

SPANISH NEWSLETTER WEEK 13

Celebrating the holidays is all about Love, Family and Children. It doesn't matter how we celebrate them, what we eat, or what presents we get, as long as they are spent with our loved ones.

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Hola Padres de Plato Academy! / Hello Parents of Plato:

Can you believe November is long gone?! Time is flying, and before we know it, we'll be celebrating Christmas. We are getting ready here at our **clase de Español**. We've been practicing our **villancico**/Christmas song and we can't wait for you to hear it.

You can hear our song in the following link

<https://youtu.be/EzaRI3VfKho>

The last verse is a different one, so you may want to check the full lyrics here:

Ve, dilo a las Montana 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. Vé, dilo en las montañas.... En un pesebre humilde, El Cristo ya nació, De Dios Amor sublime, Al mundo descendió. Vé, dilo a las montañas....	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.....
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Please, please, please, put on the music at home as much as you can.

We've been talking about the different ways that people celebrate Christmas around Hispano America. More specifically in Mexico, for instance, we learned that Mexicans start celebrating as early as December 16th with the traditional Posadas. Posadas is Spanish for inn or lodging. Mexican families re-enact the part of the Christmas story where Joseph and Mary looked around for somewhere to stay, and it goes on for the next nine evenings, until the 24th of December where Mary and Joseph finally find a place where Jesus is born. Kids heard this last class, please ask them what they learned about Las Posadas.



Our youngest students played a game where they would pass around a Frisbee that had a picture of a verb and the written word, they don't read yet so they'd have to know what verb it is just by looking at the picture. These verbs are easy for them to learn because we heard them often throughout the day. The verbs are: correr/run, dormir/sleep, caminar/walk, bailar/dance, brincar/jump, limpiar/clean, comer/eat. This game is fun, but we prefer to sing the song Caminar, caminar, y parar https://youtu.be/-csuoX_uM7U We also played a game with shapes, this time we added the Triangulo/triangle, kids noticed that it's easy to remember because it has tres/three sides tres-tri. What a great connection!



Some kids reviewed the Christmas vocabulary in a Sudoku game, it was so much fun, although it was the first time for some and it took them longer to understand the concept of the game, (which is the same as the original Japanese game Sudoku). In our version, we substitute the numbers for vocabulary words that they'd write or draw. It was definitely challenging for the whole class.

Older students got to read about Las Posadas, and they got more detailed information about it. They get very excited when we talk about things they're familiarized with, like tamales and piñatas. They've requested another recipe; what they actually want is for us to make tamales, however, since it takes a lot of time, we'll have to settle for something simpler.

I hope you are enjoying the season so far. See you next week!
Hasta la proxima semana!

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