



PARENT NEWSLETTER

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¡Hola a todos! It's hard to believe that we have already finished almost four months of school and are coming upon our winter break. After much hard work, our class filled our marble jar for good behavior, and had a great celebration today, including a movie and pajama party! Here are the latest updates in third grade.

Homework:

Over the break, students have a few assignments to work on. They should continue working on the reading and math calendar, using their book bags and math facts sheets to help. Please remind your child to return their **book bags** to school (and especially their library books) each **TUESDAY**. Additionally, students will have a couple of math worksheets in English, which do not come from our math program, but will be given periodically to help students prepare for the spring MCA tests. There may be an occasional problem in these worksheets that include material we have not yet studied in class. Students should try their best to answers these, but should not worry if they don't know how to solve the problem. Students will also be working on finishing the rough draft of their animal research. They should bring home their mind map and animal book to use as references while working on the rough draft. Students need an introduction, 4 main paragraphs (appearance, food, habitat, and fun facts) as well as a conclusion. Your child can use additional animal books from home or the library as added resources, as well.

Reading:

As your child continues to practice Spanish reading, encourage him/her to read aloud, to improve fluency, understanding and vocabulary. Even if you do not speak Spanish, simply listening to your child read aloud, and providing Spanish books on CD are excellent ways to support your child in reading. The public libraries are great resources for books on CD/tape.

Reminders:

Please check your child's green "Cuaderno de aprendizaje y tarea" and help ensure that he/she is completing the homework each night. We have had an increased number of incomplete assignments recently.

If you would like to enroll the sibling of an ISLA student for Kindergarten next year, please send in an enrollment form. Forms sent in by February 13th, will lead to automatic enrollment. After the 13th, enrollment is NOT automatic. Call Emily in the office with questions.

Don't forget to send those old or mismatched socks to school, to serve as whiteboard erasers!

Upcoming Events:

December 20-Jan. 4: Winter Break - No School; School resumes Monday, January 5.

Have a terrific winter break!

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