



Noticias de la clase de Kinder

Our Kindergarten is grateful for...

Dear parents,

Thank you for attending Curriculum night. It was nice to see most of you. I was also happy to see few more white envelopes coming back on Tuesday. If you are missing the Thursday envelope please let me know via e mail or voice mail so I can send another one home ASAP.

This week we obtained more furniture for our classroom so the reading center is looking very nice. The children could not wait to sit on the new chair and beanbag to read books. We also have a new kitchen

set and more tools for the work bench in our dramatic play area.

We are also very grateful to all the parents that donated great books from the scholastic fair! The kids love seeing new stories in our classroom library.

Thank you to Rachel for volunteering to come each Tuesday and Thursday to help us with the photocopies and white envelopes.

Thank you also to Valerie for helping us at home with materials we needed to use this week.

There are plenty of opportunities to participate in our classroom. Please let me know if you are interested via e-mail.

Each week we have more parents interested in helping :) Thank you!

I apologize to the parents that I did not get back to yet. This past week was very busy and there were few last minute changes that needed to be addressed right away. Thank you for your understanding.

Sra. Shrestha

CURRICULUM

Language Arts: We are working hard on "Sonidos Iniciales" We were able to complete all the chart, from A-Z. We will continue practicing each week, please make sure to visit the links posted under my name on our Isla website. Srta Lea and I are currently working on making a video available for you to access through the Isla website as we promised during curriculum night.

Math and Science: We practiced counting from 1-30 this week. We are working on the enunciation and recognition of the numbers 1-25. We continued working on volume and sizes. This week we concentrated on "volumen", "mas", "menos", "igual" through the use of recipients of different sizes, including measuring cups. We also began discussing about the changes in trees in the fall, colors and shapes.

IB and Social Studies: According to our goal of this month we continue working on being "solidarios" kind and respectful to our friends, teachers and members of our Isla community.

Hopes and dreams

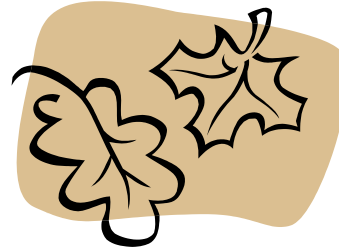
On Monday the children will bring home a star in their red folders, which I would like for you to write your hopes and dreams for your child this year. Please keep it very simple, for example: For Alexander to make good friends, for Marcia to learn how to speak Spanish", for Peter to learn how to take turns, for Maya to learn numbers 1-100, etc...

Please discuss with your child what are their hopes and dreams for this year and write

them down on the leaf that will also be placed in the red folder, next to the star.

We will discuss our dreams as a class and we will be posting it on our classroom tree.

Please send it back by Thursday of this week.



Assessments

Last week we began assessing the children on counting numbers 1-20 by memory. They were also asked to form a simple pattern using manipulatives. They were working on a writing activity independently and suddenly they were all lined up to come and work one on one with me :) I had to laugh because they are so curious and it seemed that the "game" (assessment) I was playing at the table was very fun to do! :) I will continue working with them assessing their skills independently each week.

Forming community— Meeting our friends from the all day Kindergarten

Last Friday, the all day kindergarten class and our class gathered to learn each other's names in the gym. The children were very excited to learn new faces and for some of them was fun to see some of their old friends from summer.

We played red-green and yellow light, the kids had a blast! We hope to do this again in the future with Srta. Lea.

IMPORTANT!

Please be on time when you bring your child to school. If it happens that you are running late please make sure to bring your child to the office so our secretary, principal or assistant principal can give him/her a late pass and bring your student to class right away. Please do not bring your child directly to the classroom. Thank you! :)

THIS WEEK...

We will work on our hopes and dreams, continue our science unit on trees, exercise counting 1-40 and begin counting in fives. The children will practice the calendar (days of the week, months of the year, seasons and weather). On Monday we will visit the library for the first time at 1:30 and at 2:15 we will be going to Music with Sr. Gonzalez. From now on the children will have music and "movimientos" twice a week (Mondays and Thursdays). I am very excited my students have the opportunity to have great music lessons and be able to pick a new book from the library each week.

