

*Noticias de Segundo Grado*  
*5 de febrero de 2009*



**Conferences:**

Please find your conference time confirmation in your child's white envelope. If you have a conflict with the time just let me know and I can reschedule.

**Science:**

We are about to start a new science unit on Solids and Liquids. The FOSS Science kits have some interesting investigations that go along with our IB profile of being inquirers. There is a letter in the white envelope this week that explains more about this unit. It should be fun and informative!

**IB Profile – Open-Minded:**

This week, we read the book *A Country Far Away*. This wonderful book shows a boy in the United States and a boy in Africa doing the same activity. For example, one of the pages says, "I went to school." Then it has a drawing of how that might look in each place. We talked about the differences, but also about how the differences aren't as important as the similarities. We also discussed how people all over the world may look different, but people are really all the same in many ways. The students know that being open-minded is the idea that even if something is different from what they are used to, it doesn't mean it is wrong. It just means it is different. Please discuss this further with your child at home. I'm sure they would love to tell you more about what we have done with this in class.

**Appropriate Gym Clothing:**

Sr. Gonzalez has requested that we review the appropriate attire for "deportes". "Deportes" takes place on Mondays and Thursdays. He would like to make sure that students always wear tennis shoes on these days. They also should not wear skirts and dresses (unless they have shorts underneath). They also should refrain from wearing big jewelry or things that may get in the way of participating in class. Thanks for helping with this!

**Coming Up:**

- February 9<sup>th</sup> – PTO Meeting
- February 10th, 12th, 17th – Student-Led Conferences
- February 13th – Sibling Application Deadline
- February 16th – Presidents' Day – No School

- February 17th – Late Start
- February 17th – McDonalds Night
- March 6th – PTO Family Night