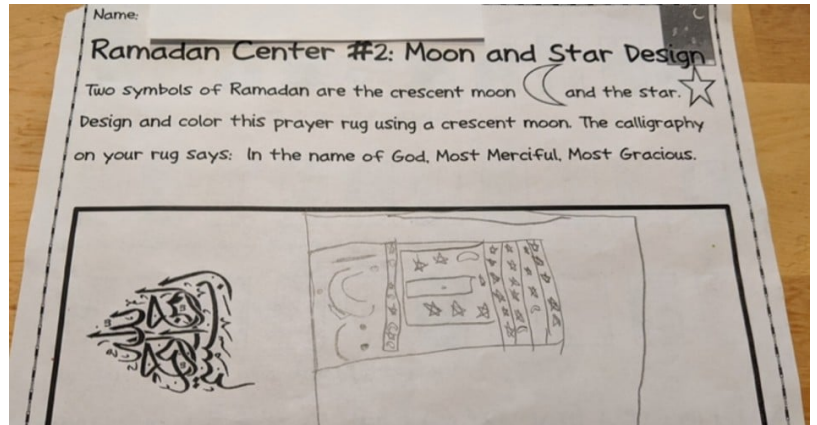
Just weeks before Christmas, first-grade students at a school in Aurora, Colorado, learned all about the Islamic holy day Ramadan, which commemorates the first supposed revelations given to the Muslim prophet Muhammad. But they learned nothing about Christmas.

As part of the lesson, the first-grade students at the tax-funded school were ordered to decorate Islamic prayer rugs and learn about the Muslim deity while studying the significance of Ramadan. Worksheets handed out to children described the Islamic deity as “most merciful” and “most gracious.”

One of the worksheets (shown), created by “Raki’s Rad Resources,” instructs children that “two symbols of Ramadan are the crescent moon and the star.” The students, between 5 and 7 years old, are then instructed to “design and color this [Islamic] prayer rug using a crescent moon.”

Part of the Islamic prayer rug children are supposed to color and decorate includes Arabic calligraphy. “The calligraphy on your rug says: In the name of God [Allah], Most Gracious, Most Merciful [sic],” the worksheet explains. Students were not taught about the many differences between the God of the Bible and Allah, the deity described in the Islamic holy book known as the Koran.

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