



ISLA Food Drive:

ISLA is on its way to reaching the goal of 1,000 cans to donate to Second Harvest Heartland Food Bank! Here are the totals for cans and boxes of food, so far:

All-Day Kinder: 73

PM Kinder: 132

1st Grade: 148

2nd Grade: 83

3rd Grade: 69

4th/5th Grade: 43

Grand Total for ISLA as of September 25th: 548 (WOW! We are more than half way to our goal!)

I've told the students that this is *their* project and in order to buy cans they should try to "earn" money for doing extra things at home and use that money to buy the cans. They can also just bring in the money and I'll go get some cans next week. We will be collecting until next Friday.

Matemáticas:

We are beginning chapter 2 in the math book. This chapter will focus on addition, subtraction, and addition story problems. Check out the home link I sent home with more information. Ask your child to write an addition story problem for you. Today, we worked together to complete the math evaluation for chapter 1. It was great to do this together because we talked about the importance of reading the directions and what to do if you are taking a test and can't remember how to do a problem.

Lectura:

In reading this week, we have been reading different A-Z books and also reading a story in our Trofeos book. Sometimes we read in groups with Sra. Baksic, or Sr. Ruiz, and sometimes we work with partners on easier books. We have been working on strategies to use to figure out the meaning of unknown words.

Writing:

The students wrote about whether, or not, they like fall and what activities they may do during fall. We discussed introductions and conclusions and made a list of sentences we could use for each. Then, each student wrote a paragraph using one of the introductions and one of the conclusions. They did a great job! You'll be able to see them at the upcoming conference.

Volunteers:

I'm looking for volunteers to stuff the Thursday envelopes for our class on Thursdays. It won't take too long, but perhaps you could also make some copies or help in the office on that same day. Please let me know if you are interested.

Flamenco at the University of Minnesota:

The University of Minnesota's Northrop Memorial Auditorium will be having a performance of Flamenco (Spanish dance). Check out this website for more information:

http://www1.umn.edu/amato/dance_2008/index.html#flamenco

Folkdancing Program at the Ridgedale Library:

The Ridgedale Library has a Mexican Folkdancing program with Diana Merrigan coming over during MEA weekend for kids in grade 1 and up. It is three days, Thursday and Friday (October 16-17) from 3-4:30pm and Saturday, October 18 from 12:30-3:00pm. The children will perform for the community at 2:00pm on Saturday at the Ridgedale Library. This is a free program sponsored by the Friends of the Ridgedale Library and the Library Foundation of Hennepin County. Registration is required. Class is limited to 20. Call 952-847-8847 to register or get more information.

Picture Day:

Don't forget that picture day is on Monday! The students do not need to wear their uniforms on this day. Remember, however, that they have departes with Sr. Gonzalez and therefore need appropriate gym shoes.

Coming Up:

- September 29th - Picture Day
- October 7th - PTO Meeting 6:30 pm
- October 13th-17th - No School (Conferences - Oct. 13th-15th)
- October 21st - McDonald's Night
- October 27th - Picture Retakes
- October 28th - Late Start