



Noticias de la Semana

Srta. Bera
10 de septiembre, 2009

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Don't Forget...

- Tuesday, Sept. 15th is McDonald's Night (4-7pm)
- Monday, Sept. 21st at 6:30 pm is **Curriculum Night and Scholastic Book Fair (3:30-8pm)**
- Tuesday, September 22nd is a **Late Start** day. School will start 2 hours late.

Curriculum Night:

A great way to learn more about what your child does in his/her new grade. There will be 2 sessions (more details to come). This way, if you have more than 1 child at ISLA you will be able to attend each class. There will also be a Scholastic Book Fair that night. I look forward to seeing you there!

Matemáticas/Math

We have a "spiraling math curriculum." In other words, we do several different activities that touch on many different skills during our math block. At first we just familiarize the students with the math manipulatives or the mathematical idea. Each time we return to that idea we study it in a slightly more profound way. For example, the first graders are currently using pennies as counters. Therefore, when we begin trading pennies for nickels they will already be acquainted with pennies and their mathematical value. Some of the concepts we are currently studying are:

- Calendar Concepts
- Counting from 1 to 20, by 1's, in Spanish
- Tally marks
- Writing 0,1,2,3,4 correctly (by the end of this week)

Lectura/Reading

- We will begin reviewing the letters and vowels every day. We will work in groups and do different activities with the letters.
- In your child's folder you will find a recording sheet for "Club de 100 Libros" (100 books club). To record a book, it must be read **by your child** in Spanish or English.
- Encourage your first grader to continue reading the books in Spanish even if they don't remember all the words. Little by little you will see great success!

Repetition = Fluency+Comprehension

Keep in mind...

Your child may be tired, hungry, crabby or all of the above the first few days/weeks of school. This is normal and will pass. Focusing on a second language and being in school for a full day can be exhausting!

IB Status:

Last school year we officially became a candidate school for International Baccalaureate! This year, we will submit another application and become certified soon after. For more details see the ISLA website ☺