

Spanish Newsletter week 12

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Buen dia Padres de Familia:

We've had a great Friday in our clases de Español. We can't believe that we are getting ready for the holiday program already! And of course, we already started practicing our Spanish Christmas song. This year, we chose a very traditional **villancico**/ Christmas carols: **Vé., dilo a las Montañas/Go tell it to the mountains**. I'm sure that many of you have heard the English version of it. In Spanish, (and in English as well) there're a few different versions of it, and it was hard to choose one. This class, we dedicated our time into comprehending the lyrics and listening the correct pronunciation of the many new words that this song has. We face a great challenge every time we learn a new song, and this time is no different. Not only do we learn many new words, but we also learn in at the speed of light 😊 since we only have 3 classes to learn it. Please, please, please, help us practice the song at home. Here are the lyrics of the song:

<p>Ve, dilo a las montañas. En todas partes y alrededor. Ve, dilo a las montañas, Que Cristo ya nació. El mundo ha esperado Que Cristo el rey de Paz, Viniera a esta Tierra Trayéndole solaz. Vé, dilo a las montañas..... Llegó como un Niño, De noche en Belén Del cielo las estrellas, Le alumbraron también. En un pesebre humilde, El Cristo ya nació, De Dios Amor sublime, Al mundo descendió. Vé, dilo a las montañas....</p>	<p>Go tell it on the mountains, Everywhere and all around Go tell it on the mountains That Christ the king was born The world has been waiting That Christ the king of peace Would come to this earth To bring us all solace Go tell it on the mountains..... He came as a boy At night in Bethlehem, From heaven all the stars, There shone a holy light. Go tell it on the mountains..... Down in a humble manger The Christ was born. From God his love To the world he sent. Go tell in on the mountains.....</p>
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You can guide yourself with the following you tube link, but then again, the lyrics are not always the same: <https://youtu.be/EzaRl3VfKho>

In addition to our song, the Pre-K Class learned about **circulo/circles**. We hunted for **circulos** around the classroom, we found **circulos grandes/big circles**, and **circulos chiquitos/small circles**. We found **circulos de muchos colores/many circles**; and we also painted **circulos** on a piece of paper. That was fun!

Kindergartens-2nd graders learned and how to ask and answer the question: **Cuantos años tienes tu?** how old are you? We practiced by asking each other, and responding: **Tengo ___años**. We are still practicing our numbers as well.

3rd – 8th graders talked about **Día de dar gracias/ Thanksgiving day**, and we wrote about two things we are most thankful for. In those sentences, we learned about the possessive adjective **Mi** which means mine. Their thanksgiving list included: **Mi familia/my family**, **Mi casa/my house**, **Mi mascota/my pet**, **Mi comida/my food**, **Mis amigos/my friends**. Some of them went a little further and added a list of stuff they were thankful for, like **mi Xbox**, **mi bike**, **mi computer**, etc. They just added the word **Mi** to the name of their favorite thing. Good way to make a connection with something they'd just learned to something they wanted to communicate! Yay! You can come see our mini pumpkin patch just outside the restrooms.

We also learned about plural words, we learned than in Spanish (most of the time) we just need to add an **S** at the end of the word for it to become plural: ex. **estrella-estrellas**, **montaña-montañas**, etc. So easy!

We don't focus on grammar, but we do learn it and don't even realize it. 😊😊😊

Have a wonderful weekend. See you next week.



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