



September 2023 Newsletter

Hello Peaceful Families!

I am happy to share that these initial weeks of school have gone well. Whether your child is returning to preschool or just beginning this journey, this transition can be challenging for all. While most children are settling into their new routines and schedules, some may need more time to adjust. Although it may be arduous at times, providing your preschooler with a consistent morning routine, a predictable schedule, and lots of encouragement can lead to a successful transition between home and school. Hang in there – drop off will get better! Again, I cannot stress the importance of good communication so, please do not hesitate to contact us for any reason. We are privileged that you have chosen International School for Peace for your childcare needs.

I would like to thank Eaglet Fund held at Community Foundation of Southern Arizona for again awarding us a generous grant to support our refugee and financial need-based scholarship programs.

Gracias!

During this month of September, we will introduce our enrichment classes. We will have fun with Ms. Farzana and her wonderful Farsi program each Thursday. Ms. Jodi returns each Wednesday to immerse us in the customs and traditions of our Jewish friends. Look for their lesson plans in the classroom windows. Classes are looking forward to outside gardening once the weather cools down a bit. Until then, students will be introduced to

gardening inside the classroom. Do you have a green thumb? If so, your child’s teacher would love to hear how you can help with the class garden.

Mark your calendars for these September events!

Our Fall Spruce Up Day is Saturday, September 16 from 8am – noon. This is an adult only event. There is always a lot to do on Spruce-Up Day such as painting, repairing, and cleaning but our big effort this day will be painting and pruning. We have limited tools so please bring what you can that morning. Please join us to help make our school a safer and more fun place for the kiddos. Thank you to ISP parents Paula Garcia and Monica Padilla-Stemmelen for coordinating the event. Signup sheets will be available starting on the red easel next to the office.

We hope you can join us on Thursday September 21 6:00 – 7:00 for our annual Back to School Night. This is an adult only event where there will be time for visiting classrooms, meeting our staff, hearing from your teacher, and meeting other families. There will be information tables and opportunities for you to further get to know our community. Our Book Fair will be available!

To prepare for the evening aftercare will close at 5:30. I hope to see you there!

Whew – we are a busy preschool!

SAVE THE DATES:

October 7th – Fall Festival

October 26 and 27— School Pictures with Ellen Duperret Photography

Lastly, my sincere gratitude to the families for their patience and support in our daily efforts to keep the community safe and healthy. The most current Health Action Plan as well as our 2023-2024 Family Handbook are both posted to the website and copies are available in the sign in area. Pertinent health information can also be found in the glass case just above the sign in/out class books. I appreciate you taking the time to sign your child in and out daily, stay current with school information, call your absences into the office, and provide us with updated immunization records. Your questions, comments, and concerns are always welcome!

I am looking forward to a fun and exciting school year!

“The beginning is the hardest part.....” ~Natsu Dragneel

En Paz,

Cathy



Ideas to Help Your Child Transition to Preschool

The transition process to preschool can be so tough! It's not challenging just for young children, but for parents as well. We've put together some tips that we believe might make you and your child's transition times flow with a little more grace, peace, and ease.

Encourage self-sufficiency

Have you been doing nearly everything for your child? Start letting go and allow them to become more independent. While teachers are there to help, you can boost their confidence by teaching them how to do some things for themselves, such as:

- ⇒ Feeding their self
- ⇒ Grabbing their own napkins and utensils
- ⇒ Cleaning up spills and messes
- ⇒ Putting on and removing their jacket
- ⇒ Opening and closing food containers
- ⇒ Returning books and toys to where they belong



Pack your child's favorite food for lunch

Help make your child's day brighter by packing some of their favorite food for lunch and snack time. Balance this with making sure that they can easily feed themselves. Spaghetti might be their favorite, but this could make a big mess. Or, if you think they'd like spaghetti, cut the noodles into smaller pieces so they can feed themselves easier. Practice how to use these lunch items at home so that they know how to open and close food containers and snacks.

Give your child a token of yourself

Most schools discourage kids from bringing items from home (they tend to get lost). That said, find something simple your child can hold onto during the day. For instance, your hair band to put around their wrist, or a written note from you to tuck into their pocket.

