

News from Srta. Helgerson

January 25 – January 29, 2010

Monday 1/25	Tuesday 1/26	Wednesday 1/27	Thursday 1/28	Friday 1/29
PE  And Library  Story: <i>Adiós, Curtis</i> by Kevin Henkes  Writing: Word Choice 	Music  Fluency slips due for <i>El misterio del Parque del Pino</i> Math: Unit 6 – Whole-number operations and number stories. Continued practice of basic facts will help your child be successful. 	Music  IB Unit of Inquiry: Beginning La Amistad  Central Idea: Including others and reaching out to share with each other helps build healthy friendships based on acceptance and appreciation. IB Concepts: Reflection Connection	PE  Y arte  Grammar: Making comparisons 	Movement  Spelling Tests Homework packet due and the next one goes home. **Fluency slips and book will go home today. Return by next Tuesday! 

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--

January 29 – Roller Garden Night!

February 4 – Parent Info Meeting for new families 7pm

February 15 – President's Day

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!

Buenos dias, padres,

I can't express how it feels to be working with such an amazing group of children. I get to see elements of the IB learner profile in action every day. Our class has shown great compassion in wanting to reach out and help both animals in need at Home for Life and the people experiencing devastation in Haiti. We decided to put Home for Life on the back burner for now to focus on earthquake relief. We decided to donate money through the Red Cross. The students remembered learning about Clara Barton, an inspiring person that brought the Red Cross to the United States and helped expand it to helping in the aftermath of natural disasters as well as manmade ones.

Reading Log: There is an addition to the homework packet lately. There is a page called the reading log. The first page of the packet keeps track of minutes read. The reading log page is to record some information and ideas about what they are reading. The reading page should be completed in Spanish OR English (both would be great, but is not required). The student should try to get a good mix of English in Spanish over the course of the weeks. We have studied various types of graphic organizers that can be used in the bottom section, or else the student may draw a picture.

Conferences: Please note that I am not available for conferences on Tuesday, February 16. I have offered Wednesday, 2/10 as an alternate date. If another day would work better for you, please let me know and we can schedule at another time.

Rock the Cradle: this is a free event for kids and their grownups. I am planning on going. Please email me if you'd like to meet me there. Otherwise, just show up and have fun!

Outdoor clothes: Please make sure that your child has outdoor clothes every day, even if it looks unlikely that we'll go outside. It's better to be prepared.

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 notebook paper. Please ask your student if they are in need of more supplies.

Thank you so much for your support. Let me know if there's anything I can do to help you.

Saludos cordiales,

Emily Helgerson

