



Attribute of the learner profile is:

Good Communicator

Attitude is *Integrity*

Dear Fourth Grade Families,

1. IB Central Idea – Voices from the Past

This week we have focused on answering students' questions from our "Me Pregunto" wall. At the every beginning of our IB unit I asked the students what they would like to know about the history of the United States of America. They wrote down their inquiries and now it's time to check in to see if we answered them. I love opening a unit of study this way because I get to see where their curiosity lies and it is also a way for me to assess their prior knowledge. When John Barell was here he used a KWHLAQ chart to help build the inquiry experience. I am also using this strategy with the class.

The abbreviation stands for:

K = What do we think we already **know**?

W = what do we **want** and NEED to know?

H = **How** will we proceed to investigate our questions?

L = What are we **learning** daily and at the end of our investigation?

A= How and where can we **apply** the results of our investigations to our lives and other subjects?

Q = What new **questions** do we have now and how can we pursue them in our next unit?

2. Thank you Volunteers

I would like to thank all the parents who have volunteered at ISLA this year. Without you ISLA would not be what it is today. I especially appreciate all the help I have received in my classroom. !Muchas Gracias!

3. MCA Math Test

We have finished the reading MCA test today. Next Tuesday, April 27th will be the make up day for any portion of the test that needs to be completed.

4. Friday Dress up Days

Starting May 7th until June 4th (last day of school), each class will have the opportunity to earn a non-uniform day for Fridays. In a continued school wide effort to support good behavior, good communicators and focused students, each classroom will be able to dress up on Friday if they follow these expectations. The first non-uniform day will be Friday, May 7th. If the 4th class earn 10 points the week prior to May 7th they will participate in the non-uniform day, if they do not, then they will have to wear their normal school uniform. I will inform you a week in advanced so you won't have any last minutes surprises! If you have any questions or concerns regarding this please let me know.

5. Paint

We will be making a flower pot chair to donate to the Fiesta de Primavera. We are still in need of outdoor paint to decorate the chair. If you could donate any tubes or spray paint cans to our classroom we would greatly appreciate it.

6. Student teacher

!Hola! My name is Heather Rawson and I will be student observing, team-teaching, and full-time teaching in your child's classroom until the end of the year. I completed my undergraduate degree in Spanish at the University of St. Thomas. In 2009 I completed my graduate degree in education and received my ESL licensure. Currently, I am completing my Spanish licensure and looking forward to working with the students. Please feel free to contact me or stop by the classroom. I would be pleased to meet you.

7. Bag Lunch on April 30th

All students need to bring a bag lunch to school on April 30th as there will be no hot lunch served.

8. La Reina y El Rey

The new Spanish royalty of the week is Anna Nagel as the queen and Pierce Hoagland as the king. Congratulations!

9. Up Coming Events

April 19th – 23rd is celebrate ISLA week. April 27th is PTO meeting and Dia de los Niños at the Hopkins Library from 6:30-7:30 p.m. April 29th is Spring Music Program grades 1-2. April 30th bring bag lunch.