**2nd Grade Newsletter Unit 5 Week 4**

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 are moving on from our study of geometric shapes and symmetry to a 2 week unit on fractions. Students will use their knowledge of partitioning shapes equally to describe fraction parts. Focused math groups for this unit will conclude this Friday and our study of fractions will continue as homeroom groups due to the NWEA testing schedule.

**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:** Students have worked hard to brainstorm and write a rough draft realistic fiction story for YAC. We are currently working to revise and edit. They will draft a final piece to be ready for publishing in their Bare Book by the beginning of next week. 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. Insha’Allah, we will end our unit with our upcoming Khutba/Khatera Project that focuses on the 6 Rights of Muslims. Insha’Allah, we will begin our Khutbas/Khateras on Monday 4/18/16.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*Stars of the Week: Jibreel Khan, Aminah Khan (2A) Aleeza Mallick, Sofia Khan(2B), Bilal Thazeeb, Shiza Bukhari2C). Takbeer to these students for showing positive attributes and becoming helpful members for their class communities!

\*Spring Pictures: Wednesday, 4/13 Color day for those students buying pictures ONLY

\*Skating Station: Wednesday 5/4 (4:30pm -6:30pm)

\*Teacher Appreciation Week May 2-6

\*Literacy/Art Week May 9-13

\*Liteacy/Art Night May 11, 6:00-7:30