



Mr. B NEWS TURKISH CLASSES

Middle School Turkish:

Middle school students are learning about countries and languages. They will learn how to say "where are you from?" and "which language do you speak?"

We have started using a new textbook called Sevgi Dili Turkce. Students like this book better than the previous one. This is a lot more student friendly and appropriate for their level. It's a new published book and I look forward to using this book until the end of the year.

Few Turkish Phrases to practice with your child:

Nerelisin? - Where are you from? (informal) ◇ **Nerelisiniz?** - Where are you from? (formal) ◇ **Amerika** - America ◇ **Amerikalı** - American

Elementary School Turkish:

In Elementary Turkish class, the unit we have worked on is called "Our classroom." Students learned about how to ask questions and respond to basic questions. Students learned about how to say "What's this?" and respond by saying "This is..." They have learned about identifying common classroom items such as backpack, book, eraser, whiteboard, pencil sharpener, etc.

Few Turkish Phrases to practice with your child:

Bu ne? - What's this? ◇ **O-** That is... ◇ **Silgi** - Eraser
tahta - whiteboard ◇ **Çanta** - backpack ◇ **kalem** - pencil



Nasrettin Hodja

Nasrettin Hodja (Hoca) is a 13th century Turkish personage who is believed to have lived in south-central Turkey. About 400 handwritten manuscripts that narrate anecdotes demonstrating his quick wit and wisdom have survived. Hodja was clearly a beloved character whose advice and opinion the townspeople solicited and respected.

Last Wishes

Nasrettin is with his cronies drinking coffee:

They are discussing death, "When you are in your casket and friends and family are mourning upon you, what would you like to hear them say about you?"

The first crony says, "I would like to hear them say that I was a great doctor of my time, and a great family man."

The second says, "I would like to hear that I was a wonderful husband and school teacher which made a huge difference in our children of tomorrow."

Nasrettin says, "I would like to hear them say... LOOK!! HE'S MOVING!!!"