

SPANISH NEWSLETTER WEEK 36

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Buen dia Padres de Familia!

We've had very hectic last couple of weeks in Spanish class. As you know, the end of the year program is near, and we are getting ready to give our best performance. The last three classes have been dedicated to introduce the song "**Que Bueno es vivir**" or "Life's a happy song" from the Muppets Movie. After the kids gave two thumbs up for approval, we proceeded to translate many of the words and phrases that we didn't know. We also identified many of the other words we did know or could identify as cognates. Students (especially the older ones) were surprised of how many words they now know.

After translating the song, we then "read" the lyrics to make sure they knew how to pronounce each word. Learning a song in a foreign language is a long process and it usually takes a long time. In our case we have to speed forward and learn it in a short period of time since our classes are short and only once a week. That's why I highly recommend that you help your kids to listen to the song at least once a day, so that they can listen to the music and pronunciation. Older classes will perform a group solo. Ask your child if they are singing a solo on this song.

<https://youtu.be/3MMn2mXGi2A>

This year song is long and difficult, please please, please, practice at home.

We've also keep on practicing the vocabulary on body parts, we sing our songs and we had a challenge: find the body part on a paper doll, then color the part, whoever has more body parts colored wins. What do they win? They win a cheer from their classmates. Some students are very competitive, and these activities are perfect for them to learn and review vocabulary. Younger students have been finishing our class with a little relaxation, we do a 5 minute yoga session where we move different parts of our bodies and even practice some breathing exercises, all directed in Spanish of course.

Cinco de Mayo is coming up! We will be talking about the history of Cinco de Mayo and how Mexicans celebrate it in their country and in United States.

Enjoy the weather. Have a wonderful week!

Soraya Castro

"The limits of my language mean the limits of my world." Ludwig Wittgenstein

