



PARENT NEWSLETTER

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¡Hola a todos! We have been working hard on preparing for the MCA tests, and students seem to be handling them very well. We have finished both sections of the reading test, and have only math sections left. **We will take the math tests next Monday and Tuesday, on April 27th and 28th.** Please practice with your child for this test, as the math test tends to be more difficult for students than the reading. Last week I included a list of concepts to practice, in the Thursday folder. Please use this to quiz your child during the days prior to the test, to make sure he/she remembers these concepts. Students could also use the list and visit the following website, to practice many of these skills in fun, interactive games online:

http://www.tangischools.org/schools/les/3rd_grade_skills.htm

For more information about the MCA tests, you can visit the MN Dept. of Education online:

http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/Accountability_Programs/Assessment_and_Testing/Assessments/MCA/index.html

I just want to send a reminder that the homework and spelling systems have changed. Every Monday, students will receive a homework packet, which they should complete and turn in the following Monday. We will also take both Spanish and English spelling tests on Mondays. Students also have their April Book Report to complete by the end of the month (next week). They will need to use an English chapter book and choose one option from the list of book report ideas to complete. Also, please help students to remember to return their library books every TUESDAY. Several students seem to be forgetting these, and are not able to get new books each week to read.

Looking for a fun family activity this weekend? Visit the “Amantes de la ciencia” (“Science Lovers”) event at the Science Museum this Saturday, April 25th from 1:00-4:00pm. The event will introduce visitors to science and educational professionals from the Twin Cities’ Latino/a and Hispanic communities. There will be several demonstrations and interactive activities for visitors to participate in. This event is free with museum entrance. For more information about the event, visit: <http://www.smm.org/sciencefusion/amantes/>

Reminders:

MCA testing: **Math** - April 27th and 28th. Please practice the list of vocabulary with your child before the tests.

Remember to sign up for ISLA summer camp!

Upcoming Events:

April 27-28: MCA Math tests

May 2: Fiesta de la Primavera (for parents and ISLA staff)

May 14: Spring Music Program at 7:00pm