

Spanish Corner - Week 2 News

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Hola Papas de Plato! / Hello Plato parents!

Our second Spanish class was fun and boy did we learn new things on this day!

We are establishing a routine in our Spanish classroom, so new students feel a sense of security in it. It is important that each kid feels welcomed and comfortable to come to sing and dance in a different language. For some students this may take only one class, for others may take several. The important thing is that they never feel forced to participate in our activities, especially with the speaking part of the process, but they will always be encouraged to do so.

Our routine usually starts with a good morning or good afternoon song. We then count the boys and girls in the class, we then practice our days of the week, month, year, and current weather. We sing a song related to the vocabulary we are learning and we may listen/read a story together. We have a quick game/art project/engineering project/science project, and then we dance/sing some more and say good bye. Classes fly when you are having fun!!!

This Friday we played a sorting color game with the little ones. We first made a row of patterns to practice color recognition, we then looked for small foam circles scattered on the floor. Other students practiced hunting logos, we got as many Legos in a particular color we could in 30 seconds and then we practiced our numbers while counting the ones we got. They also practiced their social skills when they were "hunting" the Legos and when they waited for their turn to count them.

They even helped each other when a classmate couldn't find the particular color that was asked and share their own if they hadn't found any. Great opportunity to practice our magic word Thank you and you're welcome!

The older students had a chance to become "Hispanos Honorarios". Each student got a flag tag from a Hispanic speaking country and assumed the nationality. They'll practice the rest of the year when forming groups with countries from central or South America, they'll look in the map and locate their country and see what is around them. Plus, if they didn't know any countries that spoke Spanish, they learned 10 on our second class. They practice their writing skills by making notes in the back of their flag tag; they wrote their name, age, new nationality, favorite color, animal and activity. Then they practiced their speaking skills by asking each other that information. They encouraged each other to pronounce words properly and helped if they didn't know how a particular word.

As always, we keep on practicing our common phrases and magic words around the classroom.

Here are some websites that I use for songs and/or activities are accessible to you, and most of them are free: Calico, Rockalingua, Basho and Friends, CantaJuego, Sing A Lingo

Any questions? Feel free to email me SorayaCastroF@gmail.com

Have an awesome holiday weekend.

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