Let them know you plan to get it back from them when you see them again after school—a reminder for them that you'll come back. Another idea is to give them transitional objects that they treasure, from a favorite bracelet to a small lovey tucked in their backpack.

Leave kindly, calmly, and swiftly

Here's the thing with saying goodbye: despite your own inner turmoil, you must do your best to appear calm and composed. Your confidence can rub off on your child—if they see that you trust the school enough to leave them there, they can feel less anxious about staying. Then, leave when you say you're leaving—don't linger.

Remember that the first few weeks can be an adjustment. It's more abnormal if nothing goes wrong, from regression at home to tantrums and outbursts. And brace yourself for your child getting sick. If this is their first exposure to other kids, expect them to get sick at some point at school. Just call us or send an email if your pre-schooler needs to miss school.

This information has been adapted from an article which has many great resources for parents—please use this link to learn more: <https://sleepingshouldbeeasy.com/transition-preschool/>



Cathy



Damaris



Jodi



Farzana



Lydia



Lulu



Laurie



Jennifer



Paola



Siria



Tiffany



Vanessa



Zulma



Vivian

Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year!

Staff bios can be found on our [website](#).

International School for Peace

BOOK FAIR!

Sept 18th—22nd

Cash & Carry at ISP

On the front porch from 8:30am to 3pm

Or order online now through 9/29:
ISP.ConnectwithBooks.com

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learning
educational services representative

Teachers have wish lists available with books that would benefit their curriculum. We would appreciate any of these wonderful gifts!

Your books will ship right to your home! Share the link with family and friends!

Thank you for your support!

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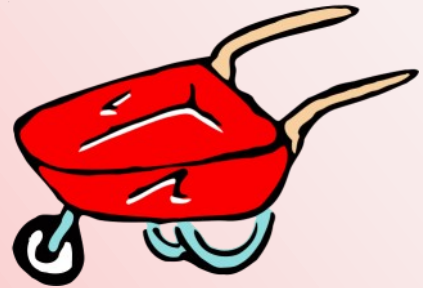
Proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward additional class supplies.



Fall Spruce-Up Day



Join us on
Saturday, September 16
8:00am to 12:00pm



Contact ISP Parent Co-Chairs:
Paula Garcia TEXT at 520-906-6061 or
Monica Padilla Stemmelen TEXT at 415-632-9515
to find out how you can
help!!



Information and sign-up can be found on the
porch outside the office.

Look for a list of needed
donations outside the office!

Back to School Night

Join us

On Campus!

Thursday September 21st

6:00-7:00 pm

Please Note: Aftercare closes
at 5:30 this evening.



Parents are invited to learn about their child's routines, take a tour of their child's classroom, learn about our curriculum, meet other families and staff, shop our book fair, and gain more information about our programs.

We can't wait to see you there!

This is an adults only event.

The Fall Festival—October 7th

Sponsors NEEDED

Seeking sponsors for various items for Fall Festival Fundraiser - partial or full contributions welcome. Volunteers greatly appreciated! For details, reach out to event coordinator Meredith Keller at Meresandi@gmail.com or 504-444-3134. Thanks in advance!

Sponsors for:

Bounce House \$200
Photo Booth \$350
Chairs \$275
Face Painting \$50
Large Scarecrows \$100

ISP NEEDS A DRIVER WITH A PICK UP TRUCK FOR HAY RIDES DURING THIS EVENT. PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OR CATHY:

cathy@internationalschoolforpeace



Let's celebrate the start of fall with lots of live music, a jumping castle, food, craft, and so much more!

Saturday, October 7th, 3-6 pm.

Tickets go on sale September 15th in the preschool office with a check or cash. No tickets will be sold the day of the event.

Adults are \$5, kids aged 2 and up are \$15, and under 2 are free. Friends and family are welcome.

See you there!



Most proceeds will go toward the re-purchase of shade structures destroyed in the July 28, 2023 Micro-Burst

ISP Recommends:

ELLEN & DUPERRRET
photography


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Kent Vincent, M.D.

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Gets it done!

Thank you **Adolf Whitten**

and volunteer ISP Dads: Erik Smith, Tyler Steele, and
Rene Huerta for

helping to resurrect our corner sign after its
monsoon fall!



