**Answering the Call: Looking Back/Deep, Standing Strong, Moving Forward.**

**2nd Grade Newsletter**

**Unit 1 Week 3**

Assalmu Alaikum,

Greetings Crescent families!

We hope this letter finds you in the best of health and Iman. We are off to a great start in 2nd grade. Students are working hard and doing an excellent job displaying proper classroom procedures and expectations. This is a wonderful group of students and we are going to have a great year full of expanded our knowledge and become stewards.

**AREAS OF STUDY**

Unit 1 – Spiritual Literacy: God Consciousness

Concepts: Systems, Oneness, Wholeness, Unity and Diversity

**MATH**

We are reviewing basic addition, place value and the use of number bonds. Once we start to see mastery of these basic skills we will start 2-digit and 3-digit addition and will soon be exploring the inverse action of subtraction.

**LANGUAGE ARTS**

**Reader’s Workshop:** We are hoping to start rotating through all of the Daily 5 language centers in the next week or two. During centers students have a chance to work in small groups on reading, writing, word work and have a book club with their teacher. Currently, students are practicing reading stamina and reading with a partner. In whole group we are reviewing skills that good readers use while reading.

**Writer’s Workshop:** Students are working on writing “small moment” stories. These are short stories written from the students’ experiences. Soon they will select a topic from these written pieces to describe in further detail. They will use these pieces to work on revising and editing skills to publish a final piece for our first Writer’s Workshop celebration.

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

This unit, students will be learning about the communities they are a part of (family, school, religious, town, etc.) and the different aspects that make a community work as a system. We will also discuss the differences between wants and needs and how that affects us personally and as a community. We will also discuss how resources come into our community.

**SCIENCE**

This unit leads itself to exploration of ecosystems. Students will learn the 6 major ecosystems of the world (Taiga, Forests, Tundra, Desert, Grasslands, Ocean). Students will compare and contrast the types of plants, animals and climate features of each. Students will posters and brochures to showcase their learning.

**ISLAMIC STUDIES**

Students will reflect on the Creator and our duty in life to worship Him. Students will also study seerah of Prophets Ibrahim, Adam, and Nuh (AS) in order to understand our role as humans to worship Allah (swt). Insha’Allah, students will understand that worshipping Allah (swt) is not only through prayer, but also through engaging in various noble acts.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*Stars of the Week: Rimsha Ansari and Jibreel Khan (2A), Adeila Alsharif and Bilal Mohsin (2B), Jad Sabri and Aleena Malik (2C). Takbeer to these students for showing positive attributes and becoming a helpful member of their class community!

**\*Picture Day: TUESDAY 9/22 (Sr. Emily and Br. Radwan) and WEDNESDAY 9/23 (Sr. Krista)** **Dress Uniform Required**

**\*Hajj Assembly: WEDNESDAY 10/1**

**Boys: 2 white towels and large safety pins**

**Girls: Prayer clothes (hijab, prayer skirt or jilbab, abaya)**

**\*Eid Break: September 23 –September 25 NO SCHOOL**

**\*Eid Field Trip: Monday, September 28.**