



PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Hello again to third grade families! We're almost through another week of school – it's hard to believe. We've been spending a lot of time establishing our classroom rules, procedures and community, which will be an ongoing process throughout these beginning weeks of school. This week, we began studying the United States, completing maps and learning more about the geography of this country. We also began our Everyday Math program, for which I will generally send home daily homework. Please help your child complete his/her homework each night. Students have a daily red folder (Comunicador) and a white Thursday folder. Students should bring their red folder back and forth between school and home EVERY DAY. The white Thursday folder should be sent back to school on Fridays. If your child is unable to complete an assignment for some reason, please let me know.

Now that we are fully up and running, I would like to take a minute to request that you send a few more things to school with your child. First, is a shirt that students could use for painting projects (something that could stay at school, and get dirty!). Button-up shirts usually work best for this, but really anything will do. Also, students will each be assigned a math kit for our school work. To help guide students in their understanding of currency it would be great to add some more coins to this kit, so if each student could bring 10 pennies, 5 nickels, 10 dimes, and 2 quarters in a small plastic bag, I would greatly appreciate it. Additionally, in order to help keep our focus, please continue to send a nutritious snack with your child each day, to refuel their energy. I'm sorry if this seems like a lot, but little things can make all the difference. However, if you have concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I want also to thank all of the families for your wonderful response to my email requesting volunteers this week. I received a tremendous amount of help, both in and out of the classroom, and appreciate every bit of it! I know that some parents have mentioned wanting to visit the class and share a certain skill or read with students, so I would love to begin to facilitate this. I will always welcome parents with or without Spanish skills to read with students. I also plan to set up some times for parents to come teach our class a certain skill or share a talent, something I hope to start in October. If you are interested in either (or both) of these volunteer opportunities, please send me an email at cadams@islacad.org.

These first two weeks of school have been quite busy, but we're learning a lot about each other, playing fun games, and jumping into our curriculum. I'm very excited to be working at ISLA this year, and can't wait to find out what this coming year holds for us all. Just a last note: Don't forget to mark your calendar for Curriculum Night on Monday, September 22nd at 6:30pm.

Thanks again for all of your support and for helping our class get off to a great start this year!

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