



PARENT'S LETTER MARCH 25TH 2009 ISSUE 26
DEAR FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE PARENTS:

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

1. Report Cards and IB Units

Today report cards are coming home with your child. Please sign the envelope and send it to school with your child on Monday, March 31st. You can keep the report card. I would like to clarify some parts of the report card. I grade all subjects except art, music and gym. Sr. González grades music, movement and gym. Srta. Lea grades art. The students graded their IB units located on the third page using the following guidelines below.

Journeys of Explorers

Dialectical thought: Did I understand different points of views? For example, did I notice the explorer's perspective versus the native inhabitants' point of view?

Evaluation: Did I decide what to say and include it in my one act play from the books that I read. For example, did I present the most important information about my explorer?

Viewing: Did I participate in the timeline power point project? Do I understand that explorers have been making discoveries over a long period of time?

Reading: Did I read independently and use different books for my report? Did I understand what I read?

Spatial Awareness: Did I understand that objects and events belong to different time periods? For example, in the 1800's people did not drive around in cars but in the 1900's they did.

Incredible Landforms

Cooperating: Did I work cooperatively with my group? Did I share materials and take turns during our experiments?

Recording Data: Did I record my observations by drawing, taking notes and making graphs?

Interpreting Data: Did I see patterns from the experiments? Did I connect different pieces of information together to make a conclusion of what happened in the experiment?

Presenting Research Finding: Did I write and communicate what I learned in my worksheets and tests?

These are the questions the students had to reflect on before grading themselves. A big part of learning also includes the students' participation in assessing their own work. This creates a sense of responsibility and ownership in what they do. We will be working on this for the rest of the year. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at any time.

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Sra. Boeser Have a relaxing weekend!