



# March 2023 Newsletter

Dear ISP Friends and Families,

Thank you to all the families and friends who have helped to make our staff feel so special. Our staff works very hard each day to bring your child the best possible preschool experience. I know that is certainly expected but the job is not always so easy! Gestures of gratitude are appreciated and never taken for granted. So, thank you for acknowledging our staff and what they do to help better our future.

Can you believe it is already March?

International School for Peace continues with 2023/2024 preschool registration. Thanks to all who have submitted their fall registration form and registration fee. Please include this fee with your form to secure a spot for your child in the 2023/2024 school year. Registration forms and information can be found at [www.internationalschoolforpeace.com](http://www.internationalschoolforpeace.com) or on the registration table outside the preschool office.

Registration for Summer Care 2023 will begin on April 10. Current students and their siblings will have priority registration thru April 12 before registration is open to the general public. More information will be posted to the website by mid-March, I promise.

Your teacher will be emailing progress reports on March 9 and 10<sup>th</sup>. Family conferences are optional. Please contact your teacher directly if you wish to set up a conference. If there is a concern with a particular student, teacher may contact the family and recommend a conference. Conferences will be

between March 20-24 during teacher planning time. Families of students enrolled January 2 – March 11 will receive their report by April 21. If needed, conferences for those students will take place week of April 24.

With warm weather approaching, we ask that you please remember that a water bottle, a morning application of sunscreen, and hats are everyday necessities for your child at school. If you have not already done so, please speak with your child's teacher about giving your written permission for our staff to apply sunscreen for your child. We are happy to supply the sunscreen or use what you provide for your child.

We know it is getting to be "sandal- weather" but for your child's safety, we ask that only closed-toed shoes be worn on campus. Feel free to browse the "Shoe Swap" box located outside the preschool office to trade for a gently worn pair of shoes. We are also happy to accept your shoe donations to keep the supply plentiful.

Will you be attending the Tucson Festival of Books on March 4 and 5? If so, we hope you will stop by Booth 309 and say hi!

Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us!

Stay well,

*Cathy*



"A person's a person, no matter how small." - Dr. Seuss, *Horton Hears a Who!*

## 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.

## Mark Your Calendars!

**March 4-5:** Festival of Books

**March 27-31:** Spring Break - *No School*

**April 10:** Summer Care Registration begins

**April 10-14:** ISP Spanish Book Fair

**May 25:** Last Day of School

# 2023—2024 Registration

## REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

*Registration is on a first come, first served basis.*



Registration  
Information

- Registration forms are available online and outside the preschool office.
- Only completed registration forms with accompanying fee (check, exact cash, or money order at the office door; credit or debit online within 24 hours) will be accepted during registration.
- ISP will accept registration forms via email.
- 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.



### Registration Fee

This is a friendly reminder that your child's registration is not complete and their spot is not saved for the 23/24 school year until ISP receives your registration fee. Payment can be made on our [website](#) or by cash or check outside the office door.



## Tax Time

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

Printed tax information is available  
upon written request to the  
preschool

*Allow 2 weeks. A \$5.00 fee applies.*

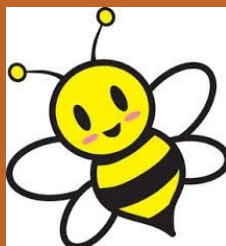
## Cultural Highlight: Women's History

Since 1995, the US has designated the month of March as "Women's History Month." We celebrate the contributions women have made to the United States and recognize specific achievements made over the course of American history in a variety of fields.

## Snake & Bee Season

It's that time of year, so please take caution when allowing your child to play outside the preschool gated areas on the St. Francis grounds.

We encourage you to use the sidewalks and be-ware of our desert surroundings.



## Cultural Highlight:

**Nowrúz:** March 21

It is traditional to sing the words, "my yellow is yours, your red is mine," into the fire, to replace problems and illness with health and energy for the new year.

## Cultural Highlight:

**Purim:** March 6-7

Purim is based on four *mitzvot* (commandments) that Jewish people are expected to fulfill. These include hearing the story of Purim read, sending gifts of food and drink to friends, giving to the poor, and a festive meal.

