

October 19th, 2018

Hello Plato Family!

As most of you know, "The day of the Dead" is coming soon, and we like to celebrate big in our Spanish class. This time, our students were busy decorating the chocolate cookies in the shape of a calavera/skull that Mrs. Dionysia kindly donated to our class. We also practiced our vocabulary when we played a memory game and a dominoes that have vocabulary printed. Younger students decorated calavera masks, cut papel picado/peckered paper (which is perforated paper that is traditionally made with elaborated designs). We made simple ones so we could decorate our altar. Other classes played a game where with the help of a dice, they practiced their reading skills to decorate their own calavera. Kids asked to be able to paint their face, try the special bread, decorate clay skulls, and make paper flowers for our altar. We will be doing that next week.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, our students were very excited to participate in the Ofrenda/Offering competition that takes place every year at the Des Plaines History Museum. Unfortunately, the museum decided to celebrate differently this year. There will be no contest due to space constraints, but they will still be decorating sugar skulls, having a face painter and making papel picado. Students and families are both invited to explore their current art installation as well -the artists are all Latino, from the Pilsen area and Oaxaca Mexico, and several of the artists will be attending the program to talk informally about their work. This is an excellent opportunity to share others cultures and traditions with your children. I'm looking forward to seeing our Plato families at the History Center this Saturday, October 27th, from 11am-4pm. Feel free to ask if you have any questions. See you soon.

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