**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\***Stars of the Week:** Week of 3/3/14 Yaseen Halabi, Yusuf Halimi 3/10/14 Laith Al-Qawasmi, Ihsaan Rehman. \*\*Takbeer to these students for showing positive attributes!

\*JZK to all the parents that joined their child for Student Led Conferences, the day was a big success!

\*Skating Station this Thursday (3/20) from 4:30pm-6:30pm.

\*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!!!

Assalmu Alaikum,

We hope this letter finds you in the best of health and Iman. We have made it to the third trimester! We are upon a very busy and exciting time of the school year. We look forward to the continued transformation of our learning and the warmer weather that spring will bring!!

Unit 5 – Interpersonal Literacy: Human Relations

Concepts: Similarities & Differences, Interdependent, Interactions & Relationships

**Math:** We are continuing the study of geometry with an introduction to plane shapes and polygons. Students are learning to classify all shapes according to their attributes, also by their similarities and differences.

**Social Studies:** Students have begun learning about the role of the government. We began with a discussion of the importance of rules and laws, rights and responsibilities. Next week we will take a look at the US Constitution as a basis for our rules and laws and the 3 branches of government. Towards the end of the unit students will participate in a mock government.

**Writer’s Workshop:** The Young Author’s Conference is here! Students will be using mentor texts to help guide their thought process to create their own fictional stories. We have launched the writing process and are beginning with character and setting development.

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

**Islamics:** Insha’Allah, our students will begin exploring the 6 rights of Muslims. Prophet Mohammed (PBUH) said: The rights of the Muslim upon the Muslim are six…When you meet him, give him the greeting of peace, when he invites you, respond to his invitation, when he seeks you advice, advise him, when he sneezes and praises Allah (SWT) supplicate for mercy upon him, when he becomes ill, visit him, and when he dies, follow him (i.e. his funeral). Please help by providing your children with reminders and opportunities to fulfill these rights at home. Jazakum Allahu Khairan!

**Science:** We have begun our exploration of the states of matter. Students are currently learning to explain the physical properties of matter. This unit lends itself to many fun science experiments to enhance our learning!