



PARENT'S LETTER APRIL 16, 2009 ISSUE 28  
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 Anisah Clark. Anisah is a student who can take charge of a situation and be a leader. She knows how to communicate to her classmates and explain things when I am not able to. Anisah can make all of us smile. ¡Felicidades Anisah!

2. Summer Camp

Don't forget to sign up for the ISLA Spanish Summer Camp. We are still accepting registration forms for another week.

3. MCA – Testing

We will begin the first part of MCA testing next week on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will only do the reading test those days. The following week we will take the math test on April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. 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](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. We are practicing how to take the test and discussing different strategies about what to do if you don't understand a question. 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>.

6. 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 outdoor paint that we could use to decorate the chair please send it to school with your child. I would like to have the paint by April 24<sup>th</sup>. Thanks!

7. Research Your Name

As a part of our IB Unit we are reflecting on who we are and researching our name. Please take this time to talk to your child about why you chose his/her name and what it means. We will be writing about it in class.

## 8. Up Coming Events

April 21<sup>st</sup> is McDonald's Night. April 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> MCA Reading Test. April 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> MCA Math Test. May 6<sup>th</sup> MCA Science Test -5<sup>th</sup> grade only. May 2<sup>nd</sup> Fiesta de Primavera.

Con cariño,

Sra. Boeser

“My heart is singing for joy this morning. A miracle has happened! The light of understanding has shone upon my little pupil's mind, and behold, all things are changed!” -Anne Sullivan, Helen Keller's teacher

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  $20 \times 50$
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.