



Las noticias de tercer grado

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Math

We are conceptualizing numbers into the thousands in our place value unit. We are investigating how to tell that the digit 2 in the number 25 has a value of 20, and likewise the 2 in 205 has a value of 200. We have learned a special shorthand way to write numbers called "taquigrafia". Ask your child to write a number for you 1 - 9999 in taquigrafia. We are also adding two and three digit numbers with regrouping. Time is another topic we are studying. Please help your child tell time with an analog clock. We also talk about elapsed time.



Language Arts

This month we are reading stories about disasters. The first story we read was about Pompeii. Now, we are reading about the Titanic and will end with a hurricane story. Please remember to have your child read at least 100 minutes in Spanish each week. It will not only help their reading skills, but also increase their vocabulary. It is important that they read a variety of books.



Special Events

- Dec. 21 third grade holiday party in the afternoon
- Dec. 22-Jan. 6 Winter break
- Jan. 7 First day of school in 2008. It is also a special day dedicated to reading. "Acurrúcate a leer" (Snuggle Up and Read). Remind your child to bring 3 Spanish books to share with the class for the day.
- Jan. 21- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - no school
- Jan. 25 - No school - End of semester (teacher work day for report cards)



WATER

We are beginning our scientific study of "el agua". We will be investigating the different states of water, its properties, density and temperature. We will end our unit by learning about the water cycle and its various stages. Ask your child to tell you what they have learned. Practice reading thermometers together in both Celsius and Fahrenheit in order to sharpen their measurement skills.

