



Noticias de la Semana

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FYI...

- Feb. 4 - Parent Info. Meeting (for new families) 7pm
- Feb. 9- ISLA Board Meeting
- Feb. 15 - President's Day (NO SCHOOL)
- Feb. 16 - Valentine's/Friendship Day fiesta (details below)

On Tuesday, February 16th students may wear red or pink to school. It will be a non-uniform day in celebration of the 100th day/Valentine's or Friendship Day. If you are interested in planning the party please let me know ☺ ¡Gracias!

Math

Excellent work on the math test last week! ☺
This week we...

- Explored place values (ones, tens and hundreds)
- Learned about math symbols $>$, $<$ and $=$ (remember our unit on symbols???) Here are more examples ☺)
- Explored area, weight and counting

Next week we will...

- Introduce 2-digit addition
- Practice *more than* and *less than* number stories
- Introduce number stories that involve finding differences.
- Practice making up and solving a variety of number stories involving relations, addition, and subtraction.

Ask a First Grader:

- Why does $2+2=4$?
- Are you speaking Spanish all day at school?
- Cómo estás?
- What can you do to help create a healthy planet?

Reading/Writing

- This week we read *Terremoto*. Here is what we do during the week:
 - Day 1- Introduce the vocabulary (draw pictures and act as a class), predict what will happen and share our ideas with classmates.
 - Day 2- Read the book as a class compare the previous day's prediction with what really happened, learn the new syllables, and do a fun project.
 - Day 3- Write and illustrate words that have the new syllable, read other texts with the syllable, and read with Javier for fluency check (W or Th)
 - Day 4- Comprehension check, hands-on activities.
 - Day 5- Spelling test and learn a song or poem with the syllable.

All of these activities provide your child with opportunities to read, write, think critically, speak, speak, learn vocabulary, and much more!

IB/PYP

We are just about to wrap up our unit "Inventos increíbles." Your child will be sharing with you at conferences a book we have been working on this week. They did magnificent work so I thought it would be nice for them to put in their portfolios. Our upcoming unit is "A Bailar, amiguitos!" This unit is an inquiry into how people use dance to express themselves. We are lucky enough to have inquiry expert John Barrell come and model an inquiry provocation to the class ☺ More details later!

In 1st grade we incorporate inquiry into all subject matter, not only the Units of Inquiry. We try to ask a lot of questions and really *think* of possible answers. Inquiry is a blast ☺