



January 2020 Newsletter

Happy New Year and Welcome Back from Winter Break!

Thank you to all our families who participated in "Giving Days" on December 12 and 13. Our staff works very hard each day to provide your children with the best possible preschool experience. We really appreciated your tokens of appreciation and gratitude!

I would like to thank those families who have visited and shared their cultures and family traditions with our classes. We heard about India, Iran, Israel, Mexico, US, Chili, Sweden and Canada to name just a few! We really enjoyed learning from you!

I would also like to bid a personal farewell to Heather Chapman, an alumni parent and a dedicated member of our ISP Advisory Board for over six years. Thank you for supporting our mission for so many years and for being a compassionate and indispensable contributor to our continued success and growth. We wish you all the best.

We are excited to welcome back Angelina Fabey from the Tucson Wildlife Center on January 14. We will learn about how this organization helps save our precious wildlife and what the community can do to help their efforts.

Please be sure to check the Announcements, Wish Lists, and Upcoming Dates in this newsletter. There are lots of happenings that you do not want to miss!

Preparations are underway for our Thirteenth Annual Family & Friends Fundraiser Dinner/ Silent Auction scheduled for February 7 at 6:15 pm in the Saint Francis Celebration Center. We hope you will join us for an evening of class performances, dinner

catered by Risky Business, and a terrific Silent Auction. It's a fun time to meet other families, mingle with our staff, and support your preschool. I want to thank our terrific Silent Auction Basket Coordinators Dana Princiotta and Bahareh Sollenbarger for Ms. Maricruz, Caitlyn Rios and Emma Shaffer for Ms. Natalie, Ashley Van Winkle for Ms. Carmen, Christine Gery for Ms. Lydia and Ms. Nooshin, and Jacqueline Peterson for Ms. Paola. These dedicated moms will be getting in touch to let you know how to contribute to your class auction basket. Tickets for the event will go on sale on January 6 in the preschool office. Please save the date and purchase your ticket in advance to attend this fun family event.

Believe it or not, 2020 - 2021 school registration begins on February 10. We will be accepting your 2020/2021 registration forms and fees beginning at 8AM that morning. Registration will be ongoing. More information will be on our website later this month. Summer Care registration will begin in early March.

Our teachers work every day to help students learn self-help skills such as independently putting on their coat or jacket and hat, manipulating buttons, pulling up and down zippers, and putting on socks and shoes to name just a few! Please help by reinforcing these important skills with your child at home! Everyone will benefit.

In Peace,
Cathy

"The time is always right to do what is right" -Martin Luther King, Jr.

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.



2020—2021 Registration

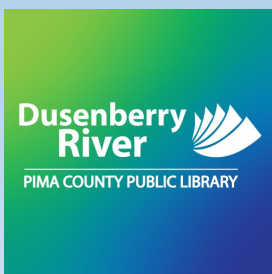
Registration is on a first come, first served basis.

Registration for current preschoolers and their siblings begins
February 10, 2020 at 8 am.

- * Registration forms will be available online the week of January 21st and will be distributed to parents and available in the preschool office on February 3rd.
- * Only completed registration forms with accompanying fee (check, cash, credit, debit, ApplePay, Android Pay, or money order) will be accepted during registration.
- * Mailed forms will go into a lottery and be drawn each afternoon after registration begins.
- * Registration will be open to the general public starting the next week (Feb. 17th)
- * Teachers will not accept forms or fees.
- * Students are registered into programs and must be the age of the class they are entering by the first day of school.
- * Teacher assignments are made in mid-summer and based on enrollment.



ISP RECOMMENDS:





International School for Peace



**Cordially Invites you to
our 14th Annual**

Family and Friends Fundraiser and Silent Auction

**February 7, 2020
6:15pm—8:15pm**

**Please join us in St. Francis' beautiful Celebration Center for
an exciting evening to include a silent auction, a fabulous
dinner with vegetarian options catered by Risky Business,
special performances by each class, and so much more!**

***Tickets:**

**Children under 2 are FREE
Children 2-10 years old: \$10
Adults 11 years+: \$20**

**Tickets are limited & will go on sale
January 6th in the preschool office.**

Deadline for purchasing tickets is Friday, January 31st.

