

*Noticias de Segundo Grado  
15 de enero de 2009*



**Writing:**

We will be starting to write a personal narrative in English. The students have been reading examples of personal narratives and have brainstormed what they would like to write about. We will begin mapping out the personal narratives tomorrow and hope to eventually type the final copy.

**Tests and Other Work:**

You will find some tests and other work in the white envelope this week. Please look this work over and ask your child to tell you about what they have been doing in class. Last week we did a “Mad Libs” type exercise where the students practiced writing nouns, verbs, and adjectives. Then, they filled those words into a story about animals at the zoo and read it to a friend. Some of their stories were pretty funny! I included these so that your child can read his/her story to you. Please return the math test back to school. If your child’s math test is not in the white folder, I am working with him or her to correct their mistakes and I will send it home next week.

**IB Parent Information Night:**

Just a reminder that the IB parent information night is **TONIGHT** for all current and prospective parents at 6:15. This will help answer any questions you may still have about this in-depth program. An information meeting for prospective parents will follow.

**ISLA Gives Back Fund:**

Please remember that a donation fund is set up for the ISLA family who lost their home to a fire this winter break. We know that this is a hard economic time for many families, but even a small donation of \$5 would help this family know that we care for them and we want to help them. Plus, if each family donates just a little, it will add up! You can send a check to school with your child written to: ISLA Gives Back Fund, or donate directly at any US Bank Location. You can also mail it directly to the US Bank in Hopkins at this address:

US Bank – Hopkins Office

ISLA Gives Back Fund

16 Ninth Ave. N.

Hopkins, MN 55343

### Inauguration:

The students will be watching the inauguration live on Tuesday. They were so excited to learn about the election process and I think they will be excited to watch this event as it occurs on Tuesday. We will be doing some other activities to learn more about this process.

### TA Information:

Here is a note from Sandy Swan regarding driving the TAs to class:

It is time for the winter sessions of classes to begin for both Juan Carlos and Mariana. Thank you for the rides you all provided for Juan Carlos in the fall session. He did well in the course and will advance to the next level of English class for this next term. He and Mariana will attend the same school at the same time even if they are in different classes, so transportation will be easier as they can ride together.

English Classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6:30-8:30 pm at the International Institute of Minnesota in St. Paul. There are 24 classes starting Tuesday, January 13 through Thursday, April 2. They also have TA classes at Robbinsdale Spanish Immersion one Friday a month from 9:15 to 11:15 am. The schedule can be viewed on the ISLA-PTO website. This way Juan Carlos and Mariana know who their driver is every week in the event that their transportation co-ordinator does not get them this information right away... it may have been known to happen. (In my defense, my computer crashed, but no excuses!) You can sign up for rides easily on the website using the following directions:

Go to [www.isla-pto.org](http://www.isla-pto.org)

Click on TA info - Aunt/Uncle family signups in the left column

Fill in your family name, e-mail address and a date from the calendar where "6:30 pm English class" or "9:15 RSI Meeting" is listed.

You can also e-mail Sandy Swan at [aheadovertime@yahoo.com](mailto:aheadovertime@yahoo.com) or call at 952-546-9321 with dates if you prefer.

### Coming Up:

- January 15<sup>th</sup> – Parent Information Meeting - IB
- January 19<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King Day – No School