

News from Srta. Helgerson

January 18 – January 22, 2010

| Monday 1/18 | Tuesday 1/19 | Wednesday 1/20 | Thursday 1/21 | Friday 1/22 |
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| <p>No School ☹️</p> <p>Martin Luther King Jr. Day 😊</p>  <p>Story: <i>El misterio del Parque del Pino</i> By Tracey West</p> <p>Writing: Word Choice</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;">Music</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Late Start</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">And Library?</p>  <p>I'll try to get us in as soon as we can because we love books!</p> <p>McDonald's Night 4:00-7:00</p>  | <p style="text-align: center;">Music</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Fluency slips due for <i>La paciencia del emperador</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">IB Unit of Inquiry: Finishing up Mapamania</p>  <p>IB Concepts: Function Perspective</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Math: Unit 6 – Whole-number operations and number stories. Keep practicing!</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">PE</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">IB Unit of Inquiry: Beginning La Amistad</p>  <p>Central Idea: Including others and reaching out to share with each other helps build healthy friendships based on acceptance and appreciation.</p> <p>IB Concepts: Reflection Connection</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Movement</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Spelling Tests</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Homework packet due and the next one goes home.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">**Fluency slips and book will go home today. Return by next Tuesday!</p>  |

IB Learner Profile for January: **Balanced:** Balanced learners understand the importance intellectual, physical, social and emotional balance to achieve personal well-being. *"Equilibrados"*

--Looking Ahead--

February 4 - Parent info meeting for new families – Invite friends!

February 9 and 10 – Student Led Conferences

February 26 – Family Night 6-8:30 ProjectEarth: Waste Management Reduction

QUESTIONS? I will send a weekly note home to let you know what we are doing in school. You can also find it on the website - 2nd Grade- Helgerson. I can be reached by phone at 952.746.6020 ext. 209
Email at ehelgerson@isladad.org. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions/comments/concerns!

Kumusta!

I am consistently impressed and inspired by our students. They've shown a high level of compassion both for animals and humans in need. We are working on a fundraiser for Home for Life, an animal sanctuary in Wisconsin. You can find more information at <http://www.homeforlife.org/>. We also talked about the destruction in Haiti. We will look into ways to help. We had a serious discussion which ended on a positive note, but as news coverage continues, and students are exposed to more disturbing images, I would encourage continued discussion at home.

We've had a busy week this week, and I realized that our week was so busy last week that I forgot to even mention one of the most interesting things that we did! A friend of mine from the IB Diploma program that is will graduate with his masters in Aerospace Engineering in the spring came in with some other volunteers to help motivate our students to be excited about science and engineering. What better way to do that than to design and launch rockets?! He works in a student group at Colorado Boulder that routinely volunteers in schools to do variations on this same project.

Keeping in mind that we should always be working on all aspects of the IB learner profile, I'd like to bring up some different ideas about how we can all be balanced individuals. I was thinking that it would be fun to have a Nordic (cross country) skiing event sometime before the snow melts. It's a lot of fun and is part of our Minnesotan heritage. If I hear some positive feedback about this I'll work on setting up a date and see what the deals are for renting skis.

An event that would also be fun to attend is the Rock the Cradle even at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and the Children's Theatre. It is on Sunday, January 24th from 11a.m. to 5p.m. It's a day full of music, dancing, reading, and more. There is more information at http://minnesota.publicradio.org/radio/services/the_current/features/specials/rock_the_cradle/

Outdoor clothes: Please make sure that your child has outdoor clothes every day.

Supplies: We're about halfway through the year and a number of students are starting to run out of basic supplies such as pencils and paper. Please ask your student if they are in need of more supplies.

Chairs: Using an exercise ball in place of the normal classroom chair is open as an option. Please make sure that it is at a good sitting height for your child.

Thank you so much for your support. Have a great Martin Luther King, Jr. Day!

Saludos cordiales,

Emily Helgerson

