



PARENT NEWSLETTER

MARCH 25, 2009

¡Hola a todos! We finished our first IB unit last week and had a great celebration! Students shared their brochures and had terrific information about water pollution and ideas for how to protect water. They also did a great job designing their t-shirts, and were proud to wear them around the school! We also discussed the important piece of **action** in the IB program, and students shared several excellent examples of how they have already taken action to protect water, such as turning off the faucet while brushing their teeth or cleaning up garbage on the street, so it doesn't wash into streams. It was great to hear them be reflective about what they've learned and how they can help the environment and other people! **Keep encouraging these kinds of actions at home!!**

We will now be starting our next unit of inquiry about ancient civilizations. If you have any books or other resources you would like to send to our class, we would greatly appreciate it!

In math, we continue to work on geometry, currently focusing on polygons and angles. Remember to use the Unit 6 Family Letter as a reference for important vocabulary, definitions and homework help.

Second trimester report cards are being sent home today, so look for those in the "Thursday folder". **Please return the report card envelopes again, to reuse for the third trimester report cards.**

Over the short break, students should work on their book reports, using an English chapter book of their choice. Students have a list of book report options to choose from, and projects will be due by March 31. Please let me know as soon as possible if your child needs a new list.

Reminders:

This is a short week, with **NO SCHOOL** Thursday or Friday. There will also be no new spelling packets this week, but students will have book reports and other homework over the break.

ISLA will be offering terrific summer camp options this year, taught by many of our own staff members, to continue students' practice with Spanish, as well as explore exciting topics. The themes include gardening, art, dinosaurs, rockets and other great options, so send in your registration forms!

Upcoming Events:

March 26-27: NO SCHOOL (Conference Comp Days)

April 6-10: NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)