



PARENT'S LETTER APRIL 23, 2009 ISSUE 29
DEAR FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE PARENTS:

The attribute of the IB Profile is Communicator

The attitude of the month is Integrity

1. La Reina de la Semana

The new royalty of the week has been awarded to Paul Ousainov. Paul is the king of our class. He has made so much progress in school and continues to work hard in math and Spanish. He takes care of us girls. It wouldn't be the same without him. Glad you are in our class Paul! ¡Felicidades Paul!

2. Summer Camp

There is still time to sign up for ISLA Spanish Summer Camp. If you have any questions please let me know.

3. MCA – Testing

We finished the first part of the MCA reading test today. It went very well. The MCA math test will be on Monday April 27th and 28th. It is important that the students eat breakfast and get enough sleep the night before the test. Here is a link where you can get more information on preparing your child for the test.

http://www.education.state.mn.us/MDE/Accountability_Programs/Assessment_and_Testing/Assessments/MCA/Parents/index.html

I have also prepared a study guide with questions that will be similar to the test. We have been reviewing math vocabulary and example problems everyday. Please encourage your child to do his/her best and not to stress out about the test. This is not a timed test so each student will have enough time to finish. At the end of this letter there is a list of some sample math questions.

5. Science Fusion – Amantes de la Ciencia April 25, 2009

FYI - Amantes de la Ciencia (Lovers of Science) introduces visitors to science and education professionals from the Twin Cities' Latino/a and Hispanic communities. Last year's activities included making milagritos, building geodetic domes out of marshmallows and toothpicks, and learning about human DNA. Come see what exciting science activities and demonstrations are happening this year at the Science Museum of Minnesota's Amantes de la Ciencia, Saturday, April 25, 2009, from 1-4 p.m. For more information visit the website at

<http://www.smm.org/sciencefusion/amantes>.

4. Outdoor Paint

We are going to be making a flower pot chair again this year to donate to the Fiesta de Primavera. If you have any spray paint that we could use to decorate the chair please send it to school with your child. Thanks!

5. Up Coming Events

April 27th-29th MCA Math Test. May 6th MCA Science Test for 5th grade only. May 2nd is Fiesta de Primavera.

Con cariño,

Sra. Boeser

“Wisdom outweighs any wealth.” – Sophocles

Here is a list of example questions that would be similar to the MCA Math Test.

We will be answering these questions together in class.

1. What fraction of the circle is red?
2. Round 459 to the nearest hundreds.
3. Multiply 20×50
4. Which number sentence is true? $5 \times 9 = 45$ or $5 \times 8 = 45$
5. Which symbol would be use to make this sentence true? $3 ___ 9 = 2 \times 6$
6. Solve. $80 \times 0 = ?$
7. What is another way to write thirty six thousand three hundred eight?
8. Order the numbers from least to greatest.
9. What is the area of a square?
10. What is the perimeter of a rectangle?
11. Which lines are perpendicular?
12. Which shape has a right angle?
13. What is the median?
14. What is the mean?
15. What is the probability of a coin landing on heads?
16. Which figures are congruent?
17. Which sides are parallel?
18. Which figure is a pyramid?
19. What is a rhombus?
20. Which figure has an obtuse angle?
21. What is the area of a rectangle?
22. Which figures are prisms?
23. Label the faces, bases, edges, and sides of this triangle?