



# April 2020 Newsletter

Dear Families,

I want to begin by saying just how much I miss everyone. I think of our students, our staff, our families, and friends, each and every day. I have great appreciation and gratitude for all who have worked together in support of this special pre-school over the years. My recent communications with many of you further reinforce why I feel so privileged to be a member of this community. As long as we continue to work together and do our part for our community, we will endure and move past this difficult time.

After much consideration, it is the decision that International School for Peace will remain closed to traditional learning for the duration of the school year, in alignment with Arizona's public, private and charter schools, as well as other pre-schools, to support the "Stay Home" campaign. Although this was a difficult decision, I believe it was the right choice to ensure the health and safety of our community.

I understand that this is a challenging time for all. We will continue to stay connected and support learning thru our unique online program. By enrolling your child, they have opportunity to meet twice daily with their teacher to engage in a variety of activities that support our monthly themes. These sessions are presented in both Spanish and English. During our sessions, staff support children in furthering skills to help resolve their conflicts. A daily lesson is available outlining the activities for each day. In addition, story time is offered 3 times per

week. ISP will continue our monthly newsletter, and update our social media, to stay in touch with you! Please join us!

If your child enrolled with us January 1 - March 15, please expect to receive their progress report next week.

ISP will be holding its Spring Book Fair April 20 - 30! We will be working with Melissa Miller, at Usborne Books, to bring you this exclusive online opportunity. Let's all read more! Information and a link to the Book Fair is found in this newsletter. Proceeds for this fundraiser will benefit our community members in need through a Community Relief Fund. I hope you will join me in supporting this effort.

We are moving ahead with Summer Care 2020! Registration forms are available online and updated information can be found in this newsletter. Summer Care is available weekly June 1 - July 17 with full day, half day pre care, and aftercare options available. I look forward to playing with your child this summer!

ISP will continue to support our staff and honor our monetary obligations to the best of our ability. Your charitable donation is greatly appreciated and accepted through our [website](#) or mail.

Stay well, stay safe, stay resilient,

Cathy

## Mission Statement

International School for Peace promotes peace within the individual, the community, and the world by immersing children in languages and multicultural experiences through play-based, anti-bias curriculum that celebrates diversity.



# ISP Summer Care 2020

We are excited to spend our summer with you!

Registration forms and program details are available on our [website](#).

Summer tuition can be paid through our [website](#).

**Summer Tuition DUE DATES have been extended:**

**June tuition is due April 27th, July tuition is due May 8th.**

**ISP will begin accepting payments on April 20.**

ISP Summer Care Program begins Monday, June 1 and ends Friday, July 17.

Summer Care will be **closed Friday, July 3rd**.

This summer offers a 2-3 year-old partial immersion Spanish program for students who are working on potty training, and a 3-6 year-old full immersion Spanish program.

Pre-care, after care, full day, and half day options are available.

Weekly themes will be offered with emphasis on Spanish, open ended art, music, literacy, water play, sensory exploration, peaceful conflict resolution, and fun!

**Tuition starts at \$140 per week**



## **Summer Themes:**

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|------------------------|---|
| Week 1: June 1-5       | Números, Formas y Colores ( <i>Numbers, shapes, &amp; Colors</i> )        |
| Week 2: June 8-12      | Construyendo ( <i>Construction</i> )                                      |
| Week 3: June 15-19     | Un Viaje Alrededor ( <i>A Trip Around the World</i> )                     |
| Week 4: June 22-26     | Colaboradores de la Comunidad ( <i>Community Helpers</i> )                |
| Week 5: June 29-July 2 | Exploremos el Agua! ( <i>Let's Explore Water!</i> )                       |
| Week 6: July 6-10      | Movimiento y Crear ( <i>Shake, Rattle, &amp; Create</i> )                 |
| Week 7: July 13-17     | Explorando Insectos por Todos Lados ( <i>Creepy Crawlers Everywhere</i> ) |