## Spring Break

ISP is closed for Spring Break  
March 27-31

Please consider testing your child before returning to school if you are travelling or hosting out of town visitors. Please stop by the office to pick up your tests.

Thanks!

# *We are so thankful to...*

- The family of Stella Smith for donating coffee and donuts.
- The Gonzalez family for bringing in bagels for the staff.
- Steve Barclay for hanging our banner.
- The Keller family for bringing in oranges, and a delicious New Orleans King Cake.
- The Alvarado Brady family for the yummy chocolate treats for the staff.
- Cathy DeMers for sharing Girl Scout Cookies, homemade cornbread, and snacks for Spruce Up Day
- Daniel Kerpen for a generous donation.
- The Perkins Family for beautifully decorated Cupcakes for the staff .
- Laurie McGill for sharing baked goods with staff
- Debbie & George Campbell for produce for all
- Art Evans for rubber bands
- Laura Aldag for your monetary donation
- Nick Thomas for landscaping
- Moawya Yakob for landscaping
- The Canto family for doing our recycling
- Jennifer Fenn for keeping up our library
- Leah Calendaria for labelling library books
- Melanie Radovic for girls clothing
- Regina Salaz for Spruce Up day supplies
- Ihab Oudah for repairing the mud kitchen table
- The Sullivan family for puzzles
- The Douglas /Quarrier family for salt and pepper shakers
- Polsky / Brown family for ketchup for the rodeo luncheon
- The Moran family for Costco shopping
- The Kareem / Oudah family for Costco shopping
- St. Francis for allowing us use of the kitchen for our rodeo luncheon
- And if we missed you, thank you—we appreciate you all!!

**An extra special thank you to the Association for Women Geo-Scientists and U of A Geologists Jenna Biegel, Priscilla Martinez, and Emilia Ayor for visiting us and teaching us about rocks & minerals — We all LOVED your presentation!**

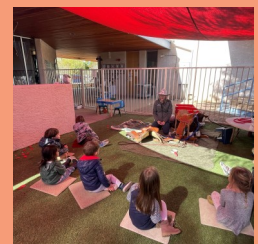




# **A GREAT BIG ROOTIN-TOOTIN THANK YOU!**

To ISP Parent: Jamie Olson

For teaching our students about horses and horse care!  
We all really enjoyed it and hope you and Mitzie will be  
back to visit us again!



## WELCOME!

ISP welcomes Ryan & Liam Burns to  
Miss Lydia's Class

Please Add to your directory info:

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[jessicaburns@gmail.com](mailto:jessicaburns@gmail.com)

Jared: (281) 883-2722

Jessica: (520) 369-6379

St. Francis in the  
Foothills is  
hosting a produc-  
tion of "The Wind  
in the Willow,"  
the play, on  
March 19th at  
11:00 in the Com-  
munity Center.  
Donations are  
welcome.



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Ice cream truck available for birth-  
days, weddings, school events, etc.

520-429-3946

[hello@irenesicecreamcones.com](mailto:hello@irenesicecreamcones.com)

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# PreCare

Hello Parents,

Happy Spring Time! Our PreCare children are experiencing plenty of activities to include art, prewriting tasks, story time, building and dramatic play.

Thank you for helping me to keep your child's backpack outside the precare classroom.

One of the first tasks at arrival is to wash hands. Children are all into that routine and handwashing properly.

Our precare lesson plan and class schedule is located on the window of our precare classroom.

Friendly Reminder, ISP will be closed for Spring Break from March 27-31.

Thank you for your support and feel free to contact me with any questions concerning the precare program [siriaesq@gmail.com](mailto:siriaesq@gmail.com).

Thank you all!

Ms Siria and Ms Lulu



# Aftercare

Welcome March!

Hello aftercare families!

This month, we will be focusing on our themes of Fire Safety, Love of Reading, Spring, and Kindness, which we will observe through our reading time and weekly art projects.

As a reminder as the weather starts to warm up, make sure you are still sending your child with a sweater even if it is warmer during the day as we will be outside later in the afternoon.

To all our parents and guardians, thank you for continuing to be supportive. We appreciate you so much.