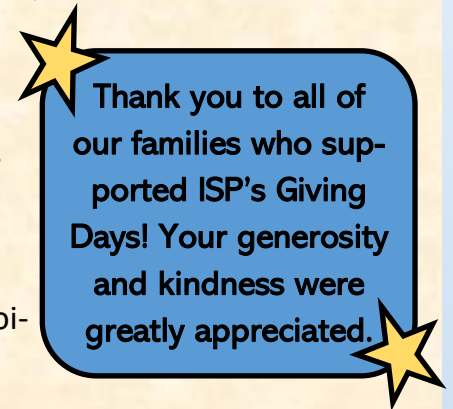
***Money earned at this fundraiser will be used to support our scholar-
ship fund and to purchase playground equipment to include musical
instruments for the grassy playground.***

****We accept payment in the form of cash or check only****



ISP Would like to thank these wonderful people:

- Shannon Lindemer for donating clothes to ISP and bringing in treats for the staff.
- Miles Gin for donating clothes to ISP.
- Lauren Rosenthal for bringing in treats for the ISP staff.
- Marni, Barbara, and Luca for bringing in treats for the ISP staff.
- Sharon Liebeskind for organizing our shoe swap, arranging our winter Lost & Found, and beautifying our library.
- Otis Brown for beautifying our entire campus!
- Lydia Seldner for bringing in treats for the ISP staff.
- Heather Chapman for donating books and games to the preschool.
- Holli Kent for bringing in hand-made good to treat the ISP staff.
- Ryan and Celia Preble-Gaitz for organizing our custodial closet, labeling our nap bins, folding our nap sheets, and fixing one of our toilet paper dispensers.
- Dana Princiotta for donating color copy paper to the ISP office.
- Tony Giachetti for permanently mounting our toilet paper roll dispensers in our bathrooms.
- Caellum Gery and Family for donating books to our library.
- The Perkins Family for donating toys, stickers, puzzles, and books to the preschool.
- Laura and Curt Aldag for their monetary donation to our scholarship fund.



Tax Time

International School for Peace's Tax I.D. is
86-0388672

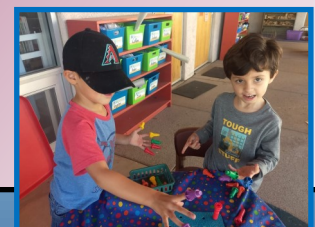
Printed tax information is available upon written request to the preschool office beginning
February 1st.

Allow 2 weeks. A \$5.00 fee applies.



Wish List

- Colored Copy Paper
- Large Baskets & Containers
- Rolls of clear cellophane
- Blocks of ice



Playing After School?

Everyone loves our grassy playground and mud kitchen! If your child enjoys playing there after school, please remember to put equipment away and return the areas the way they were found and ready for our aftercare students to enjoy. Please be sure to vacate the grassy playground by 3pm.

Also, remember to sign your child out of school at 2:30 or when you arrive on campus.

Thank You!



¡BIENVENIDOS!!

ISP is excited to welcome a new friend and to welcome old friends into new classes!

Ms. Natalie's Class

Cassia

Ms. Carmen's Class

Sebastian

&

Luca

Ms. Lydia and Ms.

Nooshin's Class

Callan

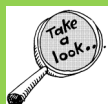
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Caellum

Please update your directory with their contact information.

Lost and Found

We have two valuable items in the preschool office: an earring and a headphone. If one of these belongs to you, please collect it from the office!



One of Ms. Paola's students is looking for his favorite jacket. It's a black Under Armor jacket with red sleeves and has *Texas Tech* written on it. If found, please return it to the ISP office. Thank you!

We have quite a full Lost & Found box—please take a look and collect what is yours!



Upcoming Dates:

- January 6 – school resumes
- January 20—MLK Day: No School
- January 22—Peace Day
- February 7—14th Annual Friends and Family Fundraiser and Silent Auction
- February 10 — Registration opens for the 2020-2021 school year



Thank You Recycling Helpers!



