



Noticias Semanales de Kinder



Señor Swenson
11 de septiembre, 2008

Important
DATE!

• Don't Forget ~

- **Tomorrow on Friday, September 12th there will be a funeral at the church.** If you pick up your child from school, please park your car and go directly to the gym / Activity Center **using the gym door.** Please avoid the main entrance as this is where the funeral will be.
- **Tuesday, September 23rd is a Late Start day** in the Hopkins School District. School will start two hours late this day.
- **Monday, September 22nd at 6:30 pm is Curriculum Night.** I will be sending home more information shortly regarding this important night that will give you a chance to learn more about the Kinder curriculum.



Matemáticas / Math

- We started our unit on Sorting this week. We used a variety of manipulatives (pattern blocks, attribute blocks, buttons, etc.) to look for similarities and differences on how to **classify**. Students practiced sorting them according to size, shape, and color, etc. Super Sorters!
- We also learned about Calendar Concepts during our meeting time, and learned how to rote count in Spanish up to which day of the month we are on.
- Math is also embedded in other games we play. One example is our Four Corners Game, when we close our eyes and count to ten. Students get many opportunities to practice rote counting.

Snack / Merienda

- Thank you for sending a healthy snack for your child each day. Please remember that due to allergies we cannot share snacks.



Lectura / Reading

- We started chanting the first group of letter sounds this week from the Estrellita Reading Program. We started with the vowels O ("oh"), A ("ah"), I ("ee"), U ("oo"), and E ("ay"), and used Tucker Signing hand movements to help remember the letter sounds. We will begin the Estrellita writing component soon.
- We've read lots of great books in Spanish over the last week and a half, and are trying hard to play the "what is Sr. Swenson saying in Spanish" game. We've also created lots of great artwork to go along with these stories!
- Please remember to read to your Kindergartener in English and if you can in Spanish at least ten minutes each night. Encourage your Kindergartener to continue looking at books in both languages too, as this will help them to look at the pictures and begin to decode words.

Gracias! /Thank You!

- It has been a pleasure getting to know your child over the past week and a half. Thank you for sending your child ready to learn and have fun at ISLA!
- If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please contact me at 952.746.6020 ext. 207 or e-mail me at eswenson@islacad.org.

