

Well, just in time for December, winter is here! In case of a snow emergency, go to our [website](#) to find out if the school is closed. It will be updated by 8:30 AM.



Ropa de Invierno

Remember it is time to start sending **winter clothes everyday**. It would be a good idea to just leave a set of mittens and hat in your child's cubbie. We want to go out every day that is warmer than 10 degrees. If your child doesn't have the proper gear, it is too cold for them to stay outside. They need the time to burn off all that wonderful preschooler energy!

December Curriculum Themes

Our themes for December are Mi Familia (*my family*), rojo (*red*) and Navidad (*Christmas*). There is no country this month since it is a short month. We will be talking about Christmas culturally and how it is celebrated in Latin America. If you are uncomfortable with this or would like to share your family's tradition, please speak with Dawn.

Parent Advisory Board

We would like to have a group of parents that meet about once a month to talk about the school. It would be nice to have a sounding board for school activities and a few people to help recruit other parent volunteers when the need arises! If you would be interested, please respond to this email. When we get a group together we'll decide the best time for us to meet starting in January.



Mini Olympics - Dec 20 & 21

You are invited to spend the day with your child at preschool on the last Thursday and/or Friday before break! That day you can experience circle time and share a snack in your child's classroom. Then we'll all go downstairs for a little friendly competition between "countries" (classrooms). If you can't make it that day, a nanny, aunt, grandpa or a grown-up friend would be great too! More info to come...

Staff Changes

We are very sorry to announce that Silvana will be leaving us at the end of December. She has been a valuable member of our team and we will miss her. She had a very hard time making the decision to go but she has been given a great opportunity that will help not only her but also her children. We wish her every success.

On a positive note, we have a replacement for her who will begin helping in Silvana's classroom this month. When we return in January, Ingrid will be here full-time. Ingrid is a friend of the school and the teachers know her well. She is also from Chile and has a degree in early childhood education. She has a seven year old daughter and has lived in Minnesota for 4 years. Please welcome Ingrid to Mis Amigos!

Homepackets

The "homepackets" are coming! We are very sorry for the delay but you will get the homepackets for September, October and November this week in your child's bag. They will have the songs we've been learning as well as the Spanish vocabulary we have focused on each month. It is a great way to practice with your child.

Kindergarten 08/09

Remember if your child will be entering kindergarten in the fall, you usually need to choose your school in January. I know it can be a stressful time for a parent deciding on their school! If your child will not be attending an immersion elementary school, we do have a kindergarten-aged class here in the afternoon to continue practicing their Spanish.

Registration for Mis Amigos 08/09 school year begins in January for existing families. Look for more info coming at the beginning of January.