

Unit 2, Fourth Grade

10/17-11/15

Dear Parents,

We have begun unit 2 of Spanish with your fourth grader. In this unit we will review some basics, learn about Dia de los Muertos and how it draws from the cultures of the native tribes as well as the explorers who colonized the area. Please use the vocabulary and suggestions below to help reinforce these concepts at home!

Sincerely,

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Corresponding IB Unit: How we organize ourselves.

Spanish Connection: Looking the natural environment, weather, and some animals.

Objectives: Review basics, words for natural environment and animals.

Our World (ref. SKS)

1. la montaña	the mountain
2. la mar	the sea
3. el río	the river
4. el lago	the lake
5. la cascada	the waterfall
6. la isla	the island
7. la playa	the beach
8. el desierto	the desert
9. la cueva	the cave
10. el bosque	the woods
11. la ciudad	the city

Weather (ref. SKS)

12. soleado	sunny
13. lluvioso	rainy
14. nublado	cloudy
15. ventoso	windy
16. nevoso	snowy
17. granizo	hail
18. nebuloso	foggy
19. tormenta	thunderstorm
20. tornado	tornado
21. huracán	hurricane
22. arco iris	rainbow

Día de los muertos

1. antepasados	<i>ancestors</i>
2. atole	corn flour drink
3. calacas	skeleton figurines
4. calaveras de azúcar	sugar skulls
5. cempasúchil	marigold
6. mole	spicy sauce often made with chocolate
7. ofrenda	offering
8. pan de muerto	day of the dead bread
9. papel picado	cut paper banners

Tips for home reinforcement

Pronunciation guide in Spanish:

A is pronounced 'ah' like in father

E is pronounced 'eh' like in met

I is pronounced 'ee' like in feet

O is pronounced 'oh' like the oa sound in boat

U is pronounced 'oo' like in boot or tune

Suggestions for home:

- Make signs in Spanish to label things around your home
- Make your own flashcards in Spanish (and have your child draw the pictures for them!)
- Go to freerice.com to practice vocabulary! Click on "More Subjects" and then choose Spanish.
- Have everyone at home try to use this unit's vocabulary in Spanish!
- Check out some children's books from the library in Spanish and work together to decode them!
- See if your child's favorite DVD has language options! Sometimes you can set the spoken language to be in Spanish and put captions on in English.
- Explore YouTube for fun teaching songs in Spanish
- Some free printable worksheets in Spanish can be found at www.enchantedlearning.com/
- Some fun songs, videos, and activities can be found at <https://rockalingua.com/>