Each Wednesday, our Aftercare team collects the school's recycling. Each class has a designated helper in After-care who, along with Ms. Nooshin, collects recycling for the school.

Thank you Recycling Helpers!

Progress Reports:

Student Progress Reports will be distributed no later than March 5 & 6.

Parent conferences are encouraged at the family's request and can be scheduled for March 9th through March 20.

Please schedule directly with your teacher

Wear White Wednesday

January 22
ISP will
celebrate Peace Day.

*Please send
your child to
school in white
for peace.*



Kid Approved Lunchbox Ideas

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A Note From Pima County Health Department

Everyday steps to stay healthy and to prevent or lessen the impact of Influenza (Flu):

- Wash your hands often and thoroughly – sing happy birthday twice
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or shirt sleeve
- Use a tissue, throw it away and then wash your hands
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- Skip the quick hug or embrace when greeting your old friend

Flu viruses can spread from person to person through coughing, sneezing, by touching something with flu viruses on it, and in some cases through the air

Steps to take if you or someone in your family gets the flu:

- **STAY HOME** – if you are sick stay home from work or school
- **CALL FIRST** – call your medical practitioner or clinic **BEFORE** you leave the house
- **MAKE A PLAN** – consider actions to take care of you and your family

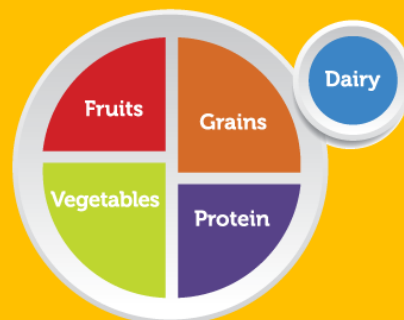
Healthy Eating

Get your child on the path to healthy eating.

- **Offer a variety of healthy foods.** Choose foods from each MyPlate food group. Pay attention to dairy foods, whole grains, and vegetables to build healthy habits that will last a lifetime.
- **Be mindful of sweet drinks and other foods.** Offer water instead of sugary drinks like regular soda and fruit drinks. Other foods like hot dogs, burgers, pizza, cookies, cakes, and candy are only occasional treats.
- **Focus on the meal and each other.** Your child learns by watching you. Let your child choose how much to eat of foods you provide. Children copy your likes, dislikes, and your interest in trying new foods.
- **Be patient with your child.** Children enjoy food when eating it is their own choice. Some new foods take time. Give a taste at first and wait a bit. Let children serve themselves by taking small amounts. Offer new foods many times.

Cook together, Eat together, Talk together. Make meal time family time.

-USDA



Precare

Ms. Jane, Ms. Carmen, & Ms. Holli

Precare is a service provided to help our parents who need an early drop off. This program is held Monday-Friday. Upon arrival, all students will wash their hands. If you have time, please help us with this task. There are two classrooms for precare. Ms. Natalie's and Ms. Maricruz's classes will meet for precare in Room 10. These students will begin with outdoor play beginning at 8:30 each day. Ms. Lydia's, Ms. Paola's, and Ms. Carmen's classes will meet in Room 22 for precare. Weekly lesson plans and class schedules are posted in each precare class. Precare is a great time to make new friends, eat breakfast, and have fun with a variety of activities.

Happy Holidays!

Love, Ms. Jane, Ms. Holli, & Ms. Carmen



Aftercare

Ms. Lilia & Ms. Nooshin

Hello dear parents and students,

Happy New Year!

This month's theme will be: It's cold outside (Winter)! We will continue to talk about winter and celebrate the cold weather we have been experiencing. We try to be **HEALTHY** through this season. Our topics for this month will also include nutrition and health.

We will continue to focus on washing our hands. Hand washing can help stop the spread of many illnesses.



We will also continue to work on self-dressing skills such as putting on a jacket, buttoning buttons, learning how to use zippers, and working with snaps. We will go outside to play each day; please make sure your child has warm clothing.

Please continue to provide an extra, healthy snack to enjoy during aftercare.

