



# PARENT NEWSLETTER

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¡Hola a todos! We had our second field trip of the year today, to the Science Museum. There we were able to explore the Water Exhibit, the “Grand Canyon Adventure” film in the Omnitheatre, and various other exciting areas of the museum! Ask your child about some of the things he or she learned on the trip today! We have been continuing through our IB Unit of Inquiry about water, so this was a great opportunity to expand our knowledge and experience! We have now been discussing water around the world and ways to conserve water.

We have been working in math with very large numbers and place values. We will have our next math test in the coming week or two, as we finish our other lessons in the unit. You can continue to support your child in math by looking around in daily life at large numbers we find, such as in an atlas, newspaper, etc. Ask your child to practice finding the place value (i.e. thousands, ten-thousands...) of each number in Spanish!

In English we are working on project presentations on the book reports. So far, students have done a great job using their creativity to present important information from their books! We also are finishing up the animal research, and are studying important African Americans in our history. In Spanish grammar, we are studying synonyms and antonyms, as well as the command form of verbs (“mandatos”). Students will use recipes to practice this verb form next week.

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## Reminders:

Scholastic order forms are due by **Friday, March 20**. This is a great opportunity to expand your Spanish library, by taking a look at the Club Leo books! Below are some books I've suggested:

\***Club Leo:** #25, 45, 8, 29, 33, 50, 34, 12, 31 \***Kids' Picks:** #12, 33, 76, 53, 75, 20, 26, 39, 47, 7, 65, 4, 59, 56

\***Star-Spangled History:** (We will be studying ancient civilizations this year, and there are some great resources in this order form, to explore at home!) #32, 63, 74, 2, 37, 43, 82, 9, 1, 69, 11, 35

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## Upcoming Events:

**March 6:** Family Night, Scholastic Book Fair

**March 9:** PTO Meeting at 7pm

**March 10:** Late Start (school starts 2 hours later); ISLA Board Meeting at 7pm