



PARENT NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 4, 2008

¡Hola a todos! I hope your December is off to a great start! We have finished our first trimester, so report cards will be coming home today in the Thursday envelopes. They are in the small manila envelopes. **Please sign and return the *envelope*, so we know that you have seen the report card, and so that we may also reuse the envelopes for the next report card.** Also, please note: The reading and writing scores are currently based in English. N/A marks mean that we have not yet studied this area, or have not completed the unit or assessments currently in progress in that area.

We are into our third math unit, working on measurements. Please refer to the unit letter that was sent home last week, as a reference for helping your child in math. This unit packet includes background information about the unit and has homework answers (please do not give this to your child, but rather use a reference, to make sure they are finding the correct answers). It also includes math game ideas, for students to practice at home. Also, I will be putting together a packet of math facts, which students can use to complete their math calendar (they should work on math facts or math games when they do not receive a math worksheet). These will be great practice for students to improve their speed and accuracy in computation. Students **DO NOT** need to return these to school, and can work on them at anytime at home. Be sure to mark the calendar when students do these worksheets, and please remember also to keep track of reading on that December calendar, as well. I will collect the calendars in January, and they will be part of your child's grade for our second trimester.

Also, we have been having some trouble with students consistently arriving late to school. Please remember that school begins at 8:58am. We begin our morning meeting right away in the morning, so if you drive your child to school, please make sure your child is here on time, so he/she does not miss this important part of our day.

On a separate note...do you ever wander through your house, finding mismatched or worn out socks and wonder what to do with them?? Well, send them to our classroom! We need erasers for our individual whiteboards, so rather than try to share the one eraser we have, or waste several Kleenex, I thought old or mismatched (but clean!) socks would be a great solution! So send any of these along to school with your child as you come across them - we would greatly appreciate it!

This is the last week of the Scholastic Book Order, so if you want to pick out some great books to read over the long break or donate any to our class, go online to place your order!

The website is: www.scholastic.com/parentordering; Username: SrtaAdams; Password: thirdgrade

Orders are due by the evening of **Thursday, December 11**, as I will finalize the order the following morning. If you cannot easily access internet or are not comfortable placing an online order, I will still accept order forms and checks made out to: Scholastic Book Clubs, by Thursday, the 11th.

This is also the final week of the Toy Drive, which will end on **Friday, December 12th**. If you would like to contribute, please send any toys to school with your child for our collection box.

Upcoming Events:

Monday, December 8: PTO Meeting at 7pm

Tuesday, December 9: ISLA Board Meeting at 7pm

Thursday, December 11: Scholastic Orders due

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