

Attributes of the learner profile are *knowledgeable & inquirers*

Attitude is curiosity

Dear Fourth Grade Families,

**1. IB Central Idea – Currency is an organized system of exchange in the world.
– Inquiry Question of the Week**

How can we use our Spanish outside of the classroom? This would be a good time to discuss with your child how they can extend their Spanish skills and use it in the real world. Why are they attending a Spanish immersion school? Learning a second language is like learning a new system that can connect many wonderful opportunities together like making new friends and traveling to other countries. It is time the students start exploring the possibilities of what they can achieve with this skill.

2. Family Night Success

Thank you to everyone who attended and who volunteered to make Family Night a success. The fashion show was fabulous and the 4th grade class did an awesome job. I hope you are using the reusable snack bags made by your child.

3. *Hatchet* & *El Color de Mis Palabras*

We have started a new book called *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen. Students will be bringing parts of the book home to read and so we can discuss it in class. Our Spanish read aloud for this month is *El Color de Mis Palabras* written by Lynn Joseph.

4. Spanish

I would like to call to your attention that starting Monday, March 1st students will receive a note to take home to be signed by their parents if they receive 10 or more UYs (an UY is a mark a student receives when he/she is talking English during Spanish time). The 4th grade class has been speaking a lot of English. We have tried different systems to encourage students to stay in the target language but now I am really tightening the rope. If you receive the letter please sign it and have your child return it the next day.

5. Math - Multiplication

We are doing double digit multiplication problems. It is very important that students continue to study their math factors. If you don't have the math triangles please let me know so I can another set home. Students are also bringing home tonight their timed multiplication and division tests. They have 5 minutes to complete 100 problems. They have highlighted the ones they need to practice.

6. *Voice* 6 Traits

We are going to be working on the trait of *voice* from the theory and practice of the 6Traits + 1 writing program. Voice is described as finding your golden thread that runs through a piece of writing. It is the music that comes out through the words that makes you feel like someone is talking to you and cares about the message delivered. Voice can be challenging at first to recognize but it is also one of the most important traits that greatly improves writing. As we read Hatchet we will be discussing how the voice changes throughout the book. How does your voice sound when you write?

7. La Reina y El Rey

The new Spanish royalty of the week is Fionna Tejada as the queen and Jack Wilson as the king. Congratulations!

8. Up Coming Events

March 16th is McDonald's Night. March 18th-19th there is no school. March 23rd is PTO Meeting. March 25th report cards are sent home. March 29th – April 2nd is Spring Break.