# 2020—2021 Registration

## Registration for next school year is ongoing!

- \* Registration forms are available [online](#).
- \* Only completed registration forms with accompanying fee will be accepted during registration. At this time, we are accepting mailed checks and forms to 4625 E River Road, Tucson, AZ 85718. Our website will be available to accept your registration and supply payments.
- \* Parents should request a partial or full immersion class.
- \* Teacher assignments are made in mid-summer and are based on enrollment.
- \* Registration packets will be mailed in mid-July.
- \* School calendar for the 2020-2021 School Year is posted online.
- \* The deadline to make changes to your child's schedule is July 18th.
- \* You will be contacted at the end of July to schedule your pre-conference. Pre-conferences will be held August 4th and 5th. School starts August 6th.





***We invite you to share the link  
with family and friends.  
Orders ship to the US.***

# Virtual Book Fair



International  
School for Peace

**April 20-30, 2020**

Shop Online

[www.ReadMoreUsborne.com/  
1513941](http://www.ReadMoreUsborne.com/1513941)

Questions?

Contact Melissa Miller

[melissa@ReadMoreUsborne.com](mailto:melissa@ReadMoreUsborne.com)

520.603.3465

call/text

**Ask me  
for  
details!**

 **USBORNE**  
BOOKS & MORE  
*Educational Services Representative*

Our book fair program was developed by Usborne Books & More to encourage reading while also raising money and/or free books for your school or organization.

**Proceeds from this fundraiser will go  
toward International School for  
Peace's Community Relief Fund.**



# We are so thankful!

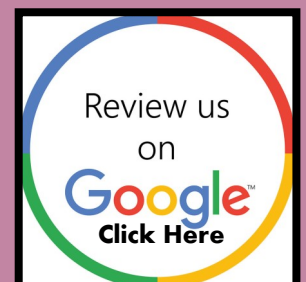


- Thank you to our dedicated ISP teachers and office staff for implementing and executing an innovative and exciting online curriculum during this school closure.
- Thank you to our book keeper Laura Aldag for your support and endless volunteer hours!
- Thank you Crosby Family and Made in the Shade for the monetary donation to our school.
- Thank you Steve Barclay from St. Francis for installing corner protectors to our sign-in table.
- Thank you Dana Princiotta for donating glue sticks and a multicultural doll to our school.
- Thank you St. Francis for the basketball hoop.
- Thank you Lydia Seldner for the ball, the broom, and the poinsettia.
- Thank you Cathy DeMers for the plastic bags and treats for the staff
- Thank you Khylia Marshall for treats for the staff and a donation of boys underwear.
- Thank you Fadi Iskandar for hanging and repairing our sign.
- Thank you Celena Park for sanitizing our water bins, lunch bins, and bicycles.
- Thank you to all the ISP families who are joining us in our virtual learning adventure!
- Thank you ISP school board for your guidance.



## Do you love your preschool?

**Click on the links below and  
write a review for us!**





# Welcome to the ISP Family

Gael Everett  
Born March 27  
10lbs 22in  
Congratulations Big  
Sister Fleeta!



Maya  
Congratulations  
Big Sister Abby!

## ISP Recommends:

Children's Orthopedic  
Specialists

Dust & Heritage



Antique Store

**THOMAS**  
PROMOTIONS

*Made in  
the Shade*



### Don't Forget

With just 2 months left in the school year, please settle any outstanding fees you may have on your account. Use the "Make a Payment" page on our [website](#) or mail a check to ISP: 4625 E River Road, Tucson, AZ 85718

**Thank You**





## DO THE FIVE Help Stop Coronavirus

- 1 HANDS** Wash them often
- 2 ELBOW** Cough into it
- 3 FACE** Don't touch it
- 4 FEET** Stay **SIX FEET** apart
- 5 FEEL** Sick? Stay Home

### Attention!

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ISP will begin accepting tuition April 20



## LIMIT THE SUN BUT NOT THE FUN!

### Use Sunscreen Every Day!



Even on cloudy days, the sun's rays can damage your skin. Wear sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher. Apply 10 minutes before going outside and reapply every 2 ½ hours or sooner if perspiring or engaging in water activities. Wearing sunscreen every day is as important as brushing your teeth!

