
Noticias de nuestro Kinder



Good things are happening in the half-day Kinder!

- We had another great week! It is amazing to see the growth the children have shown in such a short time. They are doing a wonderful job walking in lines in the halls and all the way to the playground.
- Entering the classroom in the afternoon has become a great daily routine, and remembering to open their bags, place their snacks in the orange container, take their water out and place it on top of the coat hanger, bring their red folder to their lockers, hang their bags and come to sit down on the square carpet, are no small tasks :). The kids are doing a super job following these directions.
- They are starting to feel good about sitting in circles, taking turns and respecting each other's spaces.
- Visiting the bathroom and going to the water fountain is becoming easier and faster each day.
- Our principal was very pleased to see the super kindergarteners walking so nicely and quietly and respecting other.
- Our morning group has become a strong part of our community. We reinforce each day the importance of welcoming each of our members by name.
- We are working on taking turns, looking at each other's faces when we speak. Also praising someone else when they do a good job and being compassionate when someone is sad or does not feel good.
- We keep working on raising our hands when we want to participate or ask questions.
- We also discussed how important it is to put our names on papers, just the way the parents label each of their things :)

September 3rd, 2009

Please do not forget Curriculum night on September 21st.

We ask you to prepare ahead since ISLA will not be providing child care that night.

This is a night to share with you the curriculum for the year and it is important that everybody attends..

Transportation

This week the busses ran much smoother. I was happy to see them arriving at 12:45 many times this week, and leaving ISLA at 3:40. The kids already know their routines, but if there are any changes for the day, Please send me a note via red folder.

Snack and Lunch

We continue to reinforce bringing healthy snacks and not sharing them. We have noticed that some children had sunbutter last week in their "loncheras" and also for lunch. Srta Giovana and I are very careful to look at the snacks the children are bringing daily because we want to ensure that we are a "peanut" free zone. We definitely want for all the children to feel safe and happy in our classroom.

Please make sure your child's snack, containers, bag and water bottle are labeled.

Homework

I will be sending a package every three to four weeks for the children to practice what we are learning at school. The package will be in Spanish and English for you to be able to help them. At the beginning we will go slow but once the children start acquiring more vocabulary I will start sending the packages every 2 weeks and towards the end of the year once per week. Please feel free to take a whole week to return the assignment. It is a good idea to divide the homework into sections so the children do not have to do it all at

Volunteers

I am still looking for more volunteers on Thursdays to work on the white folders, photocopies and materials for the following week. Fridays are also a great day to come to the classroom to teach, demonstrate or share an activity.

Last week, Srta Lea's parent volunteer made all the copies for us and I am very grateful for helping us. I would be very nice to return the favor by making copies for them sometimes as well. Please let me know if you have an hour to help on Thursdays. Any little time is welcome!

Behavior changes

After long afternoons in an immersion program you are probably noticing that your child is exhausted at the end of the day. These changes in behavior are very common. There is so much information to process, to understand and to follow. This is very normal. The children may be a little overwhelmed extra tired or sensitive. This is very typical of the adjustment time.

Communication home-school

Please help me and Srta. Giovanna by helping your student to bring the red-folder (la carpeta roja) back to school each day. Like I explained in the last newsletter I need to be able to send things home at times and it also aids the children to remember something daily and create a homework habit.

The white folder goes home on Thursdays and needs to be back by Monday so we can start working on the information that is going to be going out the following Thursday.

Attendance and Tardiness

Please be on time. We are working very hard to create a routine while entering the classroom. Please make sure your student is at school early enough to be able to put her/his things away, say hello and calmly go sit down on the square carpet.

CURRICULUM:

- This week in language arts we visited the Tucker system to learn all the vowel sounds and their sign language. We are warming up to learn all the alphabet and start strong with the "sonidos iniciales" .
- We also learned the correct way to hold a pen and worked on writing our names and following patterns.
- In math we began working on measurements—larger than, smaller than, equal, different, etc...
- Numbers 1-20- to recognize them, be able to understand them out of order
- We worked on the calendar: the days of the week, the months of the year, the seasons and the weather.
- Shapes and patterns
- "Todo sobre mi" All about me (who we are)

Thank you to all the parents that have volunteered already to come to the classroom. We are a family and we need to find sometime to work together.

Senorita Giovana and I invite you to e mail us and let us know when you are able to come or receive materials to make projects for the classroom.



Muchas Gracias

Sra. Mayra Hernandez (Flodstrom)
Helped us with the end of the day folders
and other activities, thank you so much!

Rose's dad and grandparents visited us on
Friday to help us learn about The Puerto
Rican Culture. It was very fun for the chil-
dren to see that they speak Spanish also,
and they are very proud of being bilingual.

THANK YOU!

Sra. Shrestha

SCHOLASTIC BOOKS

During curriculum night on the 22nd of September there will also be a Scholastic Book Fair at ISLA. I hope you can use sometime to stop there and look at our classroom wish tree. We are building our class library and the kids love any new books that we receive.

IB Profile attribute for September is

"Ser Solidario" (To be caring). Please discuss with your child the importance of being a caring person and possible things your child can do to be caring at school and at home. The children are building vocabulary and they are not ready to have a specific conversation. We are using pictures and lots of hand signs and creative drama. Please help us to reinforce this wonderful personality trait by practicing at home.