



ISLA Food Drive:

Wow! Our class is doing great! We have collected 190 food items in 2nd grade. I don't have the school-wide totals, but will send them out in the next newsletter. Thanks for helping to teach the children the value of helping others!

Matemáticas:

The math curriculum is going full swing. We have been working on doubles facts (9+9) and today we played a game to reinforce that. The students spend much of their math time working in collaborative groups. Sr. Ruiz and Sra. Baksic also pull small groups to work on reinforcement or enrichment activities.

Lectura:

This week, each reading group started, or will be starting on Monday, a new story with Sr. Ruiz, ¡Que sorpresa de cumpleaños! (What a Birthday Surprise!). They discussed the vocabulary, read part of the story, and made predictions about what will happen next. While a group read with Sr. Ruiz, another group read A-Z books with Sra. Baksic, and the other students worked on other activities.

English:

We will be starting with English next week. This time will be at the end of the day. You will soon be seeing some English activities come home as part of the homework.

Writing:

One of our writing activities this week was a poem about autumn. As a class, we made lists of what things we touch, taste, smell, see, and hear during autumn. Then, the students used the list to create a poem about what autumn is like for them. The students also wrote a paragraph describing another student in the class. Using the rough draft of this paragraph, we will be discussing using more adjectives to make our writing more interesting.

IB:

During the month of October, the school-wide focus for IB profiles is Audaces (Risk-Takers) and the attitudes are Independencia y Confianza en si mismo (Independence and Confidence). Although we try to model and practice all the IB profiles and attitudes each day, in October we will focus on what it means to be a risk-taker and exhibit independence and confidence. Here is a link to an online document that helps explain more about the IB profiles:

http://www.ibo.org/programmes/documents/learner_profile_en.pdf

Coming Up:

- *October 7th - PTO Meeting 6:30 pm*
- *October 13th-17th - No School (Conferences - Oct. 13th-15th)*
- *October 21st - McDonald's Night*
- *October 27th - Picture Retakes*
- *October 28th - Late Start*
- *October 31st - Classroom Halloween Fiesta*