

August 24th, 2018.

Welcome to the Spanish corner!

Hip hip hurray!!! to a wonderful first day of our Clases de Español! I am so glad to see all the new faces at Plato, and all the familiar faces as well. We are all a big familia at Plato, and it won't be difficult to feel welcomed in our class. We began to know each other by introducing ourselves: Como te llamas?/ what's your name? Most of us already know each other, so once we all said our name (Me llamo____)/Me llamo____, we practiced with some finger puppets. With them, we had the chance to make up a name for it, and the name creations brought some laughs to our class. We took the time to practice this phrases over and over with each other, so it'll be easy to remember next time we need it. Studies show that we need to practice at least fifteen times a word or a phrase in order to remember it. For this reason, we'll practice and repeat, repeat, repeat. We kept on adding words to our greeting, like Hola/ hi, Bienvenido/ welcome, y tu?/ and you? Adios/ Good bye. Little by little, we'll keep on adding more. Older kids learned which is proper way to talk to a person, and also the informal. They also learned tips to identify plurals and gender on the words. In our class we don't focus strictly on grammar, we prefer to introduce the Spanish language as conversational and fun as possible.

We also talked about the way we will interact inside of the classroom, with the 2 golden rules when learning a second language:

- 1. Try, try, try! We all learn from our mistakes, and**
- 2. Avoid making fun of others when they are trying.**

The latter is particularly important since we are trying to build confidence on every student.

Little ones enjoyed a little fun game while learning our names, we'd ask: Donde esta_____(student's name) and they'd respond. We also looked for a little mouse that was trapped behind a house, students would have to say the color of the house to see if the mouse was there. It was fun to look for that sneaky mouse.

For all new parents, we like to sing many song in our class, and I'll be sharing with you the links for the songs we love. Here you have the picks of this week:

<https://youtu.be/kdDu8pFbnRc> Buenos Dias

<https://youtu.be/Ujx4NQAPug> Buenos Dias (younger students)

https://youtu.be/-csuoX_uM7U Caminar, caminar y parar.

<https://youtu.be/7jBDsWOoWz0> De que color es?

<https://youtu.be/5REPn6nHJic> Marcha

<https://youtu.be/oC3a1ruhon8> Lava las manos

<https://youtu.be/NxQOHkjuybw> Cabeza, hombros, rodillas y pies

I can't wait to see how much we'll learn this year!

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