**2nd Grade Newsletter Unit 6 Week 2**

Assalmu Alaikum,

Greetings Crescent families!

We hope this letter finds you in the best of health and Iman. Alhamdulilah, we are into our final unit! The school year has gone by so quickly!! This unit brings us to a reflection of our year and how we have transformed as students and people. We will make connections between patterns, practices, and variations of our daily lives.

**AREAS OF STUDY**

Unit 6 – Cultural Literacy: Faith in Action

Concepts: Patterns & Practices, Variation & Change

**MATH**

Students are working to learn multiplication concepts. Students will work to learn the times tables from 0-5 and we will finish off the school year learning division concepts. Students will relate their learning to previous learned concepts of adding and subtraction. It is crucial that students are fluent in their basic facts.

**Things to work on at home:** **By now ALL students should have mastered + and – on Xtramath.** The basic facts are necessary for students to be prepared 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:** Students are learning persuasive writing. This is an enjoyable unit where the students can explain their opinions and try to convince others to agree with them. They may be bringing home a few letters to try and convince their parents of a few things! ☺

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 welcomed and encouraged to attend!!

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

We will relate our knowledge of government to our role as citizens and The Core Democratic Values. Students will learn to appreciate and respect the values that exist within our culture. Students will create an informational booklet to display their learning.

**SCIENCE**

During our culminating unit students will explore the growth of plants. We have drawn pictures of our environment before the trees have bloomed and will draw an after picture in June to compare how plants change during the spring season. Students are currently observing lima beans and we will compare how the seeds and plants grow in different environments. We end our exploration of plants in learning seed dispersal, pollination and their connection to their place in the environment.

**ISLAMIC STUDIES**

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."** Alhamdulilah, we are currently preparing to share our knowledge of the 6 Rights of Muslims by presenting khutbas (sermons) in class. Insha’Allah, students will begin presenting their khutbas next week, 5/11. Students may write out their khutbas on paper and practice presenting their work with their siblings, family, etc. **Jazakum Allahu Khairan!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*Stars of the Week: Renad AlJamal, Ayaan Khan (2A), Anas Ali, Kareem Almasri (2B), Ali Al-Wahab, Yassin Khalil(2C). Takbeer to these students for showing positive attributes and becoming helpful members for their class communities!

\*No School: Monday, May 25 Memorial Day

\*Detroit Zoo Field Trip: Tuesday, May 26

\* Field Day: Thursday, June 4

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