Reaching for Light

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Our Mission Statement: The mission of Crescent Academy is to educate and raise young people imbued with the qualities of a Muslim personality: devotion to **Almighty Allah,** commitment to their Islamic principles, care and service to others, and an understanding of their role in contemporary society. The goal of the school is to develop students who are empowered by their Islamic faith and practice to live as effective, conscientious, and upright citizens in the national and international community contributing to the betterment of life.

Current Plans

We are currently concluding **Physical Literacy**. We are focusing on maintaining a healthy mind, body, and soul. We are exploring the benefits of maintaining a weekly exercise routine. Our bodies are given to us as a ***trust*** (**amanah**) and we must take care of them. Students are also learning the significance of giving the body proper rest each night. Students will learn hadith that support the importance of ***dhikr*** (**prayer**) before sleep. It's our hope that students are grateful for the many blessings they have been given and come closer to **Allah (SWT).**

The Skeletal System and Muscular System

We are continuing our exploration of the human body systems. We are studying the skeletal system and learning its basic functions. Insha'Allah, students will then begin exploring the muscular system. Students will learn that these two body systems work together to enable movement. Insha'Allah, we will understand how fortunate we are to be blessed with the many systems from **Allah (SWT).** Students will realize how perfect **Allah (SWT)** is as He is ***Al-Musawwir*** **(The Fashioner of Forms).**

Please continue to assist your child in discovery by allowing them access to the public library in order to check out materials regarding the human body systems.

I would like to thank **Umar Syed** for sharing a wonderful presentation of the skeletal system with our class, **Masha'Allah**. **Umar** discussed many significant parts of the skeletal system and has definitely contributed to our understandings. I would like to thank both **Umar** and **Zara** for promoting education in our class. Please let me know if you are interested in presenting and I will do my best to schedule you in right away.

March is Reading Month

We will be expecting our students to complete additional readings this month in hopes of establishing gratitude for literature. Students may select books from our suggested list which is posted on our class website. Students may select books outside of the suggested list, but with the approval of both parents and teacher. Students are to select books based on purpose, interest, comprehension, and knowledge of text. Please visit a library and finalize your book selection by **Friday, March 8.** The back of this newsletter is to be used for readers to list their selection of books. Please fill it out and have it signed for me by Friday.

Notes and Reminders:

March 8: Finalized reading book list for March.
March 15: Student-Led Conferences
March 23: Annual Children's Performance and Fundraising Dinner

I hope this finds you all healthy and happy. If you need to reach me you can send a note, call the office, or send an email.
All the Best,
Br. Radwan
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March Reading List:

Students may select up to 5 books. They will read each book and then they will choose one book to present with our class.

Title:	*Author:*

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Teacher Signature: _____