








# News from Srta. Helgerson

## May 10-14, 2010

Monday 5/10	Tuesday 5/11	Wednesday 5/12	Thursday 5/13	Friday 5/14
<p><b>PE</b></p>  <p><b>And Library</b></p>  <p><b>Story: <i>De semilla a planta</i></b></p>  <p><b>Writing: Staying focused</b></p> 	<p><b>Music</b></p>  <p><b>Fluency slips due for Johnny Appleseed</b></p> <p><b>IB Unit of Inquiry:</b></p> <p><b>Plants!</b></p> 	<p><b>Music</b></p>   <p><b>Math: Unit 11 - Decimals and place value. We are working on formalizing our explorations of multiplications and division as well.</b></p>	<p><b>PE</b></p>  <p><b>Make sure you have gym shoes!</b></p>  <p><b>Reading skill: reading diagrams</b></p> 	<p><b>Movement</b></p>  <p><b>Spelling Tests</b></p> <p><b>Homework packet due and the next one goes home.</b></p> <p><b>**Fluency slips and book will go home.</b></p> <p><b>Return by next Tuesday!</b></p>  <p><b>How do I know what I know?</b></p>

**IB Learner Profile attribute for May: **Reflective:**** Reflective learners give thoughtful consideration to their own learning and experience. *"Reflexivos."* IB attitude for May: Commitment. *"Compromiso"*

--Looking Ahead--

- May 13 – Spring Music Program grades 3-6
- May 17 – Last day to turn in ISLA library books
- May 21 – Spring Kinder Program
- May 25 – Late Start

**QUESTIONS?** I will send a weekly note home to let you know what we are doing in school. You can also find it on the website - 2nd Grade- Helgerson. I can be reached by phone at 952.746.6020 ext. 209  
**Email at [ehelgerson@islacad.org](mailto:ehelgerson@islacad.org). Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions/comments/concerns!**

Queridos padres,

Happy Mothers' Day! I have a few stories from class to share. Last Friday we had a simulation of the economic concept of scarcity during snack time. I told the students to get in line and that they could have as much popcorn as they wanted, they just had to tell me when to stop filling their bag. Their eyes got wide and the students all had very large portions until we started to run out. A few took smaller portions and then the rest were left with nothing. The students recognized this as unfair right away. Some were upset and I started explaining the concept of limited resources while some of your very caring children started divvying up their bags of popcorn or giving them away to help everyone else get some. I had more and everyone got their fill in the end but I was touched by the immediate reaction to help each other out. We should all be proud!

We have started some seeds and are looking forward to many growing experiences in the following weeks. Some students have already named their plants even though they can't see anything but dirt yet. I will be asking for some tubers to cut up and some stem cuttings of plants such as ivy that propagate by cuttings. Stay tuned!

Many thanks to all parents for the lovely treatment this week! I feel completely spoiled and very much loved and appreciated.

**Summer Camp:** The other ISLA teachers and I are very excited to be offering a summer camp for ISLA students. It's not too late to sign up, but if you are thinking about it, please register as soon as possible so that we can finalize our plans.

**Fiesta de Primavera:** Is on Saturday! I'll see you there!

**Spirit Days:** Students are earning the opportunity to have dress up days on Fridays for the rest of the school year. We will earn for the following week, so you will find out a week in advance whether the students will be able to dress up on that Friday. Our class did earn our spirit day of for May 14.

**Library:** The last day to check out books from the ISLA library will be May 10. All ISLA books need to be returned by May 17<sup>th</sup> so that inventory can be taken. Books from our classroom library can be checked out as late as May 26 and need to be back in by May 28. We've had some confusion in the library because of students turning books in on days that aren't Monday. Please remind students to only turn books in to the library on Monday to Sr. Gonzalez or to the box in our classroom.

Thank you so much for your support. Let me know if there's anything I can do to help you.

Saludos cordiales,



Emily Helgerson