Ms. Vivian

# Younger 2's Partial Spanish Immersion

Hola familias,

We would like to welcome the month of March which is National Reading month. We will have a lot of activities with books. We will celebrate the Love of Reading by encouraging the children to enjoy books, pick favorite books, and visit the local library. We will read many books thanks to the parents who donated to the class.

We will talk about Spring and the changes it brings for the weather, trees, and flowers. This month we will also be learning about fire safety. We will discuss stop, drop, and roll and our monthly fire drill procedures.

We look forward to a visit from real fire fighters on March 17. We will create a fire safety color collage with red, orange, and yellow tissue paper, glue, paint, and brushes. The children can use their fine motor skills to tear the tissue paper into small pieces and stick it on to wax paper.

We will also continue to practice ways to be kind to others. Toddlers are very focused on "me and mine," but we can gradually help them to think about we and us, sharing, volunteering, giving, comforting, and supporting.

We will be learning a new song:

- ⇒ Somos como las Flores
- ⇒ Somos como las Flores
- ⇒ En el Jardin de la vida
- ⇒ Somos como las flores
- ⇒ Necesitamos la lluvia y el sol



Translation:

We are like flowers, we are like flowers in the garden of life. We are like flowers, need the rain and the sun.

*With Love,*

Ms. Ana and Ms. Tiffany



**Special Thanks to:**  
Bonnono Family for the garden toys we're enjoying so much!

## Spanish Vocabulary

**Firefighter - Bombero**  
**Fire – Fuego**  
**Desert – Desierto**  
**Spring - Primavera**  
**Book - Libro**  
**Share - Compartir**  
**Kind—Amable**

**Kind Reminders:**  
There is NO SCHOOL  
March 27-31  
due to  
Spring Break

&

Please send in at least 3 extra clothing items— pants, shirt, and underwear most commonly needed



# Older 2's Partial Immersion

Dear Families,

I can hardly believe that we're already headed into spring! It will be here before we know it.

March is packed with excitement. In the first week we will be celebrating National Reading month. Our theme is Love of Reading and Kindness. We will read books from our school library or from home. Your child will create a book using markers and stickers. We also will learn the concept of being kind by reading books, making cards for someone special, helping friends and family etc.

Our books will include Hands are Not for Hitting, I Need a Hug, Let's Be Kind.

Our second week's theme is Spring. It's the best time of the year to learn about the great outdoors. Your child will learn all about how the plants grow, flowers, bees and pollination, rainbows and baby animals. We will read books The Tiny Seed. We will do art projects about Spring.

The third week theme is Fire Safety. Your child will learn about the importance of fire safety by talking about what to do and how to respond in case of a fire. We will discuss the job of the firefighters in our community and enjoy a visit from the firefighters on March 17.

We will be doing some singing in Marzo. The songs we will learn are: Somos amigos , El pollito pio , El baile del Sapito.

## Reminders:

- ⇒ ***I will continue sending a daily report of your child's day.***
- ⇒ ***Please be sure to leave with your child's lunch bag and/or backpack for the daily report.***
- ⇒ ***Please remember to check your child's cubby outside our classroom each day for items that need to be taken home.***
- ⇒ ***Please don't forget to label your child's clothes and containers with first and last name to avoid confusion.***
- ⇒ ***We will be closed for Spring Break March 27- March 31.***

Muchas Gracias y

los mejores deseos para la primavera de su familia,

Ms. Siria



Books-Libros

Library-Biblioteca

Read-Leer

Kind-Amable

Hug-Abrazo

Patience-Paciencia

Feelings-Sentimientos

Plants-Plantas

Flowers-Flores

Rainbow-Arcoiris

Spring-Primavera

Seeds-Semillas

Fire-Fuego

Firefighter-Bombero

Emergency-Emergencia

Exit-Salida

Ladder-Escalera

Marzo  
Vocabulario

# 3's Partial Spanish Immersion

Hola queridas familias,

Welcome March! March is a fun month packed with amazing activities for my students.

Our March Activities will be Fire Safety, Love Of Reading, Spring and Kindness .

