

## SPANISH CLASS NEWS FLASH

### First Grade

November 5, 2009

Dear parents:

I hope you got a chance to visit your child's classroom and see some of his/her current work related to our unit on "La Comunidad" ( The Community)!

During this unit, I would like our students to participate in instruction in some new ways. For instance, I've prepared a power point presentation showing myself and my family going different places. I would like to prepare another power point with the children's photos! **If you would like to help in this effort, please bring your digital camera with you as you go around town. Take a picture of your child in front of the place and one or inside the place that you visit in the community. Then send me no more than 2 photos to my home e-mail: [regisurfer@aol.com](mailto:regisurfer@aol.com). Please send them by next Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.** If you don't have a digital camera, but you have a film camera, I can also scan those photos. Here are some location suggestions:

- the library (la biblioteca) \* the grocery store (el supermercado)
- a favorite restaurant or café (restaurante o café)
- a park (un parque) \* a store (una tienda)
- your home (tu casa) \* a relative's home (una casa de un pariente)
- a church or synagogue (una iglesia o sinagoga)
- a dance studio, gym, pool or club (estudio, gimnasia, piscina o club)
- the dentist (el dentista) \* the post office (la oficina postal)

Another new way of participating is to go on an optional field trip alter school hours. I would like to visit a Mexican bakery (panadería mexicana). Each child should bring \$1 to order some bread or a cookie. *If you would like to bring your child on this optional field trip, meet me at the Pink Elephant Bakery on Monterey just south of East Dunne at 3:30 pm on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> or on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.* You may confirm your attendance using my work e-mail address: [dreginato@csmh.org](mailto:dreginato@csmh.org). I would appreciate a confirmation, because we don't want 60 first graders and their families descending upon the bakery at once.

Also, if any of you could recommend someone who is bilingual (or if you yourself are) in the community to come in and talk about the advantages of bilingualism in the market place, please contact me! I am thinking about someone like a doctor, nurse, checker (at a supermarket or gas station), policeman, a postal service worker, social worker, etc.

This week the children will be learning a song about a baker called, "Levántate panadero" (Get up, baker). I have included the lyrics on the second page of this letter.

Thank you for your support in your child's Spanish language acquisition!