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

Assalamu Alaikum,

Greetings Crescent families!

We hope this letter finds you in the best of health and Iman. Alhamdulillah, 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**

We have begun our study of geometry. Students will spend 3 weeks learning about plane and solid shapes and learn to classify them by their attributes. We will also practice finding lines of symmetry in shapes and will do a symmetry art project. During the last half of the unit, students will focus on fractions.

**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 working in book clubs on both fiction and non-fiction texts. Students will continue to practice finding the meaning and using new interesting words they find in texts they read. The students seem to enjoy reading these new books and are displaying excellent interpersonal skills during our group work times.

**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. At the end of the unit they will have their own book complete with illustrations and an index! Stories will be shared during Literacy Week, May 9-13.

**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 learn through a study of current events.

**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 (irreversible) and physical (reversible) changes.

**ISLAMIC STUDIES**

Alhamdulilah, we are currently exploring the 6 Rights of Muslims in order to build our interpersonal skills. The Prophet Muhammed (pbuh) said: **"A Muslim has six rights over another Muslim. When you meet him, give him the greeting of salam; when he invites you, accept his invitation; when he seeks your advice, advise him; when he sneezes and says, 'Alhamdulillah (praise be to Allah)', say, 'Yarhamuk Allah (may Allah have mercy on you)'; when he becomes ill, visit him; when he dies, take part in his funeral." Please remind and encourage our students to fulfill these rights as much as possible. Jazakum Allahu Khairan!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*Stars of the Week: (2A)Yusuf Ahmed, Layla Alsharif (2B), Soha Siddiqui, Jad Sabri(2C). Takbeer to these students for showing positive attributes and becoming helpful members for their class communities!

\*Skating Station: Wednesday 3/16 (4:30pm -6:30pm)

\*Imagination Station Field Trip: Thursday 3/17

\*No School: Monday, March 28-Friday, April 1SPRING BREAK

\*Martian Marathon: Saturday, April 9 Practice starts Monday 3/14 during dismissal. Register now!