

September 14th, 2018

Hola Padres de Plato Academy:

Another excited Friday, and these are the highlights of our clases de Español.

We started out singing **Feliz cumpleaños** to those who had their birthday this week. Here's the lyrics of the song, to the tune of our happy birthday song:

Feliz cumpleaños a ti

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Feliz cumpleaños

querido (name)

Feliz cumpleaños a ti!

We noticed that this month we have many birthdays, so we'll be singing "**Feliz Cumpleaños**" a lot. We are creating our routine, singing good morning/good afternoon, asking each other our names, asking our age, knowing the difference of como estás/how are you?, and como te sientes/how are you feeling?. Older kids learned new adjectives in addition to the ones we already knew:

Enfermo/sick, Contento/happy, Enfadado/annoyed, Tranquilo/calm, Orgullosa/proud, Aburrido/bored, Decepcionado/ disappointed, Nervioso/nervous, Confundido/confused, Cansado/tired, Feliz/happy, Triste/sad, Enojado/upset, Asustado/scared.

At this point, older students should be able to differentiate the masculine and feminine forms of these adjectives. Make sure you ask your child about it.

We played a little game to practice our listening skills, the students had a picture of the feeling, and every time they'd heard that particular adjective, they would sit on the floor and stand up right after. The game would go from slow to fast, and every time a student missed they would switch with another student who had no card. At the end, the student who've had no mistakes was the winner.

Rockalingua has a great song about feelings that the kids love:

<https://rockalingua.com/Videos/how-are-you-feelings>

Younger kids also played a listening game, they would pick the color they'd hear as fast as they could when they'd heard it from this song. First we sang it lento/slow, then rapido/fast, they muy rapido/very fast:

<https://rockalingua.com/songs/colors-and-numbers>

We are also practicing many opposites that have been incorporated little by little to our daily routine. Make sure you ask your child the meaning of them:

Grande/big

Alto/high

Adentro/in

Pequeno/small

Bajo/short

Afuera/out

Rapido/fast

Abrir/open

Arriba/up

Lento/slow

Cerrar/close

Abajo/down

Largo/long

Si/yes

Sobre/on

Corto/short

No/no

Debajo/under

An extra word they know: **despacito**. Do you know what this means? 😊😊😊

Here's another song we rocked this week: https://youtu.be/wII6FbAC_4Y Baila baila!

Hope you have a wonderful week. Hasta pronto!

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