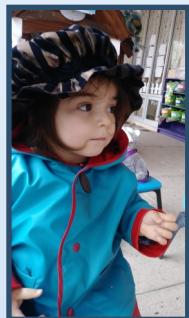
Thank you for your continued support of the aftercare program. We are very happy to say that we have a lovely mix of younger and older students who get along great! We are looking forward to a wonderful new year and the second half of the school year.

Love from your aftercare team,
Ms. Nooshin and Ms. Lilia

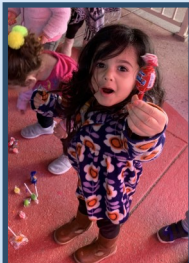
2's Partial Spanish Immersion

Ms. Maricruz, Ms. Gabby, & Ms. Holli

Welcome back ISP families! I hope you all have had a great end of the year and an awesome start to 2020. I want to thank our families for the demonstrations of affection we received back in December. Each one of them was very appreciated and welcomed by all the staff.



This month we will discover winter in Tucson and in others parts of the world where it snows, and I will cover peace and community during the second part of the month.



As part of learning, we will discuss how winter feels and what it looks like in places with freezing temperatures. We will also talk about winter plants and animals. We will compare what some books show us about winter and what we actually observe here in Tucson. Any pictures from your winter trips, souvenirs that show winter in other locations, local plants, and/or pictures of winter in Tucson will be welcome for a fast show and tell in the classroom. I will be asking which of my kiddos got to see and play with snow! In case your child did



not see any, do not worry, they will have the opportunity to play with some fake snow and cold materials at school.

We are excited about our visit from the Tucson Wildlife Center on January 14th who will

share how this organization cares for animals.

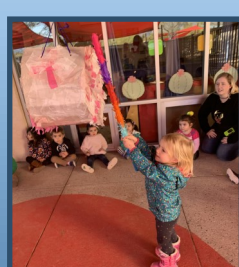
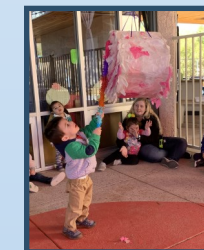
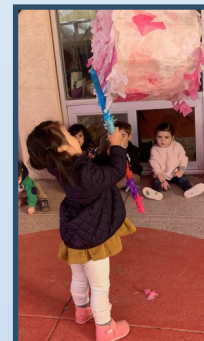
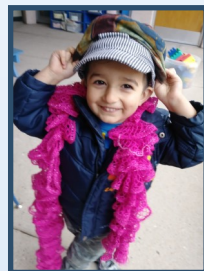
Martin Luther King Day will serve as the starting point of our second topic: peace and respect for one another. We will use books, role plays, puppets, art, and songs to further introduce these topics. I plan to share parts of the book "I Am Rosa Parks" by Brad Meltzer to emphasize the importance of acceptance and open mindedness. Rosa Parks will be used as an example of an American woman who advocated for change. If you are interested in watching the book online, please click on the following link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tela42pi2uk>. I will be using this book as guide for myself to introduce ideas.

We will wrap up the month with social dance and games to further build and reinforce community.

Be prepared for comments and questions on these topics, I would like to hear any comments your kiddos share with you. Please, do not hesitate to contact me maricruzsouthern@gmail.com.

I wish you all the best in this new year of 2020.

Warm Regards,
Miss Maricruz



3's Partial Spanish Immersion

Ms. Natalie

Hello and Happy New Year families!

Thank you all for making December a wonderful month; we sure had fun exploring and doing holiday activities. I hope you enjoyed your holidays!

New Year, new friends! We'd like to welcome Cassia Yost into our classroom: we are excited to have you join us. We would also like to say Adios to our friend Callan who will be playing with Ms. Lydias's class starting in January.

For January our themes are Peace, Trees, and Winter. We will also learn about Chinese New Year and read a simplified version of MLK's "I Have a Dream" speech which will tie into our theme of peace. Our themes will be emphasized with books, songs, and arts and crafts.

Our dramatic area will be turned into a Winter Wonderland where the children will get to build a snowman, pretend to shovel snow, and many other winter activities.

To learn more about trees I have planned for us a nature walk around the premises of St. Francis/ISP. The children will pick up sticks and leaves to create a collage. Date of trip is yet to be determined.

