**2nd Grade Newsletter Unit 2 Week 6**

Assalmu Alaikum,

Greetings Crescent families!

We hope this letter finds you in the best of health and Iman. Students are working hard and doing an excellent job displaying proper classroom procedures and expectations. We have a wonderful group of students and we are going to have a great year full of learning experiences and expanding our knowledge!

**AREAS OF STUDY**

Unit 2 – Moral Literacy: Noble Character

Concepts: **Energy, Similarities** and **Differences, Values** and **Virtues**

**MATH**

We are entering the fourth week of our focused math groups and we are pleased to say that it is going very well, alhamdulillah! Students are excelling in their understanding of the content and are working to master the final strategies for addition and subtraction. All students are encouraged to practice the basic facts daily at home to help solidify their learning in this area. Insha’Allah, we will be moving on to telling and calculating time in unit 3.

**LANGUAGE ARTS**

**Reader’s Workshop:** Alhamdulillah, students are fully familiar with the procedures of Reader’s Workshop. Our students work well collaboratively and are exploring all of our Daily 5 language centers. Students will work in small groups on read-to-self, read-to-someone, word work, work on writing, and book clubs with the teacher.

**Writer’s Workshop:** Students have been working through the writing process to brainstorm and stretch their experiences into personal narrative stories. We are currently working with partners to revise and edit our stories. Students are currently publishing their final drafts. We look forward to inviting our families in to join us after the break for our next Author’s Celebration!

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

This unit lends itself to a study of leaders we call “Noble Characters”. Students are learning about the positive **values** and **virtues** these people displayed and how to model ourselves after their actions. We are reflecting on the positive actions that these individuals have taken in order to make our world a better place. Each student has selected a noble character to complete further research on their life and create an informational timeline project. We hope to invite families in during December to hear our great presentations!

**SCIENCE**

We have been exploring the amazing **energy** of Earth and the creation of various landforms and bodies of water. Students have discussed the **similarities** and **differences** between many of Earth’s features. We are exploring how events in Earth’s history have changed the shape of the Earth and how some changes on Earth occur quickly while others occur slowly.

**ISLAMIC STUDIES**

Alhamdulillah, we are currently publishing our Seerah Booklets. Students will be applying their knowledge on the life of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) in order to create their own booklets. Insha’Allah, students will soon have their own biographies of Rasullallah (pbuh) to keep and share with others.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*Stars of the Week: Amir Baig, Amani Munshey(2A), Amina Khwaja, Maryam Mohammed (2B), Soha Siddiqui, Bilal Tahzeeb(2C). Takbeer to these students for showing positive attributes and becoming a helpful member of their class community!

\*The weather has become cooler!! We have outside recess daily, and it is important for students to be dressed in layers in order to be comfortable!

\*No School : Thursday 11/26 and Friday 11/27

\*End of Trimester 1 11/25/15

\*Parent Teacher Conferences: Friday 12/4 **No school for students**