

SPANISH NEWSLETTER WEEK 26

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Hola familia de Plato Academy!

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful pre-spring weather. We keep on practicing identifying the weather conditions, although this time we put our weather journals aside, and played a short “hot potato” game with Frisbees. Each Frisbee has a “weather expression” picture on them, they go around from hand to hand when we start counting to 10, then we shout “aqui/here” if we have the specific expression that has been called out. Students were very competitive and really wanted to get called.

We keep on talking about the seasons, and this time we talked about our favorite season. We’ve made a chart where we kept track of our preferences. We asked to each other: Te gusta primavera?/ Do you like spring? Si me gusta-No me gusta./ I like it-I don’t like it. We then counted how many kids liked each season. Which season had more likes? Why? Students are now able to identify the questions: do you like.....? how many.....? Why.....? Depending on their level, they might answer with either a one, two or three words in Spanish, a full sentence in Spanish, a full sent in English, or by nodding. The important thing is that their ears are getting used to hear full Spanish questions and they are able to understand and respond to them in any way. We celebrate all answers equally, and encourage those who might still be shy to verbally respond.

We also began learning parts of our body, we started out with easy songs that students have heard before because of their English version.

Cabeza, hombros, rodillas y pies/Head, shoulders, knees and toes.

<https://youtu.be/NxQOHkjuYbw>

Don Alfredo baila/ Don Alfredo dances

<https://youtu.be/4uswcjP4Vw>

Baila baila/ Dance dance

<https://youtu.be/wJI6FbAC4Y>

Students love these songs, and they request them often. Can you dance with us mom and dad?

We have chosen the song for the end of the year program, and we will start learning the song very soon. The song will be “Life’s a happy Song” from Muppets the Movie. Here’s the link of the English version of the song. I’m giving you the English version first so you know what our students will be singing about. The Spanish version is not verbatim, but it is very close to the original.

<https://youtu.be/t9zKm2Ewaw>

We’ll be celebrating “Culture night” this Friday, and Mexico will be proudly represented. Come and have fun with us. We’ll see you there.

Soraya Castro



Las Estaciones/The Seasons

