



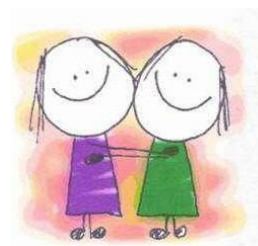
PARENT NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 4, 2008

¡Hola a todas las familias! It was great to meet many of you at the Open House last Thursday, and I look forward to meeting those of you who couldn't make it. It's hard to believe the first week of school is almost over! I'm excited to begin my teaching career with ISLA, in this unique community of teachers and learners. We are already hard at work practicing Spanish and learning about our fellow classmates. I would like to take this time to inform you of some important things regarding our classroom.

Community Building

We will be working hard this year to build a positive, supportive classroom community, where all students feel welcome, respected and able to learn! We began talking about our classroom community this week, through the use of the book *Elmer*, and by creating a classroom puzzle, to emphasize the importance of every individual in our community. We also worked together to create classroom rules and consequences that seem reasonable and fair, to help students take responsibility for their choices.



Hopes & Dreams

We will discuss as a class, our hopes and dreams for the future, as well as discuss ways to support each other in achieving them. We will set class goals and expectations and work as a whole to reach these goals. As part of these discussions, we will also focus on students' interests and what inspires them to learn. Talk to your child about his/her goals for this year!

Lunch

Each month, a sign up form for lunch will be sent home with your child. Please indicate on which days your child will be getting lunch and/or milk from school. Return the form **before** the 1st of each of month, along with a check.

Daily/Thursday folders

Each week, your child will bring home their Thursday folder – a white envelope – which may have important forms from the school. Please look for any forms to be filled out, and send them back in the envelope. Additionally, I will be sending home a Daily folder (maroon) with any homework or notes. Please check this each night, and send back to school with your child the following morning. Please feel free to use this folder to communicate with me, as I will check it upon return to school.

Snack

Students will be eating snack each day around 10:30 am. Please send a healthy snack with your child each day. Ideas for nutritious snacks include: apples, bananas, carrots, granola and so forth. Also feel free to send water or juice with your child. Please avoid sending pop, candy or other junk foods with your child.

Star of the Week

Every Monday, our class will have a designated time for “Estrella de la Semana” or Star of the Week. One student will be selected each week to bring photos, souvenirs or special items to class to share with the class, so that we all have the opportunity to learn about each individual in our community. I will send home a note with your child when it is their turn to present the following week. Please help them collect appropriate items to bring in to share with the class. (Please do not bring pets.)

Wish List

Thank you for sending school supplies for your child. There are additional items that I would love to add to our classroom, so if you are interested in purchasing any of these items to donate to our class, it would be greatly appreciated! Spanish books are always welcome! Our class wish list will be posted on the website, so feel free to take a look.

Communication

I also want to let you know how you can reach me with any questions or concerns. You can email me at cadams@islacad.org or call me at school at 952-746-6020. You can also send notes in the Daily folder with your child. So please don't hesitate to contact me! In case you don't have the school website, it is: www.islacad.org

Volunteers

I know that some of you expressed interest in volunteering in our classroom, which I greatly appreciate! I am currently working to figure out what kinds of volunteer opportunities we will have in our classroom, so please watch for any notices coming home about volunteering. Also feel free to contact me about something in particular that you would like to volunteer for.



Curriculum Night

Don't forget to mark your calendar for Curriculum Night on Monday, September 22nd at 6:30pm!

I look forward to a great year, and hope to have the chance to work with each of you throughout the year!

~ Srta. Adams