ISP Wants to Thank:

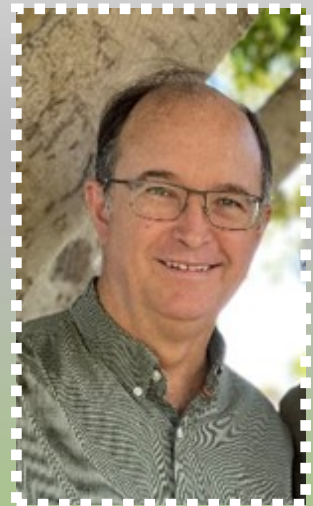
- The Salazar/Whitehouse family for assembling two see-saws.
- Grandma Deb Campbell for seeds for the garden, soccer balls, and puzzles!
- The Keller family for homemade treats for the staff and for donating containers
- Justin Keller for restoring a wood bench.
- Sign helpers Erik Smith, Tyler Steele, Rene Huerta, and Adolf Whitman thank you for repairing our campus sign.
- Kelsey Moran for shopping at Costco!
- Laura Aldag for monetary donations to our scholarship fund.
- Melanie Radovic for a girls' underwear donation.
- The Worrell family for their generosity!
- The Landau family for office paper
- The Garskof-Langford family for their generous donation of a microwave and for volunteering in the library
- Hallie Cooke for her library help
- The Postal History Foundation for the stamp collection
- Regina & Catherine Salazar for their generous donation of a new microwave
- Serenity & Meredith for their efforts with the Fall Festival Fundraiser
- The Smith family for roll of butcher paper



**ISP Thanks
you for exiting
the St. Francis
and ISP
campuses
immediately
following
dismissal!!**

ISP Welcomes Pastor Mike!

Reverend Michael Wilkerson came into ministry after spending about 35 years working in engineering fields. He served on submarines in the US Navy, in both enlisted and officer roles, and then he worked as a component design engineer for Intel Corporation. Eventually, Rev. Wilkerson felt a call to serve as an elder in the United Methodist Church, and attended Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL.



Upon graduation from seminary in 2021, Rev. Wilkerson was appointed to First United Methodist Church of Yuma in Yuma, AZ, where he served for two years. In July of 2023, Rev. Wilkerson was appointed to St. Francis in the Foothills United Methodist Church in Tucson, AZ.

Rev. Wilkerson has a heart for social justice and is interested in Christian spiritual formation. We are so delighted to have you in our community, Pastor Mike. Your peaceful presence is greatly welcomed and appreciated.

Upcoming Dates and Events

September 4th

NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY

September 16th

Fall Spruce up Day

September 18th-September 29th

PAPERPIE BOOK FAIR

September 21st at 6:00pm

PARENT NIGHT

After care closes @ 5:30pm!

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 a play-based, anti-bias curriculum that celebrates diversity.

Friendly Reminders:

- Send a full, labeled water bottle that has a lid with your child every day.
- Pack and label enough food for an aftercare snack.
- Remember to check your child's cubby outside their classroom each afternoon, and if indicated, soiled clothing bin.
- If you know you will be running late to pick your child up, please call the office and leave a message.

Need a Notary Public?

Laurie, ISP's admin, is available by appointment. No fees required, but donations to ISP are appreciated. Call or email to set an appointment.

Please see ISP's Health Action Plan and Safety Procedures at the end of this Newsletter.

Please contact the office if your child will be absent from school!

You can email:

admin@internationalschoolforpeace.com

or call us at 520-299-8908

We are so grateful for our Room Parents:

- Mandi Gilman
- Shanleigh Sullivan
- Regina Salaz
- Shalese Mays
- November Prentiss
- Melissa Gerkin
- Carrie Rollman
- Cora-Lee Behling
- Mead Mier
- Cady Mier



Tax Time

International School for Peace's

Tax I.D. is

86-

0388672

Friendly Reminders:

Tuition

Tuition is due on the first of the month. There is a grace period until the 5th day of the month. If the 5th falls on a Saturday or Sunday, tuition is due on the Friday before. You may pay through our [website](#), mail a check to 4625 E River Road, or drop off exact cash / check to the preschool office.

Arrivals

The front gate will open at 8:55am. At that time please sign your child in, and then take them directly to their classroom. The teachers open their doors at 9am. Please plan to stop by the office if you arrive after 9:15.

