**2nd Grade Newsletter Unit 5 Week 1**

Assalmu Alaikum,

Greetings Crescent families!

We hope this letter finds you in the best of health and Iman. Alhamdulilah, we are into the last third of the school year. This unit brings us the study of the **relationships** in all systems we are a part of with a focus on the **similarities and differences** that make each system function.

**AREAS OF STUDY**

Unit 5 – Interpersonal Literacy: Human Relations

Concepts: Similarities & Differences, Relationships

**MATH**

The students will explore plane and solid figures. They will describe the similarities and differences in the attributes of shapes. Students will practice drawing and recognizing shapes based on these attributes. They will begin partitioning shapes as we get closer to our fraction unit.

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

**LANGUAGE ARTS**

**Reader’s Workshop:** Students are going to practice reading fictional stories with a focus on story elements. Students will also begin reading mentor texts in order to prepare to write their own fiction story for the Young Author’s Conference.

**Writer’s Workshop:** This unit brings us to the Young Author’s Conference. This is a school wide event for all students to display their writing. The students will work through the entire writing process to brainstorm, draft and publish their own realistic fiction. We will have a writer’s celebration at the end of this unit.

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

 This unit we will study the basics of our government system. Students will learn the 3 branches of the government and the specific roles that help our government function. The students will participate in a mock government.

**SCIENCE**

The states of matter! The students will continue practicing observation skills while learning about matter. This unit lends itself to many fun investigations. Throughout the processes of inquiry the students will develop their own definitions of the structuring properties of matter. They will also be able to recognize chemical and physical changes.

**ISLAMIC STUDIES**

Alhamdulilah, we have started exploring the seerah of various family members and companions of Rasulullah (pbuh). We are exploring the lives of these noble Muslims (The 10 Promised Paradise) in order to learn how to better develop our interpersonal skills. Insha’Allah, we will learn how to form and maintain relationships with others as well as come closer to Allah (swt).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*Stars of the Week: Celene Fayli (2A), Anas Ali, Kareem Almasri (2B), Aahil Khan, Adam Belkhalifa(2C). Takbeer to these students for showing positive attributes and becoming helpful members for their class communities!

\*Friday 3/13 STUDENT LED CONFERENCES Please sign-up for a conference time on Sign-Up genius

\*Children’s Performance: Sunday 3/29 Dearborn Performing Arts Center.

\*Costumes for the Children’s Performance due to school by MONDAY 3/16