**2nd Grade Newsletter Unit 3 Week 2**

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 thank all parents that joined us at conferences, and we truly enjoyed the chance we had to discuss the wonderful progress your students have made so far this year!

**AREAS OF STUDY**

Unit 3 – Intellectual Literacy: Useful Knowledge

Concepts: **Space, Order and Organization**

**MATH**

We have begun our next round of focus math groups with an exploration of the usefulness of telling time. Students have discussed the importance of learning to tell time and how it relates to the **organization** of our daily lives. Students will work on telling time on an analog clock to the minute, recognizing A.M. and P.M., and elapsed time. Insha’Allah, we will begin working with money after returning from the break.

**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. During book clubs students will learn the useful practice of summarizing what they have read in order to display full comprehension.

**Writer’s Workshop:** Students will learn to write a basic 5-sentence paragraph. We will start the unit by diagramming paragraphs and learning the proper **order and organization** of this useful type of writing. Students will work to write in paragraphs in the other areas of study. At the end of this unit, students will write a 3 paragraph report on a topic of interest.

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

This unit leads us to a fun unit on mapping. Students will learn the important parts of a map such as a map key and a using a compass. Students will use grid maps, park maps and road maps. At the end of the unit students will complete a mapping project.

**SCIENCE**

We have been exploring the amazing **energy** of Earth and the creation of various landforms and bodies of water. Unit 3 brings us to the learning of 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. Students will learn how scientist use the space around them as we begin science experiments this week!

**ISLAMIC STUDIES**

Alhamdulillah, we are focusing on the Five Pillars of Islam for our Intellectual Literacy Unit. Students will begin by studying the hadith of Jibreel (as) visiting Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) and his companions (ra) in order to review/teach Islam. We will focus on each of the pillars starting with the Testimony/Shahadah. Students will learn about certain conditions of the Testimony such as knowledge, certainty, acceptance, submission, truthfulness, and sincerity. Insha’Allah, we will then focus on Salah/Prayer, Zakat/Obligatory Charity, Saum/Fasting in Ramadan, and the Hajj/Pilgrimage. May Allah (swt) make us of those steadfast in Islam...ameen!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*Stars of the Week: Yusuf Ahmed, Janaan Rehman(2A), Mohammed Odetalla (2B), Ayaan Bilal, Sindus Harb(2C). Takbeer to these students for showing positive attributes and becoming a helpful member of their class community!

\*Scholastic Book Fair this week

\*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 : Dec. 21 to Jan. 3 Winter Break

\* School resumes Monday 1/4/16