Late Pick Up

Half day pick up is at 12:00, full day pickup is at 2:30, and aftercare pick up is at or before 6pm. Late pick ups are charged \$1 a minute. Chronic late pick up may jeopardize your enrollment at ISP. Please consider enrollment in our after care program if necessary.



- Bags of organic soil
- Volunteers for Fall Spruce-Up Day
- Shoppers at our Book Fair
- Gently used pots, pans, kitchen gadgets for our mud kitchen
- Keurig Coffee Maker

Enrichments Commence...

The week of September 5th!

We look forward to starting our adventures in Farsi, Hebrew, and Gardening this month!



Lesson plans are posted on classroom windows for your convenience.



DO THE FIVE

Help stop coronavirus

- 1 **HANDS** Wash them often
- 2 **ELBOW** Cough into it
- 3 **FACE** Don't touch it
- 4 **SPACE** Keep safe distance
- 5 **HOME** Stay if you can

International School for Peace is a
**PEANUT, TREE NUT, &
SESAME SEED FREE SCHOOL**



Please do not send your child to school with these products.

Smart Snacking!

Please be sure to pack something healthy for your child's snack each day.

- A banana, apple slices, berries, or other fruit
- Whole grain crackers and cheese
- Veggies
- Applesauce
- Pretzels

Special Offerings

Child & Family Resources' **Empowering Families** team has scheduled 6 FREE virtual Triple P Positive Parenting seminars for parents/caregivers and professionals who have or who work with children ages 0-12 and 12-18. These seminars will help present parents/caregivers/professionals the skills to help raise confident, positive, resilient children and teenagers, and to build stronger relationships.

Our seminars will be on **Thursday's at 1pm:**

- 9/07 The Power of Positive Parenting, 0-12
- 9/14 Raising Confident and Competent Children, 0-12
- 9/21 Raising Resilient Children, 0-12
- 10/05 Raising Responsible Teenagers, 12-18
- 10/12 Raising Competent Teenagers, 12-18
- 10/19 Getting Teenagers Connected, 12-18

If you or your families are interested in attending these seminars, [Please Register Here.](#)



Free Screenings for Low-Cost Dental Cleanings



ISP Parent, Kelsey, is a Dental Hygiene Student at Pima Community College. Please visit her for a cleaning which includes:

- Full Mouth X-rays
- Head and Neck screening
- Oral Cancer Screening
- Exam by Dentist
- Polish and Flouride
- Goodie bag!

Pricing:

Regular Cleaning	\$45
Deep Cleaning	\$65
Sealants	\$15
Whitening	\$55
X-Rays ONLY	\$25

To set an appointment or have questions addressed, please contact Kelsey by email, phone, or text:

kasizemore@mail.pima.edu

(520)909-1460

Precare

Hello Families!

In Precare children can socialize with children from other classes. There are always plenty of activities which include art, prewriting tasks, story time, manipulatives and building, puzzles, and dramatic play.

Thank you for dropping your child off with me in room 22 for Precare.

One of the first tasks on arrival is to unpack and wash hands. Children are doing well with this routine. We will have fun doing art with September themes of Mexican Independence Day and Rosh Hashanah.

Teachers pick you up their Precare students and 8:55 and escort them to their classroom.

Thank you all!

Ms. Siria and Ms. Lulu

Aftercare

Hello aftercare families!

Welcome back! We are off to a fantastic start of the year. Our kiddos have enjoyed getting to know each other, making new friends and memories together.

This month, we will be focusing on our themes of family, Mexican Independence Days, and apples , which we will explore through our reading time and weekly art projects.

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

In Peace,

Ms. Vivian



Young 2's

Partial Spanish Immersion

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year!

I have enjoyed getting to know all our students. It is a pleasure to have them in my class. We have many activities planned for the children this year and we are excited to start September!

The themes for this month will include apples, routines, hand-washing, and family. The theme room centers will be coordinated to these themes.

