Assalmu Alaikum,

We hope this letter finds you in the best of health and Iman. We are into the beginning of unit 3. This unit leads us to expand on sharing our knowledge with others in order to please Allah (SWT). Knowledge isn’t useful unless you share it!

Unit 3 – Intellectual Literacy: Useful Knowledge

Concepts: Space, Order and Organization, Perspectives, Scale and Structure

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\***Stars of the Week:** Week of 12/16/13: Ayaana Hai, Jibreel Rehman, and Calla Altaani.\*\*Takbeer to these students for showing positive attributes!

\*Honor’s Assembly 12/19: Whole grade presentations

\*No School – Winter Break 12/23/13 to 1/5/14

\*Indoor recess has begun. It is acceptable for students to bring indoor games, puzzles, activities to play during this time. No electronics please!

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

\* Study Island and xtramath.org are excellent resources for extra practice at home!
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**Math:** This unit brings us to the study of money, a very useful concept! Please practice at home: Counting money (up to $5.00), adding money and making change (subtracting). Be prepared for a money unit test at the end of the week. After break we will move onto collecting data and creating graphs.

**Science:** This unit leads to expand our knowledge of the scientific method. We are working up to STEM at the end of this unit and we are getting prepared to do our own science experiments. Please ask your student what the conclusion of our bone experiment was!! We will be completing a few small experiments this week such as creating paper airplanes and making Oobleck. Students seem to greatly enjoy the projects and we will continue to build on this curiosity and intrigue to enhance our learning.

**Writer’s Workshop:** We will be working on types of non-fiction writing. How-To books, writing in paragraph format, and culminating with an informational report on an animal of students’ choice.

**Reader’s Workshop:** Students are continue to work through the daily 4 literacy centers. During book clubs students are working through a variety of café comprehension strategies.

**Social Studies:** To begin the unit we will study scale and structure of maps and discuss what a useful tool maps can be. Students will learn to read a map as well as creating their own maps. Students will have a short quiz on map features at the end of the week.

**Islamics:** We are focusing on implementing each of the 5 Pillars of Islam, in our daily lives. Students are also trying to make connections between each of the Pillars, and understand how we can practice them to to attain taqwa (piety). Jazkum Allahu Khairan!