During our circle time we will do role playing of scenarios that could create conflict and then the children will get to come up a solution as a group.

Now that we know how to count to 10 in Español, the numbers 11-20 will become part of our vocabulary too.

In preparation for our Friends and Family event, I'd like to create a family wall space in our classroom. I am requesting that you send a family picture by January 10. We will also begin practicing our 3 songs for the performance at the event which includes one in English, one in Spanish, and one in a surprise language! Kids will get to tie dye their own shirts to wear that evening. **Please**

send a plain white shirt by January 24th. I am looking for a parent to help with this project week of January 28. Please let me know if you can help!

Do you have a book you loved as a child? Come into our classroom and share it with us! If any of our themes spark your creativity or knowledge, I'd love for you and your family visit our classroom and share it with us. Come talk to me or contact me at ngranadosvasquez@outlook.com.

Our littles are growing and therefore consuming more food. Please make sure your child has enough food for snack and lunch, if enrolled in aftercare include a snack for that time.

With love,
Ms. Natalie

January Spanish Vocabulary

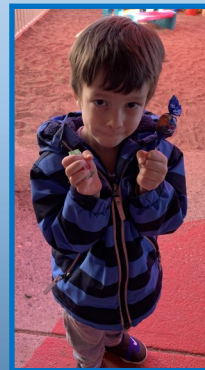
Peace – Paz

Tree – Arbol

Winter- Invierno

Polar Bear – Oso Polar

Penguin – Pinguino



3's Full Spanish Immersion



Feliz ano nuevo!

Ms. Carmen



Happy New Year!

I hope you enjoyed a beautiful winter vacation with your family and friends. I'm excited to start a new year full of fun activities and beautiful experiences!



Welcome back Luca Caballero, we missed you!

Our themes for January are: Winter, peace and trees. The children will be learning about the coldest season by taking a look at winter clothing, changes that occur during the season, and winter sports. Throughout the unit, the children will develop an awareness of winter activities. Some of our learning experiences related to winter will include experiencing ice in the sensory table and studying animals that hibernate such as chipmunks, bears, snakes, turtles and frogs.



Trees, trees, trees!

Did you ever stop to think what our world would be like without trees? Through participating in the experiences provided by this theme, the children will learn: parts of the tree, care of trees, and how trees help us. In our class we will use wood blocks to build houses, chairs, tables and all kinds of other objects. We will also talk about foods that grow on trees. Some of the activities to support this theme are: going on a "tree walk" and recording the number of trees we see, as well as cooking experiences with foods from trees (fruit salad). Our drama center will be transformed into a "construction site. Also, we will use real tree branches to paint at the easel.

During circle time we will continue working on colors (Azul, Amarillo, Rojo, Morado, Negro, Blanco, Verde, Rosa, Plata, Cafe, Gris), Numbers 1-10, and shapes (Heart: Corazon; Square: Cuadrado; Star: Estrella; Circle: Circulo)

Spanish Vocabulary:

arbol=tree
paz= peace
invierno=winter
madera= wood
ardilla= chipmunk
rana=frog
tortuga= turtle

In this month we will focus on PEACE, conflict resolution and kind acts.



We will introduce in our classroom "The Peace Table". The Peace Table allows a child to have a short period of silence on their own. A Peace Table can also be used by the children to encourage conflict resolution through peaceful and respectful communication.

When used for conflict resolution, it encourages children to talk about what's on their mind and gives them a specific place and method to achieve an agreeable solution. Feel free to visit our classroom and take a look at our beautiful peace table.



Thank you so much!
Ms. Carmen

Ms. Carmen's wish list:

- Gallon Ziploc bags
- Toilet paper rolls



3's / 4's Language Enrichment

Ms. Lydia & Ms. Nooshin

Hello Dear Families

Queridos Padres y Familia

سلام بر خانواده های عزیز

We are happy to have your kids back from holidays and vacations. During the month of January, our themes will be Trees, Winter, Winter Animals, Chinese New Year and the concept of Peace.

We will continue learning yoga positions to enhance self-control and wellness.

