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Asalamu Alaykum Crescent Parents and Students,

We pray that the early Spring Break served as a time for rest, reflection, reconnection, and rejoicing in the simple blessings of life. By Allah (swt), phase-one was an opportunity for us as a community to slow down, take a step back, and strengthen our bonds with each other.

As we move into phase-two, the weeks of March 23-April 3 serve as a state-wide school shutdown to help mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus. Those two weeks will serve as a time during which learning will be embedded within the lived experience. The intention of this phase is to partner together in upholding the vision of Crescent Academy of taking part in balanced and holistic learning despite being removed from the school setting. While it is not possible to replicate the learning experience your child would have had at school, the teachers will be providing their best guidance for your family in order to help continue the upkeep and development of skills within the home environment.

We are working hard to help make this transition to distance learning as sustainable and achievable as possible. Following the steps below will aid in making this phase consistent and attainable across the grade levels for the next two weeks:

1. Find your child's weebly site (if you do not have it saved already) by visiting www.crescentacademy.org and then hovering over the 'Academics' tab. From there, click on the grade span you are looking for.
2. Next, visit the home page of your grade level's weebly site where you will conveniently find:
 - a. A copy of this letter
 - b. A distance learning plan for the week of March 23-27
 - i. This plan offers key offline *and* online learning experiences for students in relation to four main areas: *Daily Living* (Q.A./Islamic), *Math/Science*, *Language Arts/Social Studies*, and *Reflection and Reconnection* (ways to strengthen bonds and engagement as a family unit). This plan has been strategically put together as a grade level team to meet the developmentally appropriate learning needs of your child. However, we understand that each family has different capacities and resources during this time, so we are providing you with offline and online choices that are acceptable and appropriate learning experiences for your child. As you preview the learning plan, please select the assignments that best meet the needs of you and your child(ren).



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- ii. The distance learning plan for March 30-April 3 will be updated to the weebly site before the week begins in order to give you a preview of the learning to come, insha'Allah.
- iii. During this phase, we ask that you keep track of completed work via the embedded checklist and by gathering paperwork/assignments in a folder. Any online work that can be submitted virtually (IXL, ThinkCERCA, etc.) should be. Further instructions regarding accountability will be shared as they become necessary.

As previously mentioned, we have intentionally designed this phase to be as sustainable and as flexible as possible since we recognize that time, support, and resources look different in each household.

In closing, let us remember that even in these uncertain times, there is true certainty that we are all under Allah (swt)'s will, protection, and mercy. While we are at a distance, let us remember to keep our hearts and minds tied close together through prayer and dua'a.

We pray for the continued sound health and wellness of our community, Ameen.

Jazakum Allahu Khayran,

Crescent Academy International Administration & Staff