Here are some happenings for this month:

- * Continue learning the classroom rules, routines, and how to wash their hands correctly.
- * We will discuss the parts of an apple and identify the different colors an apple can be (Green, Yellow, Red)
- * We will explore three different flavors of an apple.
- * We will use our senses to taste and smell the apples.
- * Introduce Spanish words for red – rojo, green – verde, yellow- amarillo.
- * Introduce Spanish words for numbers 1 – uno, 2 – dos, 3 - tres.
- * We are going to make apple prints with apple halves.
- * We will learn about our Family (Familia) thru songs, stories, pictures, and play at our dollhouse. Our dramatic play area will be a home center.

Mrs. Vanessa's wish list: Apples of different tastes, sizes, and colors.

Here are the words to a new song to the tune of 'This is the way...' Children will be shown the fruit while we sing the words.

Apple manzana, platano banana
 Cherry cereza, Lemon limon,
 Sandia - watermelon, ciruela – plum
 Repeat

Reminders:

- * Label everything that comes to school.
- * Send a fresh water bottle each day.
- * Ensure that your child has extra clothing to include diapers, pullups, or underwear.
- * Please be sure to check outside cubby, especially on Fridays because that's when the kids get to take their projects from the week home.

Enrichments will begin the first week of September. Ms. Jodi will bring her Hebrew program to our class on Wednesday morning and Ms. Farzana will join us for Farsi on Thursday morning.

To learn more about your child's day, please see all schedules and lesson plans posted to our classroom door.

Important dates:

Monday, Sep 4, 2023, Labor Day – No School

Parent Night - Thursday September 21 6:00 – 7:00 PM

We are so appreciative of all the donations.

Thank you!

Ms. Vanessa

Thank you,
 Room Parents
 for volunteering
 to help our class!!

September



In the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter, and sharing of pleasures. For in the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed.

~ Khalil Gibran

Older Two's

Partial Spanish Immersion

Dear ISP Parents:

Welcome to our first Newsletter of our pre-school year!

I hope you all are looking forward to working alongside us in this exciting development stage for your child. Each week our class plans will be displayed on our window for all to view.

The first theme for this month is Family. Your child will learn the importance of families by talking about our family members, pets, traditions. Children will do art activities as a family tree, creating a family house with shapes etc. and will read books related to this theme.

The second theme of this month is Apples. Children will be hearing more about the significance of this fruit during our Hebrew time when discussing Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year). Children will work on art activities and engage in an Apple Science experiment.

The third theme of this month is Independence Day, celebrating Mexico and Chile Independence. Children will learn about Mexico and Chile flags, traditions, food, and celebrations. We will read books and work on art experiences related to this subject.

The last theme of this month is self-help skills. This theme is very important to help gain confidence to try new things and build self-esteem and pride. We will focus on self-feeding, self-dressing, hygiene, and toileting, and assisting with helping with day-to-day class tasks such as clean up time.

Children will practice hand washing (the ISP way), cleaning their own personal space, opening, and closing lunch bags, food containers, backpacks, bathroom routines etc. It is a process bit we will get there!

Please provide eating utensils for snack/lunch, if needed. Please remember to check outdoor cubbies for daily communication as well as your

child's art creations. If you receive a pink slip, please check the soiled clothing container found on the top shelf of outdoor cubbies.

Please continue to work on potty training at home and communicate any needs in this area. Kids are doing great at school!

I appreciate you providing at least two sets of clothing for school. It really helps during the potty-training process.

Vocabulary:

- ◇ Family- Familia
- ◇ Grandpa- Abuelo
- ◇ Grandma- Abuela
- ◇ Brother- Hermano
- ◇ Sister- Hermana
- ◇ Apple- Manzana
- ◇ Flag- Bandera

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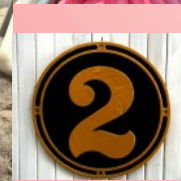
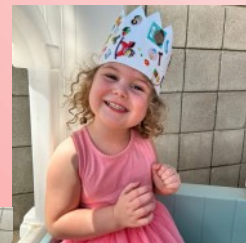


SAVE THE DATE:

Parent Night Thursday 9/21 from 6-7 PM!

Muchas Gracias!

Ms. Siria



3's Partial Spanish Immersion

Hello and Hola wonderful families!

I hope you had a great and safe summer!

I 'm very happy to have the opportunity to be your child's teacher this year. We will have lots of fun in learning ahead!

