



Noticias Semanales de Kinder

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Lectura / Reading ~

- We continued with our "All About Me" unit this week. We read books about playing fair, who we are, our families, favorite foods, & homes.
- We also read a cool book called "El Robot Internot" about a robot babysitter that the parents ordered from the internet. How silly!!
- We are starting to notice letters and sounds now in more than just the Sonidos Iniciales chart. Friends' names start with these same letters, as well as other Spanish words we've learned. The phonemic awareness is really growing!!



Matemáticas / Math

- While counting our stars chart for the number of days we've been in school, we noticed that we can skip some of the numbers in between and just count the other numbers, such as counting every fifth number and "scanning" the other numbers. We found out counting by 5's can be a lot faster!!
- We learned about the pan balance this week (**la bascula**). We learned about weight (**peso**) and weights on the same level (**al mismo nivel**). Student volunteers then got to pretend they were a pan balance, and put their arms out to see objects compared to others were heavier or lighter. We can now play with the pan balance during free choice time!!
- We used tempera paints and plastic stamps to make patterns on construction paper. Students could choose either AB, AAB, AAB, ABB, or ABC patterns. That was fun!!



Recuerdan / Remember ~

- We've been starting to talk about IBPYP concepts over the past few weeks. IBPYP is the acronym for International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program. The "attitudes" are the characteristics we want students to possess to become the type of internationally-minded people described in the different "profiles". This month's profile focus is "Pensadores" or "Thinkers".
- Please continue to work on Sonidos Iniciales at home to supplement the work we are doing at school to help students master these sounds and finish their Sonidos Iniciales assessments at school quicker. Our goal is to finish mastering our letter sounds by Spring so we can start our Book-in-a-Bag project really knowing our Spanish letter sounds.
- Don't forget to go to the **ISLA Bookfair** on Saturday, November 15th from 10 am to 9 pm at the Minnetonka Barnes & Noble bookstore, which is between Byerly's and Target in Ridgehaven Mall. This event, sponsored by the PTO, will help us raise money for our school.
- **Tuesday, November 18th** is a **Late Start Day** and also the next **McDonald's Night** from 4-7pm.
- The first **PTO Family Night** is this **Thursday, November 20th**.



Escritura / Writing



- We continued with our new handwriting books this week, focusing on letters "Ch", "D", "E", "F", and "G". Our letters are looking better each day as we practice!!
- Please continue to also work on letter and number writing at home, as we discussed in conferences, as well as the homework.