To support our Fire Safety Theme we will read and discuss fire drill procedures including how to call 911 and Stop, Drop And Roll, we are going to include books, songs, and art to emphasize this topic and the rest of our themes for this month.

We will learn numbers 15 to 20 in English-Spanish, we will continue learning to identify our names and spelling them aloud, reviewing our colors and shapes in English-Spanish and a new finger play song called " El Piquito De Mi Pajarito" .

I would like to thank Regina Salaz for decorating our classroom door for friendship day Thank You!

## Kind Reminders

- \* Classroom door opens at 9:00 AM.
- \* Please replace the clothing in your child's cubby as needed it.
- \* Please labeled the morning and aftercare snacks.
- \* Pack utensil if needed it!

Wishing you a wonderful spring season full of happiness, Happy Spring!

Until Next Time,

¡Ms. Zulma!



Books-Libros

Fire-Fuego

Library-Biblioteca

Firefighter-Bombero

Read-Leer

Emergency-Emergencia

Kind-Amable

Exit-Salida

Hug-Abrazo

Ladder-Escalera

Patience-Paciencia

Feelings-Sentimientos

Plants-Plantas

Flowers-Flores

Spring-Primavera

Seeds-Semillas

Marzo  
Vocabulario

# 3's Full Spanish Immersion

Hola queridas familias,

¡Bienvenido MARZO! March is a fun month and packed with amazing activities for the children. Our monthly themes include Spring, Love of Reading, Fire Safety and Kindness/patience.

For the Spring theme we will organize an outside lunch for our class (grassy playground). We will gather mats, lunch boxes and water bottles to have lunch outdoors while appreciating nature. Kids will make vibrant and cute sunflowers using paint and popsicle sticks to create a sunflower garden in the classroom. Spring is also a favorite season for bird watching. Many migratory birds travel during the spring season to find their new home. This is an excellent opportunity to show different bird species to the children and create a birdhouse.

A love of reading opens doors to adventure, learning new things, and a whole host of key language skills such as speech development and vocabulary building. Spending time with books also creates special moments for children. We would like to celebrate our love of reading by inviting you to come read a book for the class. If you are interested please sign up with your name next to the date and time that works best for you. The sign-up sheet will be posted outside my classroom on Wednesday, March 1st.

In addition, we will learn fire drill procedures which include the meaning of 911, and the practice of "STOP, DROP, AND ROLL." We will talk about the importance of Kindness and the value of being patient. We continue to encourage children to invite others to play, to let someone else take a turn choosing an activity, or to share a favorite toy with the understanding that they would want someone to do the same for them.

During circle time we will continue working on colors, abc, días de la semana and shapes. In math, most of our children have successfully mastered counting to 15 in Spanish. Now, we move on to 20.

I want to give a big thanks to Meredith Keller for coming and sharing about the amazing celebration of Mardi Gras, and Jamie Olson for visiting ISP to teach us about horse care.

I feel grateful to work in a wonderful school with amazing children! Thank you for your support, kindness and trust! You are a group of amazing families.

¡MUCHAS GRACIAS!

**SPRING BREAK: No Classes, March 27-31.**

Con cariño,

Ms. Damaris

"There are many little ways to enlarge your world.

Love of books is the best of all."

-Jacqueline Kennedy



# 3's/4's Partial Spanish Immersion

Hello Dear Families,

We welcome a new season this month, Spring!

Our learning themes in March will include Love of Reading, Fire Safety, patience, and kindness, and of course Spring, Primavera in Spanish.

During this month, we are going to invite you to read a book to our class to support our love of reading theme. Please contact me if you would like to do this.

In Math, most of our kids can now successfully count to 20 in English and to 15 in Spanish. Every day we explore the calendar to count days and identify months of the year. We also are learning to count from 10 to 0, backwards.

New words to learn in Spanish: Paciencia - Patience, Bombero - Firefighter, Huevo - Egg, and Primavera - Spring. New letters to learn this month: N, O, P.

To support our Fire theme, we will read and discuss fire drill procedures such as calling 911 and practicing STOP, DROP, AND ROLL. We will have real fire fighters at our school this month on March 17.

