

SPANISH CLASS NEWS FLASH

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Dear kindergarten parents,

Please accept my apologies for not sending out a newsletter for awhile. We have been doing so much in Spanish class. You should be receiving a packet of classwork from our unit on the Polar regions. Some vocabulary from that unit includes:

El hielo (yay-lo)- ice	norte- north	pingüino- penguin
La sal- sal	sur- south	oso polar- polar bear

In the past few weeks, I have been teaching the students classroom vocabulary, useful phrases (petitions) and action words. The children are gradually doing more writing also. Here is some important vocabulary:

Las tijeras- the scissors	Yo necesito ir al baño- <i>I need to go to the</i>
Los crayones- the crayones	<i>bathroom.</i>
El lápiz- the pencil	Yo necesito un lápiz.- <i>I need a pencil.</i>
El libro- the book	Yo necesito tomar agua- <i>I need to drink water.</i>
Papel- paper	Es la hora de limpiar y recoger- <i>It is time to clean up</i>
	<i>and pick up.</i>

Recortar- <i>to cut out</i>	nadar- <i>to swim</i>	escuchar- <i>to listen</i>
Colorear- <i>to color</i>	comer- <i>to eat</i>	sentarse- <i>to sit down</i>
Escribir- <i>to write</i>	brincar- <i>to jump</i>	leer- <i>to read</i>

We are now beginning a new unit on Fables (Fairy Tales), although there will be no princesses or fairies in these tales. The first story we are doing is La Gallinita Roja (The Red Hen). We will do a choral play together of this story and everyone's part is: "Yo no" (Not I). Then we will cover, Ricitos de Oro y Los Tres Osos (Goldilocks and the Three Bears) after the break.

Please see the next page for song lyrics and more vocabulary.

Sincerely,

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Pinguinitos a brincar Little Penguins, Jump
(To the tune of the Chicken Dance song)

Pinguinitos a brincar
Es la hora de comer
Todo el mundo a nadar
Splash, splash, splash, splash

Little penguins, jump
It is time to eat
Everybody, swim

Para un pingüino ser
Este baile es de bailar
Y todo el mundo alegrar
Splash, splash, splash, splash

For a penguin being
This is a dance to dance
and everybody to get happy

A limpiar y recoger Clean Up and Pick Up

A limpiar, a limpiar
Y recoger, Y recoger
Tú haces tu parte
Yo hago la mía
Pon todo en su lugar

Clean up, clean up
and pick up, and pick up
You do your part
I do mine
Put everything in its place

(Both of these songs were written by Dana Reginato)

Ahora vamos a....
Jose Luis Orozco

Ahora vamos a comer, a comer, a comer Now we're going to eat, to eat, to eat
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Replace "a comer" with other verbs (See the newsletter for ideas).