



PARENT'S LETTER MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> 2009 ISSUE 25  
DEAR FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE PARENTS:

The attributes of the IB Profile are Knowledgeable & Inquirers  
The attitude of the month is Curiosity

1. La Reina de la Semana

The new royalty of the week has been awarded to Kirsten Magaard. Kirsten was caught applying a learning strategy in class. We have an Inquiry Chart where we place questions we want to know more about. She took her question, researched it and answered it in her newspaper article. Well done Kirsten!

ISLA is excited to offer summer camp again this year! Look in the Thursday Folder for the registration forms. We will offer different sessions from June 22<sup>nd</sup>-July 31<sup>st</sup>. Some of the themes will be gardening, performing a play, art, dinosaurs, airplanes & rockets, and music. This will be a great way for students to practice their Spanish, while having lots of fun!

2. Out Sick

I was out sick this week on Monday and Tuesday. I received an excellent report from the substitute teacher that the class worked very hard on their assigned work. What a fabulous class! ¡Gracias alumnos!

3. Report Cards and IB Units

Report cards will be coming home on March 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be a new IB assessment added to the report card. We have completed the unit on explorers and we will finish landforms next week. These two IB units will be on one page, separate from the classroom subjects. Students will be assessing their own learning from the two IB units we have done so far. You will see a grade from me and one from the student. If you have any questions regarding this please don't hesitate to ask.

4. Science Test

We will be having a science test next week as we conclude our IB Unit on landforms. The students will have a study guide to help them prepare for the exam. See attachment below.

5. Parents Teach Your Skill Day

We had the very talented Sr. Miller visit our class last Friday. In Spanish, he taught us how to play Tlachtli, a game like basketball played by the Aztecs, Mayans and Olmecs. The object of Tlachtli is to put a ball through a hoop made of stone at one end of a court. The challenging part of this game is the players can't use their hands! The class got a great workout and learned more about sports and culture. Gracias Sr. Miller! Coming soon to our classroom will be Sr. Anderson and Sra. Urbina.

6. TA Presentations

Sr. Ruiz gave a super power point presentation on Colombia. He has done so much with us this year in our classroom. Some of his time is spent reading with the students, organizing the school newspaper, working in small groups and doing the morning meeting. If you haven't had a chance to spend some time with the fabulous Sr. Ruiz please check out the PTO calendar and schedule an activity to do with him. We only have 3 months left of school! Next week the lovely Mariana will be doing a special presentation for us. I can't wait!

## 7. Up Coming Events

March 25<sup>th</sup> report cards go home. March 26<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> there is no school. March 30<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> NWEA testing. April 6<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> is Spring Break. April 13<sup>th</sup> is PTO meeting. April 21<sup>st</sup> is McDonald's Night. April 24<sup>th</sup> MCA Science test (5<sup>th</sup> Grade only). April 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> MCA Testing Math & Reading.

Con cariño,

Sra. Boeser

*"The Grand Canyon...to vast, to complex, to grand for description!"* - John Wesley Powell 1870

\*\*\*Helpful Websites for Math and Reading

### **Math**

[www.aaamath.com](http://www.aaamath.com) **Math practice and activities**

[www.coolmath.com](http://www.coolmath.com) **Interactive math games**

[www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com) **Great site for kids**

[www.aplusmath.com](http://www.aplusmath.com) **A+ Math**

<http://mathforum.org/dr.math/> **Ask Dr. Math**

[www.gomath.com](http://www.gomath.com) **On line math help**

[www.tangram.i-p.com/](http://www.tangram.i-p.com/) **Interactive tangrams**

[www.mathleague.com/help/help.htm](http://www.mathleague.com/help/help.htm) **Math League help topics**

[www.edhelper.com](http://www.edhelper.com) **Help for all subjects**

### **Language Arts/Reading**

[www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com) **Language Arts games and more**

[www.m-w.com/game/](http://www.m-w.com/game/) **Merriam Webster Word Game of the Day**

[www.vocabulary.com](http://www.vocabulary.com) **Vocabulary activities**

[www.superkids.com/aweb/tools/words](http://www.superkids.com/aweb/tools/words) **Vocabulary builders**

<http://helponenglish.homestead.com> **English help**

[www.writesite.org](http://www.writesite.org) **Interactive Language Arts and Journalism**

[www.lexile.com](http://www.lexile.com) **Lexile Framework**

## Landforms Study Guide

1. What is the function of map?
2. What is a legend and why is it important.
3. How do you think the Grand Canyon was formed?
4. What is a delta and how is it formed?
5. What is deposition?
6. What is erosion?
7. What does "to scale" mean?
8. What is a topographic map?

9. What are contour lines?

10. What is a contour interval?

11. What information does a profile map give you versus a topographic map?