We continue to enjoy our enrichment classes like: Hebrew with Ms. Jodie, Farsi class with Ms. Farzana, and Art class with Ms. Ana Maria.

We also very much enjoy doing exercise inside our classroom. We have been working on Yoga and the importance of breathing well. We are developing awareness regarding inhaling and exhaling.

I want to send a special thanks to all parents and kids for your wonderful cards and presents this Friendship Day. On these days we focused on how valuable Friendship is, and how important it is to demonstrate that with simple words, gestures and draws.

Muchas Gracias for all parents and families that volunteer at Spruce Up day, thank you for helping us to maintain clean and beautiful our appreciated classroom and school.

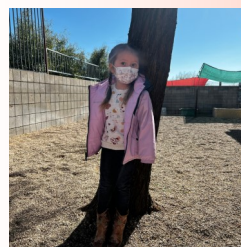
A small reminder please label your child's water bottle and lunch box with their first and last name, and remember that healthy snacks are always the best, they help us reinforce our monthly dental lesson plan!

Wishing you a wonderful spring season full of happiness, and good times!

Feliz Primavera!

Love Ms. Lydia

*“Play is the highest form of research.” ~Albert Einstein*



# 4's/5's Full Spanish Immersion

Dear Parents and Families,

We welcome March, "The Love of Reading Month"! Our class loves reading, listening to stories and making books. One of my favorite activities to do during March that my prior students enjoyed, is having parents and families as Mystery Readers! I recently sent you a separate email with the details. Also I'll have a sign up paper with the schedule in case you'd like to participate. We will explore different types of books (about nature, people, atlases, encyclopedias, comics, etc.).

Fire Safety is another theme for this month. We will discuss how we know when there is a real fire (what we see, hear, and smell) and what are the procedures we follow in order to stay safe. We will practice dialing important phone numbers such as 911 and our parents' phone numbers. We will also practice Stop-Drop-Roll at the Grassy Playground. We will read about Firefighters and their responsibilities. We will finish this theme with the visit of real Firefighters/Bomberos! Their visit will be 3/17, more info to come.

We will transition from Winter to Spring. I'll start introducing words, songs, and games related to Spring/Primavera. We will also anticipate some of the changes we will witness and experience during this season. We will come up with questions about how things in our environment might change in the next few months. We will write them and post them on an area inside our classroom where we can go back to read them and check when those changes are happening. Children will plant seeds in individual containers and they will take care of them. While we take care of our seeds and watching them grow we will practice patience. We will also share and discuss times and situations where we practice patience. I will support this with one of my favorite books, "Waiting is not easy" (in Spanish) By Mo Williems.

The coming months can be very exciting and intense for our children. They are going through a big transition too. I will keep reinforcing and reviewing all the skills we've been working on during this year (tracing, writing, recognizing letters, numbers, and words, measuring, sorting, adding, subtracting, etc.). My goal for the rest of this school year is to keep fostering their curiosity and help them gain confidence with what they have learned.

I'd like to thank our friends:

- ⇒ *Cece for providing breakfast for the teachers and art supplies for our class.*
- ⇒ *Mila for sharing apple juice and goldfish during our Friendship Celebration*
- ⇒ *To all the parents and ISP staff that participated in the Spruce-up Day. The picnic benches at the Bike Path look amazing!*
- ⇒ *Last, but not least, to all of you, the families in our class: You are truly the best!*

**Have a safe, fun and restful Spring Break!**

Sending Love and Kindness,

*Ms. Paola*

"A book is a gift you can open again and again" - Garrison Keillor



# A Huge Thank You...

... to coordinators **Jade Terry** and **Ihab Mezaal** and the following folks for volunteering their time on **Spruce-Up Day!**



**Thank you to everyone who donated supplies!**

**Cathy DeMers - Refreshments**

**Regina Salaz - Sponges, Paper Towels, dish soap**

**Ihab Mezaal - Supplies**



# The Rodeo Luncheon 2023



A big thanks to Mandi Gilman and Josh Taylor for cooking up the rodeo goods. This year we had the perfect weather and as soon as we all packed up and cleared out, it stormed. We are so grateful for all the ways that our children and families and nature itself work together. Thank you for being a part of this year's celebration.

