



# PARENT NEWSLETTER

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¡Hola a todos! There are a couple of new VoiceThread stories online, so go check them out! “Pepita habla dos veces” and “Nate, el gran detective.” To access the site, visit <http://voicethread.com/#home>, then use your child’s login information to enter the homepage. Simply click on the picture that goes with the story to listen and read along! If you cannot find your child’s login information, please email me and I can send it to you again.

We are almost at the end of the month, so math and reading calendars will be due next week. There are several students who have not turned in either the November or December calendar, so please help to make sure your child is keeping track of his/her reading and math each week, and turning in the calendars, as this will be factored in students’ grades. The new February calendar is included in this Thursday folder, so be sure to find a safe place for it, where students can easily mark down their completed assignments!

We are just getting into our first water investigation, as part of our IB Unit of Inquiry, observing how it acts on various surfaces, and will follow this by learning about surface tension. Feel free to send any interesting books, artifacts or other water-related materials to class, for your child to share with the rest of us!

There is one week left to turn in Scholastic Orders! Orders are due **Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**. Please make orders online if possible - these are safe and secure orders and will go directly to Scholastic, and will help our class earn **FREE** books and materials. Below are some book suggestions I have made.

Scholastic book suggestions:

**From Club Leo:** #51, 2, 12, 15, 7, 36, 18, 28

**From Lucky:** #74, 80, 93, 38, 22, 4, 82, 79, 41, 86

**From Inauguration Edition:** 46, 82, 69, 64, 54, 49, 39, 7, 32, 76, 31

**\*\*Online ordering:** [www.scholastic.com/parentordering](http://www.scholastic.com/parentordering); Username: SrtaAdams; Password: thirdgrade

Reminders:

Please send in your conference forms, if you haven’t already, to ensure that you receive a date and time that works best for you. **IMPORTANT NOTE: There was a typo on the conference form - the last date of conferences, is TUESDAY, FEB. 17<sup>th</sup>, NOT the 20<sup>th</sup>.** If you had marked the last date, thinking it was the 20<sup>th</sup>, and need to switch, please email me as soon as possible. Also, please remember that these are **student-led** conferences, so your child needs to be present.

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 13<sup>th</sup>, will lead to automatic enrollment. After the 13<sup>th</sup>, enrollment is **NOT** automatic. Call Emily in the office with questions.

Upcoming Events:

**Thursday, February 5:** Scholastic Orders due

**Monday, February 9:** PTO Meeting at 7pm

**Tuesday, February 10:** ISLA Board Meeting at 7pm

**February 10, 12 and 17:** Elementary Conferences from 4-8pm.