2nd Grade Newsletter Unit 1, Week 2

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 hard to working and doing an excellent job falling into the 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 exploring 2-digit addition and will soon be exploring the inverse action of subtraction. We are also practicing solving problems using model drawing for both basic facts and word problems.

LANGUAGE ARTS

Reader’s Workshop: We have daily read alouds in which a specific comprehension skill is learned. Students then practice this skill during read-to-self time. As students build their reading stamina we will move to read-to-others and book clubs.

Writer’s Workshop: Students have started filling their writing folders with “Writing From Experience” pieces. Writing about what they have already experienced makes the writing process move more fluidly. After a few weeks of practicing this we will move into picking a piece to publish as their first written work.

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.

SCIENCE

This unit leads itself to an exploration of the solar system. We will be learning about the solar and lunar patterns, the planets, revolution and rotation. Also, we will be exploring moon phases as well other components of our solar system. Students will be guided to ponder on the various creations and recognize the blessings of Allah (swt). The unit will end with a solar system project.

ISLAMIC STUDIES

Students will begin by reflecting on essential understandings such as: Who is our Lord? How did we come into this world, and what is our main purpose in life? How can we fulfill our duties for our Lord? Insha’Allah, helping students build spiritual literacy will help them to develop taqwa (piety) and ultimately become outstanding Islamic citizens.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*Stars of the Week: Amina Melkic, Hannah Alsamawi, and Alesha Siddiqui. Takbeer to these students for showing positive attributes during the first 2 weeks of school!

\*Hot lunch begins on 9/17/13 – served on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for $4.00.

\*Weebly pages should be reviewed by students and parents daily for updates and Home Study assignments.