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

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**

We have begun our study of fractions. Students are learning to identify, compare, add and subtract fractions. We are also exploring an introduction to multiplication as we are finding the lowest common denominators in order to calculate addition and subtraction problems.

**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 using the new book club book sets we have received. 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.

Writer’s Celebration Picnic: Monday, May 11th, 10:00am

Students will sit in groups and read their stories outside then have a picnic lunch. Parents are encouraged to attend!!

**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 (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, directions for this project will be coming within the next 2 weeks. Jazakum Allahu Khairan!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*Stars of the Week: Huzaifa Ahmed, Maha Peracha (2A), Anas Ali, Kareem Almasri (2B), Rasheed Al-Kanani, Faiha Khurram(2C). Takbeer to these students for showing positive attributes and becoming helpful members for their class communities!

\*Literacy and Art Night: Wednesday, April 29 6-8pm

\*No School: Monday, May 25 Memorial Day

\* Field Day: Tuesday, June 9

\*Honor’s Ceremony: Friday, June 12 ½ day for students