



FAMILY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 8, 2010

¡Hola a todos! I hope that everyone had a marvelous Spring Break! Our class seems to have come back refreshed and ready to start again! I am happy to see that many students have been very attentive, respectful and cooperative this week, as we continue learning. Great job third graders! Vocabulary words this week were: **wail, improbable, hindrance, justice, weary.**

*Ask a third grader: What happened in the story Crocodile and Ghost Bat Have a Hullabaloo that created many problems? What can you do to help resolve problems at school? About how many muscles does the human body have? How do muscles work? How can you demonstrate this month's IB Attributes: **Communicators and Integrity?***

Human Body Unit

This week we learned about hinge, ball-and-socket, and gliding joints and where to find them in our bodies. We also learned about muscles and created models to understand how they function. Students are excited about our Healthy Habits Log, which they should use to keep track of daily habits regarding their bodies, as well as reflect on habits they would like to change. This log includes a page of family references, with great resources and ideas for promoting Healthy Habits early-on in life! Watch for the USDA's "My Pyramid" poster in your email, to use at home. Students should read **pages 16-20 of the Human Body Book.**

Math

Students took our Unit 7 math test this week, which we reviewed and corrected in class. Students took the test home to review with families, and should send them back to school when finished. We will begin Unit 8 on Fractions, in which we will explore fraction notation and equivalent fractions. Please use the Family Letter to help your child complete homework and practice important vocabulary and concepts. Students should complete **pages 180-184 of their math journal.**

MCA Tests

We have worked through both MCA practice tests and continue preparing for the upcoming tests. Math MCA tests will take place on April 14 & 15, while Reading MCAs will take place on April 20 & 21. See the MCA Survival Kit and Math/Reading Vocabulary to review in the Thursday folders.

Important Lunch Note

On Friday, April 30th Faith Church will be holding a fundraiser during the lunch hours. Therefore, ISLA is unable to provide any lunch service that day. Please pack a bag lunch for your student that includes a beverage, as milk will not be available either. We apologize for this inconvenience and appreciate your cooperation.

Upcoming Events

April 14, 15, 20, & 21: MCA Tests (Grades 3-6)