August 31, 2015

Asalamu Alaikum,

Welcome to second grade and an exciting new school year!  We are excited to have your child working with us this year!  The theme for this school year is: Answering the Call: Looking Back, Looking Deep, Standing Strong and Moving Forward. Insha’Allah, we will do our very best working as a community to help ourselves transform and become the best that we can be. Furthermore, with the support of our community, insha’Allah, we will continue to work to gain **ihsan** (excellence).

Second grade is a time for blossoming independence.  As parents you can support this growth in two major areas:

1.      Morning Routine: Please send your child in complete school uniform.  It is imperative that your child is unpacked and at their seat by 8:05 a.m. This allows children to shift their focus towards their work, and gives us the opportunity to welcome students with their full attention.

2.   Daily home study assignments will be uploaded to the class Weebly page each day. Please be sure to log in each day for assignments as well as important updates. Students are expected to build their reading stamina and read every night, practice math facts, study spelling words, and complete other home study assignments that enhance the learning taking place in the classroom. As you are discussing learning material with your child please allow him/her to take responsibility for doing the work.

**\* Students are expected to complete and submit all home study by the due date.**

Grades will be based on formal and informal assessments, which may include observations, quizzes, tests, and projects.  Please recognize our need for assessment flexibility to ensure students’ mastery of the subject areas.

In order to make this year as successful as possible for your child, we need to work together and establish mutual goals. Please be sure to visit the school’s website and read through our handbook and policy guide. For additional concerns, please contact your child’s teacher to make an appointment at any point in time.

Please make sure your child is aware of the significance of healthy eating habits. Snacks must be healthy and nut-free. Taking good care of our bodies is an **amanah** (trust) that we must do our best to fulfill. Please avoid sending in any foods that contain nuts, and chick peas. Please limit the amount of cookies, candies, cakes, etc. in packed lunches. Acceptable snacks are fresh fruits, vegetables, cheese sticks, and crackers. Please feel free to contact us if there are any additional questions/concerns.

If you are interested in helping out in class, please contact us at anytime. We will need your assistance throughout the school year. Your support makes all the difference, and we are truly grateful. We look forward to building a successful partnership with you during the school year!

    Sincerely,     Second Grade Team

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