



News from Srta. Helgerson

February 1 –February 5, 2010

Monday 2/1	Tuesday 2/2	Wednesday 2/3	Thursday 2/4	Friday 2/5
PE  And Library  Story: Fables and poems Writing: descriptions 	Music  Fluency slips due for <i>Adiós, Curtis</i> Math: Unit 6 – Whole-number operations and number stories. This includes an introduction to multiplication! Things to practice: subtraction, ballpark estimates, making arrays.	Music  IB Unit of Inquiry: La Amistad  Central Idea: Including others and reaching out to share with each other helps build healthy friendships based on acceptance and appreciation. Project Earth	PE  IB Concepts: Reflection Connection  Math: Begin Unit 7 – Patterns and Rules. We will be looking at problems from different perspectives.	Movement  Spelling Tests Homework packet due and the next one goes home. **Fluency slips and book will go home today. Return by next Tuesday! ROLLER GARDEN NIGHT! 

IB Learner Profile attributes for February: **Principled and Open minded:** Principled learners act with integrity and honesty, and take responsibility for their own actions. “*Integros*” Open minded learners understand and appreciate their own cultures and personal histories. They are open to perspectives, values, and traditions of others, and they seek and evaluate a range of points of view and are willing to grow from the experience. “*De mentalidad abierta*”

--Looking Ahead--

February 4 – Parent Info Meeting for new families 7pm

February 9, 10, 11, 16 – Student-led Conferences

February 16 – Kindergarten Lottery

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@islacad.org. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions/comments/concerns!

An-nyeong, padres,

Today was our big kick off for Project EARTH! We've been recycling and turning lights off and talking about little things every once in a while, but the month of February will be characterized by a stronger focus on our responsibility in waste reduction. Second grade is in charge of plastic containers. We will have a one hour class per week devoted to the project and it will come together with the whole school at the February 26th PTO family night. I look forward to seeing you there!

We are starting a science unit on Solids and Liquids that will run alongside some of our IB units. We will observe the properties of many solids and liquids, comparing how different solids and liquids are alike and how they are different, organize the results of our inquiries, and communicate both orally and in writing the things we discover. Observing, communicating, comparing, and organizing are the basic thinking processes students need at this age to develop a scientific understanding of the world around them. Your child may ask you for help finding solids and liquids at home. You'll want to discuss and compare the different characteristics you find. Making lemonade or salad dressing, for example, can provide interesting observations.

Parents with incoming kindergarteners: For your child to make it into ISLA for sure the application needs to be in by February 12. Applications after that date will go into the regular lottery.

Extracurricular opportunities: The Minnesota Institute for Talented Youth (MITY) offers a Saturday enrichment opportunity called Your Extraordinary Saturday (YES) for bright and motivated students in 1st through 4th grade. Students participate in two periods of challenging and inspiring academic classes each Saturday in March. If this sounds like a good fit for your child, please visit <http://www.mity.org> and click on YES. The application can be accessed at this site.

Looking for something fun and interesting for your child to do over the summer? One option is the Concordia Language Villages, whether your child wants a fun way to keep up their Spanish over the summer and use it in a new context or they are interested in exploring a new language, it is a great experience. I bring it up because there is a discount if you register before February 28th. Find out more at www.concordialanguagevillages.com

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

Saludos cordiales,

Emily Helgerson

