

August/September 2019 Sign Language/Spanish Newsletter

Weeks of August 5th

Spanish: Spain Mini Unit

To end the summer, I would like to do a mini unit on Spain to introduce the children to the concept of a country that speaks Spanish. The children will locate Spain on a map and read a story about it. They will view Spain's flag and compare it to ours. I will read *The Story of Ferdinand*. The children will dance with scarves to traditional Spanish music, as well as look at some of Pablo Picasso's paintings.

(Please note I will be subbing in the kindergarten room the week of 8/12)

Weeks of August 19th and 26th

Introduction to Sign Language

During these two weeks, the new children will be introduced to the concept of Sign Language. A bear puppet will be used, as well as the Learning Station's song "Nutty Thumbkin." I will also be teaching a unit on feelings. The new school year, especially for children who have never attended school before, is the perfect time to show children how to express how they are feeling through Sign Language. I read a wonderful book called *The Way I Feel*. Signs for these two weeks include:

- yes
- no
- please
- thank you

- sorry
- happy
- sad
- angry
- frustrated
- proud
- scared
- silly
- thankful
- shy
- bored
- excited

Weeks of September 2nd and 9th

Introduction to Spanish

During these two weeks, the new children will be introduced to the concept of another language: Spanish. I will read *Say Hola to Spanish* and *Azul el Sombrero, Verde el Sombrero (Blue Hat, Green Hat)* in order to acclimate the children's ears to another language. The children will use a pointer to locate Spanish-speaking countries around the world.

The children will also learn the colors in Spanish.

- rojo--red
- anaranjado--orange
- amarillo--yellow
- verde--verde
- azul--blue
- morado--purple
- negro--black
- blanco--white
- café--brown
- rosado--pink

Week of September 16th

Hispanic Heritage Month and Mexico's Independence Day

September 15th through October 15th is National Hispanic Heritage Month. The children will be learning about some famous Hispanic women and men this week. They will read stories about and do activities pertaining to:

- Mexican artist Frida Kahlo
- Cuban singer Celia Cruz
- Mexican artist Diego Rivera
- Puerto Rican-American bandleader Tito Puente

I am looking forward to teaching the children about these important men and women. The children will hear stories about them, watch Internet clips of them and locate their home countries on a large world map! The children will also celebrate Mexico's Independence Day on September 16th.

Week of September 23rd

Sign Language: Pizza

This week, the children will have fun learning the signs for pizza-related vocabulary. They will take turns "making" pizza, playing Memory and feeding a bear.

- pizza
- cheese
- sauce
- mushroom
- olive
- pepper
- sausage
- pepperoni
- onion