



Caminitos  
Spanish Playschool  
News

## September 2017

Welcome to the 2017/2018 school year. I am very excited to be teaching the Spanish playschool program this year and look forward to working in partnership with all of you over the next ten months. We will be working diligently on establishing classroom routines and developing a good learning environment. Showing respect for others, listening, and following instructions are three of the behaviours on which we will be working to help make our classroom a comfortable, safe, and stimulating place of learning. Below, I have outlined the concepts that will be worked on during the month of September.

### Early Literacy

- taking turns speaking and listening to others
- developing an awareness of sounds in words
- learning the basic strokes for printing our names
- learning graphemes (sounds and letter formation) in our name
- enjoying literature

### Early Numeracy

- creating and comparing sets of objects
- number recognition from 1 to 5
- counting to 5
- creating patterns
- sorting by single attribute
- shapes

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### Environment and Community Awareness

- expanding knowledge of the natural world: autumn changes
- becoming familiar with the sounds and layout of the school and the playground
- learning about our classmates
- using classroom tools (pencils, scissors, etc.) in a safe and appropriate manner

### Well-Being

- participating actively in learning tasks
- following school/classroom routines
- displaying positive health and hygiene habits (handwashing, coughing or sneezing into your sleeve/arm)
- cooperation and conflict resolution

### Creative Expression

- exploration of self-expression through music
- games, dance, individual activities
- dramatic play: house, dress up, and dolls
- ripped paper

### Physical Skills (Phys. Ed. & Art)

- moving safely in a large space
- moving at various speeds
- changing directions
- developing finger and hand strength
- learning routines and rules
- developing basic locomotor skills
- games, dance, individual activities
- space and body awareness

This month we will be working with playdough in order to increase finger/hand strength and flexibility, which are critical for printing and cutting. Activities such as rolling snakes and balls, pinching (using the thumb and alternating fingers), and flattening dough really work the small muscles in the hand.

## Citizenship and Identity

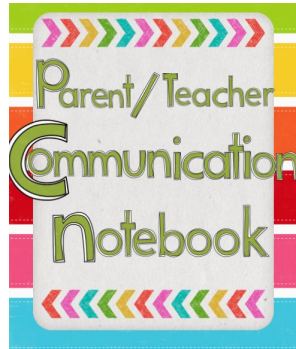
- me
- my class
- my family

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## Communication Book

This doesn't necessarily need to be brought to class or written in every day. It is meant for parents to use when they have something important that needs to be relayed to the Teachers privately.



## Allergies



Please make sure that your child knows not to share treats in school because of allergies.

And remember - Caminitos is a nut free zone!

## Parent Help in the Classroom

For those parents who would like to help out in the classroom (over and above volunteer duties), please let the Teachers know. We ask that no parents volunteer for the month of September. The Teachers will let you know convenient times to help out beginning in the month of October.

## Goodbyes



Please make your goodbyes short! Don't stretch it out. At the beginning of the school year, some children may cry a few minutes, but usually, as soon as you are gone, they are fine.

One of the topics that we will study this month is Environment and Community Awareness. Some suggestions for Curriculum Related Family Activities are:

- When out walking or driving, keep an eye and ear out for signs that fall is approaching.
- Take a drive out into the nearby rural areas to see the crops ripening in the fields. Perhaps you will be able to see farm machinery at work.
- Stop at a pond to see if birds are gathering in preparation for migration. Look at the cattails forming their dark brown seeds.
- Check the Edmonton Journal for Harvest activities.
- Visit a Farmer's Market and look at all the vegetables that are now being harvested from the gardens and fields

The Spanish language will be introduced in our daily conversations and in a natural manner. But if you want to practice Spanish at home, the song "Juguemos en el Bosque" is going to be our song of the month (see the following page).

If you need to speak with me, I can attend parents on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:15 to 8:45 a.m. and 3:40 to 4:20 p.m. Please write a note in the Communication Book indicating what works for you or send me an email to let me know in advance and I wait for you. My e-mail is:

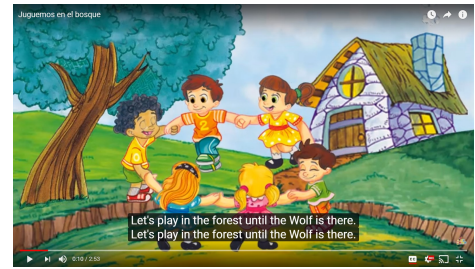
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Have a great start to the school year!

*Teacher Isabel*

Cancion "Juguemos en el bosque" de Toy cantando  
"Let's play in the forest until the wolf is there"

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jud\\_UWNCp5k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jud_UWNCp5k)



Juguemos en el bosque, mientras el lobo está  
Juguemos en el bosque, mientras el lobo está  
Y mientras jugamos el lobo dirá  
Y mientras jugamos el lobo dirá  
**Me estoy levantando = I'm waking up**

Juguemos en el bosque, mientras el lobo está  
Juguemos en el bosque, mientras el lobo está  
Y mientras cantamos el lobo dirá  
Y mientras cantamos el lobo dirá  
**Me estoy bañando = I'm getting a bath**

Juguemos en el bosque, mientras el lobo está  
Juguemos en el bosque, mientras el lobo está  
Y mientras bailamos el lobo dirá  
Y mientras bailamos el lobo dirá  
**Me estoy vistiendo = I'm getting dressed**

Juguemos en el bosque, mientras el lobo está  
Juguemos en el bosque, mientras el lobo está  
Y mientras jugamos el lobo dirá  
Y mientras jugamos el lobo dirá  
**Me estoy poniendo los zapatos = I'm putting on my shoes**

Juguemos en el bosque, mientras el lobo está  
Juguemos en el bosque, mientras el lobo está  
Y mientras cantamos el lobo dirá  
Y mientras cantamos el lobo dirá  
**Me estoy peinando = I'm combing my hair**

Juguemos en el bosque, mientras el lobo está  
Juguemos en el bosque, mientras el lobo está  
Y mientras bailamos el lobo dirá  
Y mientras bailamos el lobo dirá  
**ja ja ja ¡Ya estoy listo para comérmelos a todos! ¡AAAAAAAAAAH!**  
**The wolf says: Of course. I'm here. I'm ready to eat you!**

Y mientras corremos el lobo vendrá