**2nd Grade Newsletter Unit 2 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 2 – Moral Literacy: Noble Character

Concepts: Energy, Opposites and Complements, Values and Virtues

**MATH**

We will take some time to look at the inverse operations of addition and subtraction and computing mental math addition and subtraction up to 1,000 before moving on to the study of number lines. Students will investigate positive and negative numbers. Students will practice solving story problems using the Singapore math strategy of model drawing.

**Things to work on at home:** +10 and -10, basic fact practice, 3-digit subtraction with regrouping, mental math strategies

**LANGUAGE ARTS**

**Reader’s Workshop:** Now that students are fully familiar with procedures of the classroom and have shown what collaborative members they can be we are ready to start the 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 will continue to use the skills they learned during unit one to write a personal narrative. Students will move on from writing small moments to writing a bigger experience they have had.

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

This unit lends itself to a study of people that we call “Noble Characters”. Students will learn about the positive values and virtues these people displayed and how to model ourselves after their actions. Students will begin work on a personal life time line in order to prepare for the culminating project of “Noble Character Timelines”. This is a full research project and the students will showcase their learning at the Honor’s Ceremony in December.

**SCIENCE**

As we begin our study of Noble Characters and their time on earth we also begin to explore the timing of Earth’s physical events. We will begin by talking about how we can observe day and night. Is there a cycle or is there a defined beginning and ending? We will also be discussing volcanoes, earthquakes, mountains, and canyons, and using our observations to reflect upon their cycles/processes and the time it takes for them to form.

**ISLAMIC STUDIES**

Insha’Allah, we will continue exploring the seerah of Prophet Muhammed (pbuh). One of our goals is to learn about the Prophet’s actions and mannerism. It is also our goal to develop love for Rasulallah (pbuh) within our students. We have started with his birth in Mecca and are continuing to learn about significant stages in the Prophet’s (pbuh) life. Insha’Allah, our students will learn more about the final Prophet’s (pbuh) message, and become more attentive to his teachings.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*Stars of the Week: Huzaifa Ahmed, Lejla Turkovic, (2A), Kareem Almasri, Deen Baig (2B), and Faiha Khurram and Arham Khan (2C). Takbeer to these students for showing positive attributes and becoming a helpful member of their class community!

\*FIELD TRIP!! On Thursday, Nov. 20 the students will be taking a trip to the Henry Ford Museum to view artifacts from many of the noble characters we have studied this unit!

\*The weather is becoming cooler!! We got outside for recess daily and it is important for students to be dressed in layers so can be appropriately dressed for the weather!

\*No School : Tuesday, Nov. 4 (Election Day)

\* No School: Thurs. Nov 27 and Fri. Nov 28

\* Parent/Teacher Conferences: Friday, December 5 (No school for students)