



Noticias Semanales de Kinder

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Lectura / Reading ~



- We read the book "Ruby ~ Mono Ve, Mono Hace" (Ruby ~ Monkey See, Monkey Do), which was a cute book about a new girl in the classroom who copies everything her friend does, so she can be just like her. She ends up learning an important lesson at the end of the story from her teacher about how to just be herself and do what she likes, and soon others in the class are copying her!"
- We also read a book called "El Desierto es mi Madre" (The Desert is my Mother). This is a beautiful, poetic book that tells about all the reasons why a Navajo girl considers the desert where she lives to be like a mother, as she shows how it provides for her and comforts her, like a mother.
- The **Book-in-a-Bag** project is going well! Students are getting practice reading new books each week and decoding faster and faster, in order to generate more fluency to prepare them for first grade next year. Students are using different strategies to read the new words they see, and their partners are also there to scaffold them should they need extra help.



Ciencias / Science

- Students read a book with Srta. Mariana called "Nadarin" (Swimmy) that was a cute book about a black goldfish that learns how to work as a team with other fish to conquer his fears. Students then got to **observe all three goldfish** on different tables, and **write** about what they saw in their **new fish journals**. Students drew the part of the fish they observed and wrote a sentence about that part of the fish in their new journals.



Recuerdan / Remember ~

- Students got to **vote** on names for the fish in the room! While we couldn't all agree on our favorite names, we came up with some pretty good ones! The two female guppies names are Seafloor and Hannah, the two male guppies are Rayo (Lightning) and Arcoiris (Rainbow), the two calico-colored goldfish are Pez Pokemon (Pokemon Fish) and Cafecito (Brownie), and the big, deep gold-colored goldfish is Gordo (fat guy). Unfortunately, we did have a fish death recently. One of the goldfish, Ojo Negro (Black Eye), was found floating in the aquarium Monday morning, April 27th. It turned out to be an important lesson about life cycles, and what we as fish owners can do to try to make the fish comfortable and live longer lives.
- We had our first school-wide **Spirit Day** on Friday, May 1st. Students were allowed to wear normal clothes to school (no uniform), and they all seemed to really love this idea. Mark your calendars - future spirit days will include: Friday, May 8th, Superhero Day; Friday, May 15th, Pajama Day; Friday, May 22nd, Costume Day; and Friday, May 29th, Pirate/Medieval Day, chosen by 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and the 4th/5th grade rooms respectively.
- Please remember to send back to school your **Westwood Nature Center Field Trip permission slips with \$5 payment** as soon as possible, and any additional "scholarship" money if you can. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who will be coming with us to help out! I am really looking forward to this fun trip!!