Our first month was a great success! Students have done well adjusting to our daily routine and showing me what they can do for themselves! We continue to review classroom rules and procedures as well as introducing more learning centers and differences between inside and outside time.

During September, we expand our theme to Family (Familia). We will focus on different structures of families, sing songs, and explore lots of books on the theme. We will create a family tree with the pictures that you share from home. We will talk about apples (Manzanas), Where they grow and their many uses. We will explore the traditions of Independence Days in Mexico and Chile. We will continue to review and learn basic colors (Colores) and Numbers (Numeros) to 10 in both English and Spanish. We will continue learning and developing self help skills .

Kind Reminders: Please have 2 labeled full sets of clothing inside your child's cubby. it important to label all items from home.

I will be reinforcing going potty with stickers throughout the day.

Save the day for Parent Night on September 21!
Details included in this newsletter.

Please feel free to email me if you have questions, I'm more than happy to help you! My Email address is zulmanunez@gmail.com

Thank You for your support!

Ms. Zulma



3's Full Spanish Immersion ★

Welcome Families! / Bienvenidas Familias!

We had an amazing start to the school year. We truly appreciate how much support you have shown us since day 1.

The children are now familiar with the routine and schedule, but we will continue to review these in the upcoming months. We enjoyed getting to know each other, ourselves and our learning environment for the month of August. We are now looking forward to learning new things in September.

This upcoming month of September, our themes will be FAMILIA (FAMILY). We will focus on the different structures of families, how much we love our families and how special they are, read family-based books, and create a family tree with pictures of each family. We will exhibit our family trees inside our classroom, with the intention of sharing our family history and structure with one another. Don't forget to bring a family photo for show and tell!

Our supplementary themes will be the life cycle of apples and Independence Days of Mexico (9/16) and Chile (9/18) and International Day of Peace (9/21). We will discuss how apples grow and the different types of apples.

Our dramatic area will be turned into an Apple Orchard offering different activities throughout the month like apple picking and pie making.

We will learn our basic colors. We will also recognize our names and count 1 through 10.

Additionally, we will introduce Estación del año Otoño (Fall season) the last week of September as we change seasons by the end of the month.

Peace and Love,

Ms. Damaris



Thank you,
Room Parents
for volunteering to
help our class!!

Kind Reminders:

- ◆ Please provide two labeled full sets of labeled clothing in a bag inside the cubbies to be kept at school for accidents.
- ◆ Parent Night Thursday September 21 6:00-7:00 PM
- ◆ **No School on Monday, September 4th Happy Labor Day!**

September Spanish Vocabulary:

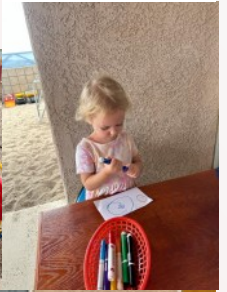
- ◆ Apple/Manzana
- ◆ Mama/Mother
- ◆ Papa/Father
- ◆ Hermano/Brother
- ◆ Hermana/Sister
- ◆ Abuelo/Grandfather
- ◆ Abuela/Grandmother

September



See more of
Ms. Damaris'
photos on next
page

Ms. Damaris' Busy Bees



3's/4's Partial Spanish Immersion

Hello Dear Families (Queridos Padres y Familia)

I hope you had a safe summer!



I am very happy to have the opportunity to be your child's *teacher* this year. We are going to have a lot of fun along with lots of learning!

During September, we will continue to practice daily class routines, get to know each other, and improve our self-help skills. We expand our theme to families and discover what makes our families unique and special. Our themes will be: Routines and Self Help Skills, Families (Familias), Apples (Manzanas), and Mexican and Chilean Independence Day.

We are going to learn the Spanish names for body parts, for example, "cabeza" for head, "hombros" shoulders. We will also be celebrating Mexican and Chilean Independence Days and learn about the traditions that go along with those celebrations.

We sing songs daily, which include ABC (in English and in Spanish), "When I Build my House", "Buenos Días," "La Arana pequenita" and la "Lechuza" and "Los Colores". During such activities, at circle time, kids sit at carpet squares spaced apart for physical distancing.

