

# News from Srta. Helgerson

## November 16 – November 20, 2009

Monday 11/16	Tuesday 11/17	Wednesday 11/18	Thursday 11/19	Friday 11/20
<b>PE</b>  <b>And Library</b>  <b>Story:</b> El día que la boa de Jimmy se comió la ropa <b>Genre:</b> Realistic Fiction  <b>Writing:</b> Personal story 	<b>Music</b>  <b>Late Start</b>  <b>Presentation:</b> Fluency slips due for <i>Se                      vende limonada</i> <b>McDonald's                      Night</b>  4-7pm	<b>Music</b>  <b>IB Unit of                      Inquiry:</b> Mapamania  <b>Central Idea:</b> Where people live affects how people live <b>IB Concepts:</b> <b>Function:</b> How do we use maps, charts and graphs? <b>Perspective:</b> What are the different ways we can look at maps? <b>Math: Unit 3 -                      Place Value,                      Money, and Time</b>	<b>PE</b>  <b>Grammar:</b> Nouns  <b>Field Trip to the                      Children's                      Museum!</b>   	<b>Movement</b>  <b>Spelling Tests</b> <b>Homework packet                      due and the next                      one goes home.</b> <b>**Fluency slips                      and book will go                      home today.                      Return by next                      Tuesday!</b> <b>Vocabulary:</b> aburrido (boring), agachar (to lower), alborotar (agitate, make a racket), excursión (excursion, field trip), tractor (tractor)

IB Learner Profile Attribute for November: **Thinkers** apply thinking skills critically and creatively, and make reasoned, ethical decisions. "*Pensadores.*"

--Looking Ahead--

November 24 – PTO Meeting 7pm; End of first marking period

November 25-27 – No school

**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@islacad.org](mailto:ehelgerson@islacad.org). Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions/comments/concerns!

¡Hola padres!

The most exciting thing about next week is the field trip we will be taking to the Minnesota Children's museum on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. A parent volunteer helped put some interesting information together, which follows.

**Field Trip:** Students should bring a **bag lunch** that day and wear **comfortable clothes** - there are lots of places to crawl and climb in the museum exhibits. The cost for students will be **\$4.75/child**. Museum memberships/passes are not valid for field trips. Scholarship applications are available in the school office for those who need them. Chaperones do not need to pay for admission but should also bring a bag lunch.

Here are some of the fun things the Children's Museum has to offer. Be sure to ask your child what they did and check [www.mcm.org](http://www.mcm.org) for a list of books that correspond with each exhibit:

-- *Trash Bash*, a new exhibit created by Minnesota Children's Museum, will encourage visitors to increase their knowledge, skills, attitudes, motivation and commitment toward sustaining a healthy environment. Children will use recycled and reused materials to create art, music and imaginative play activities.

The exhibit will also feature Trash Mountain, an interactive exhibit that includes a collection of trash from one family for one year, an art studio with recycled materials, and more.

-- *Earth World*, where kids can interact with the Museum's turtles and snakes that inhabit Minnesota's unique environments and learn about how they live and what makes them special.

-- *Our World*, unique neighborhood experiences encourage kids to connect, cooperate and communicate. This gallery is a mini reflection of Minnesota's diverse neighborhoods.

-- *World Works* lets kids figure out the answers for themselves. Here, kids can create their own medallions in the paper factory by using recycled materials and explore the powerful force of water as they race boats down chutes.

Transportation for the field trip was paid for by the SWMCB/Hennepin County Community POWER Grant that ISLA has received to help our students learn about waste reduction.

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

Saludos cordiales,

Emily Helgerson

