



# The Alabarda

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## Elementary Italian

### Grade 1 Elena Delton

After having introduced the five vowels to Grade One, we are beginning to learn about single consonants. Students are learning about single consonants through rhythmic songs and rhyming patterns in poetry.

### Grade 2 Elena Delton e Maria De Santa

Grade Two students are studying the order of the alphabet and pronunciation of each letter.

Students are being introduced to grammatical concepts and learning about the placement of the accent. Students are practicing exercises in their workbooks in order to further understanding. We have been studying poetry and reading the book "Cipi," about the adventures of a courageous and curious sparrow. Soon we will begin to study fairy tales.

### Grade 3 Elena Delton e Maria De Santa

In Grade Three, students are learning how to compose longer writing pieces. Students are also studying grammar rules (nouns and verbs.) We are also studying spelling rules and learning how to identify literary differences between the structures of non-fiction and fiction stories. In class we are reading "Storia di una gabbianella e del gatto che le insegno a volare" and "The Adventures of Pinocchio." Soon students will begin to learn how to use the dictionary and expand vocabulary.

### Grade 4 Maria De Santa

Grade Four is analyzing fables and epic poems. Students are strengthening grammatical structure through ongoing practice. Students are also memorizing poetry and have shown great enthusiasm as we beginning to read "The Odyssey"

### Grade 5 Matteo Corrado

In grammar Grade Five is studying articles, names and adjectives. We are also studying parts of speech and verb forms. Students are examining anthologies and poetry. Students are engaged in activities to encourage reading comprehension, critical thought and summarization of texts. We are currently reading "Dante's Divine Comedy."

### This Week's Alabarda

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**WINTER SHOWS:** These will be held at IST as follows:

K2 - "Winter Show" - Tuesday December 15th at 9:00 AM

K3, K4, K5 - "Winter Show" - Wednesday December 16th at 10:00 AM

Gr. 1, 2, 3 - "Winter Show" - Wednesday December 16th at 2:15 p.m.

Gr. 4 & 5 - "Winter Show" - Wednesday December 16th at 3:00 p.m.

The Middle School Show will take place in February.

**DOGS:** Please note that it is forbidden to bring dogs of any size (not even holding them in your arms) within the school courtyard. We rely on your full cooperation.

**BAKE SALE:** Thanks to the students and parents of Gr. 1, we collected for the first bake sale €101,00. Congratulations and keep it up.

**SCHOOL PE UNIFORMS:** Knotz will be at school at Tuesday, November 24th, from 8:30 to 9:30 am and from 2:30-4:30 pm in the main entrance hall. In December the company will not be available, therefore orders will be delivered in January.

## Upcoming Calendar:

**REPORT CARDS:** Report Cards will be distributed Wednesday, November 25th. For Kindergarten and ES the Reports will be handed out to students and must be signed and returned to the teacher by the following week. MS / HS Report Cards will be mailed home or can be collected by parents in the Office on November 25th, after 2.00 p.m.

**PARENT-TEACHER EVENING:** The first Parent-teacher evening will take place on Thursday, December 3rd from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The aim is to give parents the opportunity to see the teachers and talk about the first Report Cards. You may schedule your appointments at the reception starting Monday, November 30th.

**TEACHER IN-SERVICE:** The next staff development in-service day will be Friday, December 11th when school will end at 12:00 o'clock noon, just after lunch. Please note that we are organizing a babysitting service for the Early Childhood children until the end of the school day (4 p.m.) - with the exception of the month of January when we will have the "Open Day". Also the Elementary, Middle and High School students will have the possibility to stay at the school up to 4 p.m. doing recreational and group game activities organized by the PTA. Anyone interested is kindly invited to fill in the form you have already received within Friday 27th 2009. Please note that there will be no bus service at 4.00 p.m. All the buses will leave at 12.00 noon.

**The next Board meeting will take place Monday, December 14th at 8:30 p.m.**

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS:** The last day of school before the Christmas Holidays will be Friday, December 18th 2009. and will resume normally on Monday, January 11th 2010.

# Specials Classes

## Physical Education

Vasily Perliev

In Grade One and Grade Two, students have been developing motor skills with exercises like catching, throwing, rolling and kicking. Grade Three students are learning teamwork by playing floor hockey in the gym. Grade Four and Five are practicing passing, throwing, catching and dribbling and will demonstrate these new skills in our handball unit. The Middle School is working on a soccer unit and our next unit will be in the gym and consist of practicing passing, throwing, catching and dribbling skills. Get ready for Dodge Ball! Grade Nine and Grade Ten have been learning about fitness and the importance of physical activity. We have been running outside every lesson and completing our basketball unit. This quarter, we will be spending more time at the gym in the fitness room.

## Library

Dallas Foster

This year in library students have been working on expanding vocabulary, gaining exposure to new authors and improving pronunciation and reading comprehension skills. Students in Grade Four have been learning important study skills, such as how to identify the parts of a non-fiction book and how to use Venn diagrams to compare and contrast information. Students in Grade Three have enjoyed reading new stories such as, "Zen Shorts" by John J. Moth and "The Houdini Box" by Brian Selznick. As the year continues, all IST students from Early Childhood to grade 12 will benefit from the nearly 1,000 new books we have received so far this year. Please remember that it is very important to return your library books on time so that everyone may continue to enjoy them.

## Music

Jessica Kopcho

This year in elementary music, we started by learning about keeping steady rhythms, reading rhythmic notation, and learning all about the different extremes in music (loud and soft, slow and fast, high and low). The classes did some critical thinking to discuss how composers use these to create and express different emotions through their music. We have also started learning about instruments and all the different types there are. All of the classes have been working hard to prepare for our winter show in December. They have been learning and memorizing songs, and taking it upon themselves to choreograph moves for the different pieces. The middle school music class has been busy with projects, looking at and listening to how composers use things like dynamics, tempo, rhythm, texture and instruments to create a scene, emotion or idea in the head of the listener. They also created their own short piece last class to express a certain scene or idea!



For didactic enquiries please schedule an appointment with Director Jason Anklowitz  
(Tuesday-Thursday, 10 am. or 2:30-3:30)

For administrative enquiries please refer to Paola Zonta.