**CMS Summer Work 2014**

**Rationale for Unit 7: Social Literacy**

**Care, exampleship and responsibility:** Students have the opportunity in Unit 7 to apply what they have learned in the previous units and undertake responsibility for their own learning. Unit 7 is a culmination of the previous 6 units in that students are on the path to self actualization and by participating in goal setting for their self study over the summer, and committing to care for the knowledge and skills they have gained by maintaining them, they work toward that ultimate goal. Students understand that time is a trust, an amanah from Allah SWT and should be used wisely and productively. By working for a preset amount of time each day on maintaining the skills they have developed this past year, they will fulfill two objectives: first, to apply care for what they have learned in the previous 6 units, and secondly, to apply the wise usage of time that ensures, Insah’Allah, a path of success for the next school year.

**Essential Understandings:**

1. To exemplify care in applying knowledge and know-how to the betterment of self, others, and shared space
2. To understand that time is a trust given to us by Allah swt and that we have the responsibility to use it for the betterment of ourselves, our community, and our world.

**All students should include in their self study plans:**

1. **Quran reading:** At least three times a week, read two pages of Qur’ān. If you are able to, it is better to read at least two pages of Qur’ān daily. Review all that you have recited from memory with proper tajwīd to your Qur’ānic Arabic teacher this year. This should be done at least once a week to maintain what you have memorized and move forward next year, in shā’al-lāh. Strive to also memorize more from the Qur’ān over the summer.
2. **Children of Charity Service Project:** Continue implementing your children of charity project and find ways to give back to your community this summer.
3. **Reading:** Choice reading by number of minutes per day. Students will keep their calendars and use a check off system for accountability. We will begin the 40 Book Challenge from this June for the upcoming year.
4. **Math:** skill practice through Study Island
5. **STEM:** Complete Part I, II, and III of the independent investigation sheets attached in order to prepare properly for your independent investigation next school year. This is REQUIRED to move on to the next step of your STEM project. **(5th and 7th grade only)**
6. Future City: Research 3 articles on Urban farming. **( 6th grade only)**

**Accountability:** Teachers will make time to go over the summer work with students as part of the beginning of the year activities, to help students reflect on what was accomplished, and to review the goals and essential understandings of unit 7 before proceeding with unit 1 concepts and essential understandings.