### Wear a Wide-Brimmed Hat and Lip Balm!



A hat with a wide brim offers better protection for your scalp, ears, face and the back of your neck than a baseball cap or visor. Remember to protect lips with SPF 15+ lip balm.

### Wear Sunglasses!



Sunglasses reduce sun exposure that can damage your eyes and lead to cataracts. Check the label and choose sunglasses that block at least 90% of UVA and UVB rays.

### Cover Up!



Wear long sleeves and pants if possible to protect your skin when playing or working outdoors. Darker colors and fabric with a tight weave provide the most protection.

### Limit Time in the Midday Sun!

Limit your outdoor activities when the UV rays are strongest and most damaging (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Remember: Look for your shadow—if no shadow, seek cover!

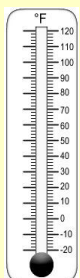
### Take Cover!



Find something fun that doesn't involve exposure to direct sun. Take cover under a tree, ramada or find an indoor activity inside a gym, library or classroom during peak UV.

### Check the daily UV Index!

Did you know you can check the intensity of the sun's rays every day? The ultraviolet or UV index is a way of measuring the sun's intensity. The scale is from 1 to 10. The higher the UV, the more careful you should be. A day with a UV rating of 10 requires more protection than a day with a rating of 1.



Get **FREE SunWise activities and UV stuff** at:

**[www.azdhs.gov/phs/sunwise](http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/sunwise)**

or call (602) 364-0929 to learn more about SunWise.

# 2's Partial Spanish Immersion with Ms. Maricruz

I hope this letter finds you healthy and safe. I want to thank you for all of your support and patience during this unexpected journey. I am doing my best to keep the emotional connection with your children, as well as maintain their love for learning with new and stimulating lessons.



Speaking of lessons, I have decided to keep my lesson plans' content untouched but with a twist. I have planned some interactive games to learn about community servers and an interactive bilingual reading program to learn about the metamorphosis of the butterfly, as our spring topic, through the book "The Very Hungry Caterpillar/La Oruga Muy Hambrienta". I am very excited about the bilingual reading program because I want to share with you how to introduce your children to biliteracy reading. I think it is going to be wonderful for you to learn how to develop bilingual reading skills at home.



Please, check the portal for updates. I will be posting videos, pictures, links of books, and whatever else I think can help your child to enjoy and engage with the program.



Because teaching online involves a different way of learning, you are an even more important part of your child's experience. Thank you for being on time, for finding the materials, and for your support guiding your little ones during the activities. Without you, this would not be possible at all. For this reason, your feedback is essential. There is no such thing as negative feedback, any question, complaint, comment can do only one thing: put my brain to work searching for a solution.



I am working with the aim of keeping our ISP community together and happy. Your smile makes me smile!

Love,  
Ms. Maricruz





# 3's Partial Spanish Immersion with Ms. Natalie

Hola Familias y Amigos!

April is here!

Due to the virus affecting our country, we've been asked to stay home. This however hasn't stopped us from staying connected with our friends. ISP now has a virtual learning portal available for families and students who signed up for our online learning. Students

get to interact in real time with their teacher and participate in activities.

Our themes for this month are Spring, Earth Day, and Community Helpers. Every month we explore our themes through books, art & crafts, songs and other activities.

Spring! Flowers! Bugs! We know it's spring when the flowers start to bloom. We will be exploring the life cycle of a flower while also learning its parts. The children will learn and identify bugs and insects found in our gardens.

For our Community Helpers theme, the children will be presented with riddles and props and will try to guess the community helper.

