



It's been a great 2nd week of school! We are really getting into the swing of things.

IB Profiles:

The students have been working in groups to describe each IB profile. So far, we have completed Audaces (Risk-Takers), Integros (Principled), De Mentalidad Abierta (Open-Minded), and Pensadores (Thinkers). Ask your 2nd graders to tell you about what it means to exhibit these traits. We will be focusing more deeply on each profile throughout the year.

IB Training:

Next week, on September 18th and 19th, I will be heading to level 2 IB training and will not be in school. I'm looking forward to getting more information on this wonderful program and bringing back some different strategies for working with the students.

PTO Website:

Check out the PTO website (<http://www.isla-pto.org/>) for some updated information. There is a page to set up Aunt and Uncle time with Juan Carlos, updated links to where to get ISLA clothing, the PTO proposal for extra curricular activities, and other new information for you.

Friday Pickup:

If you pick up your child from school this Friday, you will need to come into the gym. They will be sitting by grade levels. Please use the doors by the activity center (gym) instead of the main doors.

Scholastic Book Orders:

I've included the new Scholastic book flyer for Club Leo in this week's Thursday envelope! This is the flyer that contains Spanish titles. Send orders back to me, or order on the website, by September 30th.

Page Address: www.scholastic.com/parentordering

Class Name: Baksic

Password: Orders

Homework:

Now that we are getting into the swing of things, we are going to start having homework each night. Generally, you can expect to either have reading or math homework. The reading could be an A-Z book I send home, their Trofeos book, a book you have at home, or library books. The math will either be a worksheet that goes with our math program, or just a page to practice addition or subtraction. Once we start with English, they may also have some spelling work to do. I'll keep you posted on that. We go over the homework

each day before leaving, so they should know how to complete it before they leave school. **The homework should not take them more than 20 minutes a night, so let me know if your child is struggling to get it done.**

Volunteers:

We would love to get some volunteers to put together A-Z books! Although we now have the Trofeos program, it would still be good to use these books. Let me know if you would like to help. I could send everything home with your child and you could do it at home, or you could come to ISLA. Thanks!!

Math:

This week we started the math book. This unit is a review of some basic concepts from last year. We are practicing telling time, counting money, and some adding and subtracting. All these concepts will be covered again in more depth as we go through the year.

Fun Math Game Website:

Here's a fun website to practice basic math facts: <http://www.learningplanet.com/sam/sm/index.asp>
It's so important for students to be able to recall the basic math facts (addition and subtraction) quickly and accurately. The better they are with the basic facts, the easier math will be for them.

Coming Up:

- September 16th - McDonald's Night 4-7 pm
- September 22nd - Curriculum Night 6:30 pm
- September 23rd - Late Start
- September 29th - Picture Day