

June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015

As Salaamu Alaiykum Parents,

Insha'Allah this letter finds you in sound health and iman. Attached is your child's Unit 7 calendar to follow during the summer months. The noted items will enhance your child's learning across all areas of study and literacies. **Please ask your child to place the amount of time spent on EACH ACTIVITY as it is completed. A check-mark may be used to record days your child has fasted and a number should be marked for prayers completed.**

As students are moving into 6<sup>th</sup> grade, it is imperative for them to maintain skills they have mastered and to develop those skills in which they are still progressing. Students will need to visit [www.studyisland.com](http://www.studyisland.com) on a daily basis in order to master *all* NWEA lessons/skills. Students have set goals, with their teacher's assistance, to decide how many lessons should be completed per week.

You should also encourage your child to read for at least 30 minutes per day (chapter books). However, we have worked with each student to decide on a goal for reading and that is included on the goal sheet as well. For daily reading, please visit the library and allow your child to choose *chapter* books that peak his/her interest and that follow the '5-Finger Rule'. The amount of library visits is dependent on the rate at which your child reads. A 40-book challenge form is attached in order to help your child keep track of their completed books. This challenge will continue throughout the 6<sup>th</sup> grade, but students can get a head-start during the summer months.

Additionally, students will need to complete their STEM Independent Investigation during Unit 7. Students must brainstorm 15 STEM ideas according to the attached Investigation Directions. Students must be prepared to hand in their STEM brainstorm at the beginning of next year.

Lastly, it's crucial that students take part in spiritually and physically enriching activities to help maintain a balanced lifestyle. We strongly encourage our students to partake in a consistent Islamic halaqa or lesson. In addition, we would like our students to record their fasting and good deed habits. Students can easily record the amount of daily, mandatory prayers performed on the calendar in fraction form. Finally, 6<sup>th</sup> graders are required to complete 10 community service hours by the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade; therefore, it would be helpful for them to start partaking in volunteering/service opportunities this summer. These activities should focus on helping community members outside of one's direct family (ex: masjid, soup kitchen, etc.). A form is attached to help your child keep track of his/her service hours.

Students will be expected to bring their calendar, STEM Investigation Form, 40-book challenge form, and service hours tracker to school with them and hand in to their next teacher during the first week of school. Please visit our weebly pages for more information. We wish you a safe, enjoyable summer and a blessed, fruitful Ramadan and Eid, insha'Allah!

Jazakum Allahu Khaira,

Sr. Heba & Sr. Allie