

Noticias de Kinder PM



Dear Kinder family,

Maybe some of you already know what happened in Chile last Saturday. If you did not have the possibility to see the news I wanted to share with you that there was an 8.8 earthquake in my home country, Chile



I wanted to take a few paragraphs of my newsletter to thank all the parents that have sent their regards, good thoughts and prayers for me and my family. Fortunately my parents, brother and immediate family are doing fine :). My mom was able to call me at 10:00 AM next morning after I tried by all means to reach them during the night. The earthquake was around 3:30 AM (12:30 AM our time)

Chile is a strong country, just like the state of California we are used to earthquakes and most part of the country follows a very strict protocol when building houses and all kinds of constructions. This earthquake was a strong one and unfortunately some regions in the south were struck hard by the earthquake and then a Tsunami :(I am worried about few of my friends that live in the United States who have not been able to get hold of their loved ones. Please keep the Chilean people in your thoughts as they continue to look and search for their missing family members.

If the children bring up the news during group time, I will share that it did happen, look at the map, and see exactly where the earthquake started. I will make sure to let them know that my family is doing fine and they should not worry about it. If you would like to share more with them at your own home I will leave it up to you. Thank you again for always caring and looking for the best of our Kindergarten family.

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Important dates

- Mar. 9-** Board Meeting, 7pm and Late Start
- Mar. 16-** McDonald's Night, 4-7pm
- Mar. 18-19-** No School
- Mar. 23-** PTO meeting, 7pm (I am signed up to attend this one, see you there!)
- Mar. 29-Apr. 4-** Spring Break, no school

Curriculum —-Math-Language-Science-Social Studies through our IB values.

IB Values for the month of March

-Respect (respeto), Appreciation (apreciación), and Tolerance (tolerancia).



Language

- Books: La Gorra, Textiles, Los Patitos, El Telar de mi Abuela.
- “Sonidos Iniciales”, names of consonants and vowels
- Sound blends
- Writing practice with shaving cream
- Emphasis on upper and lower case letters

Math

- Counting in 2’s, 5’s and 10’s and until 100
- Name of coins in the United States
- Counting pennies
- Geometry through patterns and textile unit
- Measuring in inches and feet

Science

Magnets— How do they work? Why the same poles did not want to come together? Why the magnets with opposite poles came together? Would the magnets attract paper, plastic, pencils?

Water—Why some items float on the water and others sink? Would paper float? Would a ball of metal float? Would a Pokémon ball float when it has small holes? Why were there bubbles coming out of the ball as it was sinking?

Through our textiles unit and inquiry process, the children started talking about textiles that were found buried hundreds of years ago. Within seconds :) we were talking about Dinosaurs, and where in the US you could find them. Srta Giovanna shared that in Colombia people also found fossils that are in the museums nowadays. We also talked about the biggest dinosaur bones ever found, located in Argentina. Wow! We had to get ready to go home so we couldn’t finish the conversation. I promised the children to continue this coming week. They were all so curious! :) — Indagadores, pensadores e informados!!! :)

MUSIC— Kinder preparing for their concert (May)— IB song.

“Solidarios, equilibrados

Pensadores y audaces

Reflexivos, indagadores

Informados e instruidos

Integros, de mentalidad abierta, somos buenos comunicadores (two times)

Es nuestra comunidad, la comunidad de ISLA” (two times)

Please ask the children to sing it with you as they continue practicing :)





Getting ready for Family Night—Building a recycling bag with Srta. Giovanna.



Maddie Shaw came to visit us on Friday . She is a former student of mine. She is also a current student in the Hopkins High School and wanted to follow me to see what were the things that I do in my job. She said that she was impressed by the Kindergarteners who were so nice and polite. She read the children a story about little ducks and the children really seemed to enjoy it, specially the name of the baby ducks and their trip to the park. I was very proud of the children for welcoming Maddie so nicely!