We will start working on the Alphabet. We will be introducing a letter of the week starting with the first letter of the alphabet A, and every 2 weeks we will be learning about the next letter of the Alphabet. Children will have the opportunity to engage in several activities as it relates to that letter that will help them recognize the letter and its associated sound.

We will be working on recognizing our name in print, spelling the letters aloud, and some of us writing our first letter or our complete first name.

In math, we count and count and count... everything! Specially the days in our calendar, at circle time. We will learn to count in English and Spanish (Number 1 to 10).

In September, we will be introducing our enrichment classes. Ms. Jodi will join us for

Hebrew each Wednesday morning and Ms. Farzana will visit us each Thursday morning for Farsi. We are excited to welcome Ms. Ana Maria for art enrichment, as well. Please look for their lesson plans hanging on the window each month.

We will introduce gardening with classroom activities and once the weather cools down a bit, we will take it outside. If you volunteer for garden please don't hesitate and contact me, you are more than welcome, and I think your children will enjoy having you here at his class.

It is essential to *send* a labeled, filled water bottle with aa cover with your child every day. In addition, please send a healthy snack for the morning and another snack if your child stays for aftercare, and lunch for full-day students, and lastly, 2 full sets of clothes to keep in our cubbies. The temperature in our class tends to fluctuate so consider sending in a long sleeve shirt to have on hand. It great to label everything with your child's name! Remember our school has several allergies so please see the list on our classroom door. Please provide your child with needed utensils.

Another reminder please be sure to check your child's cubby each day to discover their creative art!!

Important dates to remember:

September 4th- Labor Day No School.

Thursday September 21-Parent Night at 6:00 PM at school.

If you have any question or you are concerned about your child, please feel free to contact with me, you can send me an email to Lseldner@hotmail.com, I will be happy to help you. This is better way to reach me because I really do not have much time to speak with you during drop off and pick up.

With Love,

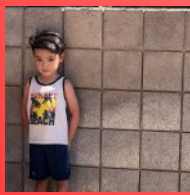
Ms. Lydia

See my August Photo
Collection on the next page!

Thank you to my
room parents for
volunteering your
time to help
our class!!



Ms. Lydia's September Pictures!





4's/5's Full Spanish Immersion

Dear Parents and Families,

I am looking forward to spending this school year with your child. Together we will build memories we'll remember for years!

During the month of September, we will continue to work on Self-Help Skills. Providing a steady routine and schedule makes transitions smoother and children can have a sense of control and safety because they know what to expect. I appreciate your effort to get to school on time to help your child with this process.

We will learn about our Familias and different kinds of families. We will read books about families, their members, where they live, what they do for fun, what they eat, etc. Children will build houses for a family using wooden blocks, Legos, and plastic bricks.

We will also explore "Apples" by tasting them, learning about different kinds of apples and how they grow. Children will predict the number of seeds inside the apples, and we'll record and compare the results on a chart. Children are also going to vote for their favorite apple and describe the reasons (color, crunchiest, juiciest, etc.). If you have an apple peeler that we could borrow, please let me know. Children could explore and learn about how this kitchen tool works! All these activities will encourage the children to have conversations and also add new words to our vocabulary in Spanish. "10 Manzanas en mi Cabeza" by Dr. Seuss will be part of our One-to-One Correspondence Counting activity.

In September, we celebrate Mexico and Chile's Independence Days. We will locate these countries on the globe and on the map. We will explore their traditions by listening to their music, and watching and dancing their folklore. We'll learn about flags, what they represent, and we'll compare Chile and Mexico's flags. At the end of this unit, children will create their own flags!

Last, but not least, we will be spending time in our garden area, getting the soil ready, making some decorations/signs and, of course, planting seeds! Gardening has so many benefits for children. They have direct contact with nature and they learn to appreciate it. They also use their five senses to describe what is growing. Gardening is Science, Math, and Art! Gardening creates opportunities for children to care, be responsible and be patient. Children work on their fine motor skills and gardening encourages them to eat healthy.

The themes mentioned above will be supported and reinforced through books, games, art projects, songs, fingerplays, conversations/discussions and lots of hands-on activities. My main goal is to foster in them the love for school and the love for learning in the most organic way possible for my students, through play.