We try to celebrate peace every day by spreading kindness, respecting each other, and having good manners.

We will introduce hibernation and discuss where, when, and which animals hibernate.

In this month, we will display a few examples of Asian dolls. These dolls represent the culture of dressing and the hairstyles of people from Asia.

In Spanish children will learn new words: Paz-Peace, Invierno-Winter, Hielo-Ice, Paloma-Dove.

In Farsi class, the children will learn about examples of Iranian art and handicraft.

The story for this month will be: "The Fox and the Raven".

Our new song in Farsi will be: The Little Beautiful Bird. This is also known as Gonjeshkake Ashi mashi in Farsi.

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گنجشک اشی

We will practice spelling our last names aloud and identifying them in print.

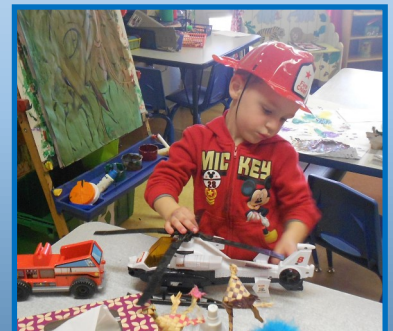
Students have learned to count and identify numbers 1 to 15. We will start to advance to number 20.

International School for Peace's 14th Annual Friends and Family Fundraiser and Silent Auction is Feb. 7, 2020. Mark your calendars!

Thanks to Isla's grandpa, Remi, for repairing our guitar and small wooden chair.

We wish you a wonderful New Year in 2020.

Lydia and Nooshin



4's Full Spanish Immersion

Ms. Paola & Ms. Zulma

Dear Parents and Families,

Happy 2020! I hope you had a wonderful holiday and winter break.



During January, we will review our rules and routines in order to have an easier and smooth return to school.

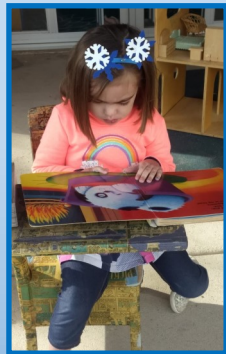
The first week of this month we will celebrate the New Year!



Children will practice counting up to 20 using a variety of manipulatives. We will also add numbers that add up to number 20. We will share things we would like to accomplish this year, for instance: eating more veggies, practicing a new sport, or meeting new friends.



Winter is officially here! We will explore changes in the weather and we will explore with ice. We will also have fun making snow! As part of the winter theme, we will discuss what hibernation is and what animals hibernate and how they prepare for this time of the year.



The concept of peace is a topic that we will work with during the whole month in many different ways. We will read books, and do role play about peace resolution. We will use daily routines and hands-on activities to discuss this topic. We will discuss that children, people, animals and nature should be able to exist peacefully and what we can all do to contribute to that. This will lead us to



I would like to thank:

- Jacquelyn (London's mom) for visiting our class twice to talk about her holiday traditions and making art with us.
- Lenny (Gavina's dad) for teaching us about Hanukkah
- Amanda (Leif's mom) for reading us a Swedish holiday story
- Shannon (Mateo's mom) for sharing with us how her family celebrates the holiday season
- Miles's dad for reading us a book about dinosaurs and the little dinosaur toys. He also joined us in dancing to our favorite song "Dinosaur rap"

make lots of connections and practice Kindness, Respect, Compassion and Equality. A few years ago, I had the opportunity to attend a presentation by the founder of Ben's Bells. She said that Kindness is a skill. I strongly agree that Kindness is an important tool when teaching and guiding children to problem solve peacefully and find the right words to express their wants and needs from others.

This month we'll study measurement concepts. We will measure objects inside and outside the classroom using rulers, measuring tape, blocks, legos, etc.

We will start working on recognizing and spelling our friends' names. And for those who feel ready and are interested, they will start writing them too.

Thanks to all the parents and families who participated in our Traditional Family Breakfast. The children really enjoyed having you come and spending time with you. It was really a heart warming experience!

"A person's a person, no matter how small" -Dr. Seuss

Love,
Ms.
Paola

