

Welcome Letter

International Spanish Language Academy

Primer Grado

Welcome to First Grade! Our first days in 1st grade at ISLA were a success. We got a tour of our classroom and our school. We got to know each other by playing some fun games and we even began our Spanish speaking journey by reading a book together in Spanish. First grade is going to be an exciting year full of new experiences and discoveries! I would like to create the optimal learning environment for your child. In order to make this a successful year from the beginning, it is important that we are aware of the rules and routines. Thank you in advance for your support!

Behavior Expectations

Our class discussed and agreed on some rules that we promised to follow throughout the school year. Please review these rules with your child.



Rules in English

Respect all people and materials.

Take care of yourself and others.

Do your best work.

Rules in Spanish

Respetar a todas personas y materiales

Cuidar a tun mismo y a otras.

Hacer nuestro mrjor esfuerzo.

We have a "Tiempo" spot in our room for students to go to when they need to calm down. We talked about how the "Tiempo" spot is not just for behavior problems. It is also a place students can go to if they feel angry, frustrated, sad, etc. Students can go there on their own initiative or they will be asked to go there by an adult.

Each student has 3 notecards (one green, one yellow, one red). When a student is not following the rules, he/she will be asked to "pull a card" (Dame una carta). First offense the student will pull a green stick, second offense a yellow and the third the red. Each time a student pulls a stick he/she will go to the Tiempo spot until they are ready to come back and join the group in a respectful manner.

Communication between home and school

Your child will have a **CASA folder** with a **Cuaderno de Comunicación (Communication Notebook)** inside. This folder comes to school and goes home EVERY DAY. **Please check your child's folder and initial the Cuaderno de Comunicación daily.** For each day that your first grader participates and follows all the rules he/she will get a stamp in the Cuaderno. (I will briefly write an explanation if your child does not receive a stamp.) Your initial indicates that you have seen the stamp and/or read any notes in the Cuaderno. I will check the Cuaderno every day so please feel free to write any questions, information or any change of plans that I should be aware of through out the school year. **I will start this next week.**

Transportation

If there is a change in your first grader's transportation plans please send a signed and dated note to school. We must have a note in order to send your child with another parent or a friend. If your child is normally a bus rider and will be a car rider for a day please send a note.

Snack and Lunch

We will have snack at 10:15 during our morning recess time. All snacks should be **nutritious and healthy** food and drinks (no chocolate, candy or energy drinks).

Each family will be asked to complete a form for lunches, milk, and juice for the following week. The form will be sent home on Thursday and should be returned on Friday with a check made out to ISLA (no cash please).

P.E. Shoes

They will have Deportes (sports) and Movimiento (movement) 3 days a week (M, T, Th). Tennis shoes are necessary to actively participate in these classes.

Attendance and Tardiness

Attendance at school everyday is important to the learning process. Often concepts are introduced, projects started, or group work is done that cannot be made up later. **The first few minutes of each morning are some of the most important of the day and set the tone for the rest of the day.** Therefore, it is important to arrive on school on time and be in school everyday unless illness prevents it.

Parent Involvement

Your support and involvement is essential to the success of your child. Please communicate with your child about his/her school day. Model a positive attitude toward school, and encourage responsibility. I look forward to explaining more about our classroom at Curriculum Night.

Sincerely,

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