Pre-Math Skills: One-to-One Correspondence and Patterns

Pre-Writing and Reading Skills: Children will continue to be presented with different materials and manipulatives to work on their fine motor skills in order to develop and improve their muscular tone necessary for pencil grasping, handwriting and use of scissors. They will keep working on recognizing their names and tracing/writing them on different surfaces (sand, rice, shaving cream, stamps, chalkboard, magnets, etc.).

Thank you so much for all your support and for giving me the privilege to be part of your child's young life.

Thank you to Ms. Lulu and ISP staff who are always lending me a hand.

"It is in the rushing that we miss the magic"

~Rebecca Cooper



Save the Date - 9/24/23 Parent Night

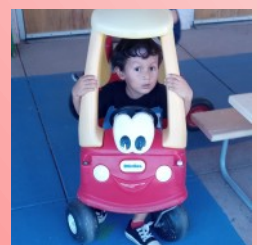
Sending Love and Kindness,

Ms. Paola

Thank you to my room parents for volunteering your time to help our class!!

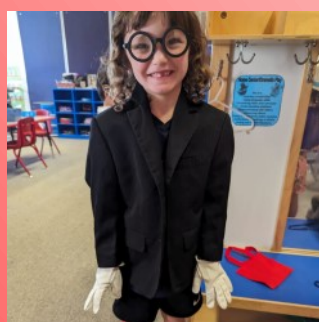


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Ms. Paola's Pumpkins!



Health Action Plan

Updated
8-01-2023

At International School for Peace, we understand that families are entrusting us with not only the education and socialization of their children, but also with their health, safety, and well-being. Our administration, teachers, staff, and families are doing our part to ensure the safety of everyone who enters our campus. Below is a list of what we are doing in the best interest of the community as a whole. ISP will continue make updates to our policies as deemed appropriate or mandated.

What Administration is Doing:	What Staff is Doing:	What Families are Doing:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employ Jani King, a professional cleaning service, who will clean our campus each evening M-F. When directed they may utilize a hospital grade method of disinfecting. In the event that a hospital grade method of disinfectant needs to be used, families will be notified. The same team will clean our classrooms each evening. • Follow current CDC/PCHD guidelines and recommendations in regard to a response when close contact or a confirmed case of COVID occurs, which will include reinstating mask wearing, testing, or quarantine. • Establish separate entry and exit points to the school and encourage directional traffic at high traffic times.. • Set up hand sanitizer stations around the ISP campus for use by students, families, and staff. • Ensure only staff and essential persons have access to classrooms at this time. • Ensure sufficient supplies of disinfectant, tissues, masks, hand sanitizer, and gloves are available at all times. • Establish a plan should a staff member or student display symptoms of illness during school hours. Plan may include release from school, isolation, Dr. note to return, mask wearing. • Ensure regular changing of air filters in all ISP buildings. • Contact the community when a communicable has been reported. • Share community resources to access assistance and education about vaccines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support children who wear masks. • Disclose to the Director should you have close contact, display symptoms yourself, or test positive. • Design activities in the classroom environment that support physical distancing in respect to a play-based philosophy. • Invite families to participate in outdoor activities. • Promote, demonstrate, and reinforce healthy hygiene habits. • Model and reinforce effective handwashing with soap and water for each child upon entry to the classroom, before/after eating, after using the bathroom, and at other times throughout the school day. • Post lesson plans and class happenings in the windows for family viewing. • Clean and disinfect classroom toys frequently. • Present curriculum utilizing outdoor space as much as possible, weather permitting. • Unless essential, discourage nap bedding from home. • Vaccinate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disclose to ISP director should your child contract a communicable disease such as COVID19. A plan will be set into place for your child's return to school which may include recommendations of PCHD/CDC. • Limit your time on the campus during pick up and drop off. • Adhere to established entry and exit points. • Ensure that your child has two spare sets of clothing at school. • Provide the most current copy of your child's emergency information and immunization / exemption forms. If COVID vaccinated, provide updated record. • Monitor your child for the safe use of hand sanitizer. • Commit to staying abreast of school communication. • Keep sick children home and contact preschool office of absence. • Ensure having a backup childcare plan should your child need to stay at home due to illness. • Understand what personal items support a child's sense of security, ability to transition, or self-regulate and are considered essential. Speak with your teacher about having items at school. • Vaccinate.