**2nd Grade Newsletter Unit 6 Week 4**

Assalmu Alaikum,

Greetings Crescent families!

We hope this letter finds you in the best of health and Iman. Alhamdulilah, we are into our final unit! The school year has gone by so quickly!! This unit brings us to a reflection of our year, and the progress we have made as learners. We will make connections between **cycles** and **sequences** within our daily lives.

**AREAS OF STUDY**

Unit 6 – Cultural Literacy: Faith in Action

Concepts: Cycles & Sequences

**MATH**

Students are working to learn multiplication concepts. Students will work to learn the times tables from 0-5 and we will finish off the school year learning division concepts. Students will relate their learning to previous learned concepts of adding and subtraction. It is crucial that students are fluent in their basic facts.

**Things to work on at home:** **By now ALL students should have mastered + and – on Xtramath.** The basic facts are necessary for students to be prepared for 3rd grade. All students should be working on Study Island as well.

**LANGUAGE ARTS**

**Reader’s Workshop:** The students will be reading chapter books and completing a book report during book clubs this unit. Students will learn how to summarize the important parts of the story. Also, it is important for the students to be ready to read good fit chapter books upon entering 3rd grade. We encourage students to set a summer chapter book reading goal!

**Writer’s Workshop:** We will start off the unit with learning persuasive writing. Students will then move on to learning to write *How-To* pieces. We want students to recognize the importance of writing clearly and concisely. The final writing project will be for students to create a persuasive, informational poster on an area of public service.

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

We will relate our knowledge of government to our role as citizens and The Core Democratic Values. Students will learn to appreciate and respect the values that exist within our culture. Students will create an informational booklet to display their learning.

**SCIENCE**

During our culminating unit students will explore the growth of plants. We have drawn pictures of our environment before the trees have bloomed and will draw an after picture in June to compare how plants change during the spring season. Students are currently observing lima beans and we will compare how the seeds and plants grow in different environments. The classes are also growing zinnia flowers during this unit to give to teachers during the last week of school as a thank you gift. We will end our exploration of plants in learning about seed dispersal, pollination, and their connection to their place in the environment.

**ISLAMIC STUDIES**

Alhamdulillah, we are currently exploring the 6 Pillars of Iman (*Faith*). Students are learning about each of the 6 Pillars and how belief in them leads to Taqwa (*Piety*). Insha’Allah, we will soon begin writing our very own nasheeds/poems that teach the 6 Pillars of Iman. Students will have the opportunity to sing or simply recite their nasheed in class starting May 30, insha’Allah. Jazakum Allahu Khairan!

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*Stars of the Week: Nuaym Umair, Janaan Rehman (2A), Mohammed Odetalla, Sofia Khan(2B), Lenna Baig, Soha Siddiqui(2C). Takbir to these students for showing positive attributes and becoming helpful members for their class communities!

\* Field Day: Thursday, May 26 \*\*Please print out and send in lunch form by Friday, 5/19

\*No School: Monday, May 30th Memorial Day

\***Honor’s Ceremony KG-2nd grade:** Thursday, June 9 (½ day for students, dismissal at 11:30am) Have a WONDERFUL summer break!!!! ☺