We love the Earth! There are lots of ways to care for our planet: we will be discussing topics like recycling and water usage. The children will be presented with an activity in which they have to identify which items are recyclable.

I hope you are staying safe and healthy so that our community may come together again.

With love,

Ms. Natalie



## April Spanish Vocabulary

Primavera – Spring

Insecto – Insect

Planeta Tierra – Planet Earth

Comunidad – Community

Enfermera – Nurse

Reciclar - Recycle



# 3's & 4's Language Enrichment with Ms. Lydia

Dear Families,

First at all I want to thank you for joining our online classes, we really appreciate your support and enjoy having some kind of contact and learning with your wonderful kids.

Our learning themes for this month are; Spring /Flowers /Leaves; Community Helpers and Earth Day/ Recycling.



Spring, I love this season, we are going to go outside our houses to our patio and collect some flowers, seeds, leaves and rocks. And we are going to use them to do different kinds of projects. We are going to learn the parts of a flower and leaf.

Earth Day is April 22. We will be learning ways to help better our planet! We will read books about our environment and recycling, and share ideas about caring for the Earth.

The students will learn the universal recycling symbol. We will learn how to recycle household things such as paper, card-board, and plastic bottles. We will also discuss and share ideas and learn how to make crafts with these items.

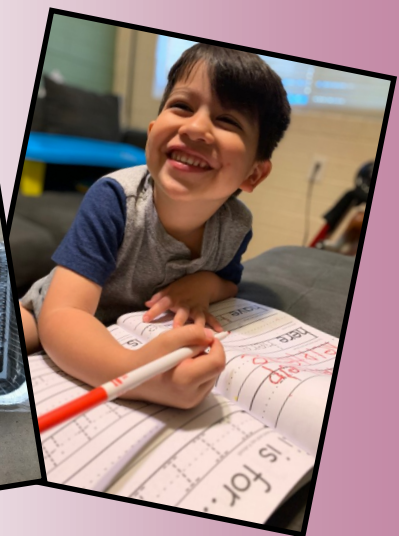
Community helpers are one of our fun themes in April. If you feel comfortable, I will ask if some of our parents want to share their occupations or read a book aloud, via online. That will be very interesting.

We are going to learn two new songs in Spanish: Adios Jardin Querido and Mariposa. And some new words in Spanish are: Mariposa, Dia de la Tierra and Reciclar.

Thank you again for all your kind support with all the teachers and school. If you have any questions or concerns, also ideas, please send me an email. [Lseldner@hotmail.com](mailto:Lseldner@hotmail.com).

"Kid you will move mountains" Dr Seuss

Love,  
Ms. Lydia



# 4's Full Spanish Immersion with Ms. Paola

Dear Parents and Families,

We started a new month in a different way than usual. We welcome April through our screens... For a lot of us this is not the ideal way to teach preschoolers, but we think that for now this is the safest and best way to provide our students and their families with meaningful and fun learning experiences. The themes for this month are:



Spring (weather, garden, insects)  
Community Helpers  
Earth Day



During my sessions I will present activities where my students can practice their Spanish using new and already learned vocabulary. We will also play games, like guessing and memory games. I'll include our physical empower program. I know the children are inside the house, so I will be careful with the instructions I give them during our exercise time. I will present books related to the topics and we will have discussions and I will guide my friends to make connections with what they know and what they are learning. We will also do projects and science experiments!

Some of these activities we'll do during the sessions and some of them will be done at home during weekends. We'll sing and dance too!

I am very conscious about the life we are experiencing right now, and it's not my intention to overwhelm you with more things to do. I will keep the activities simple, fun, and with meaningful contenidos. I also want to provide my students and their families structure and a routine, so they have a sense of being in a safe place and know what to expect.

Last but not least, I want to thank you for all your support and patience. I miss you all!

"Good Friends are never far apart"- The Friendship Book

Love,  
Ms. Paola

