



# FAMILY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 21, 2010

¡Hola a todos! We are coming to the close of our Water Unit - please remember to send in a white t-shirt for your child, for tomorrow's fun water t-shirt activity! Next week we will begin another exciting IB Unit: Ancient Civilizations. We will examine various ancient civilizations, how they change over time, and different perspectives revealed through history. Our Estrella de la Semana this week was Sky Swan, and our upcoming Estrella is: **Nailah Williams**.

## Math

Our next math test, on **place value and decimals**, will be next Thursday, January 28. Please help your child practice with money or other forms of decimals/fractions. **\*Math journal pages that should be completed: pages 116-120.**

## Water Brochures

**Students will not receive a spelling packet again this week**, as we have many tests and projects going on in the next week. Students have started our water brochure project, advertising facts about water pollution/waste, as well as ideas for how we can help protect and conserve water. Students have collected most of the information they need and should finish their graphic organizer (about cause/effect, and "pollution solutions"), as well as the brochure, at home. Each student has a grading rubric and list of vocabulary words for this project, which they can take home for guidance. **Brochures will be due and presented to the class on Tuesday, January 26.**

## Book Reports

Our January book reports are coming due soon, though I'm extending the due date to **February 1**, rather than January 29, as we have so much going on at the moment. These reports should be completed using a Spanish book of the students' choice (at an appropriate reading level).

## Reminders

- Students should use their science vocabulary list and study guide to prepare for our water unit **test on Monday** (Jan. 25).
- Please remember to send in a conference request form, for the student-led conferences, held on February 9, 11 and 16, from 4:00-8:00pm. Confirmations will be sent out next week.

## Upcoming Events

**January 26:** PTO Meeting – 7:00pm