

October 2017

Caminitos Spanish

Playschool News



September certainly flew by, and we are moving into our second month of school. The children are settling into the playschool and are becoming more independent at following routines. They are getting to know each other by name and are interacting more with each other. We are now working on respect. We are introducing the Spanish language in all our activities.

In September we were taking turns speaking and listening to others, developing an awareness of sounds in words, learning basic strokes for printing our names, learning graphemes (sounds and letter formation) in our name and enjoying literature.

In math, we were creating and comparing sets of objects, number recognition 1 to 5, counting to 5.

In community awareness, we were 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 and using classroom tools (pencils, scissors, etc.) in a safe and appropriate manner.

In well - being, children have been participating actively in learning tasks, following school/classroom routines, displaying positive health and hygiene habits (hand washing, coughing or sneezing into your sleeve/arm) and working on cooperation and conflict resolution.

In creative expression, children have been working on exploration of self-expression through music, games, dance, individual activities, dramatic play - house, dress up and dolls.

In phys. ed. & art, we have been practicing to move safely in a large space, move at various speeds, change directions, develop finger and hand strength, learn routines and rules, develop basic locomotor skills, games, dance, individual activities, space and body awareness. We have been working with play dough in order to increase finger/hand strength and flexibility. Activities such as: rolling snakes and balls, pinching (using thumb and alternating fingers), and flattening dough.

In citizenship and identity, children are learning to recognize their names and their classmates. Express their likes and dislikes.

Below, you will find a description of the learning for the month of October.

Early Literacy

- Tracing our name
- Speaking/listening skills
- Literature focusing on fall, night/day, and the solar system

Emergencies:

<https://www.epsb.ca/schools/goingto school/health/emergencies/>

Early Numeracy:

- Set creation and comparison
- Number recognition
- Number formation
- Patterning

Environment and Community Awareness:

- Night and day
- Nocturnal animals

Citizenship and Identity:

- Fire safety
- Participating actively in learning tasks
- Developing age-appropriate independence and responsibility

Physical Skills:

- Changing direction of movement using equipment (balls)

Arts:

- Developing cutting and drawing skills
- Using color

Well-Being:

- *Germs:* Hand washing, coughing, sneezing into your sleeve/ arm. Fire drills, lockdowns.
- This month we will talk and practice fire drills and lockdowns. I encourage everyone to visit the following web pages from Edmonton Public Schools and discuss them with your child:

Lockdown Drill Procedures:

<https://www.epsb.ca/ourdistrict/policy/d/dbcd-ar/>

Fire & Evacuation Drill Procedures:

<https://www.epsb.ca/ourdistrict/policy/d/dbcb-ar/>

Vocabulary Development:

- This month, we will be using, among others, the following terms in class:

otoño: fall

hojas: leaves

Día de Acción de Gracias: Thanksgiving day

calabaza: pumpkin

semillas: seeds

Doy gracias por: I am thankful for...

Veo un / una : I see a ... (halloween items)

comparar objetos: comparing objects

grande: big

pequeño: little

pesado: heavy

liviano: light

recoger manzanas: apple picking

lavarse las manos: wash hands

estornudar en su manga/brazo: Sneezing into your sleeve/ arm.

Gimnasio: Gym

juegos: games

afuera: outside

Thank you:

I wish to thank you for the great start to the year in terms of your support.

I really appreciate the way you parents made the transition to enter to the classroom. It really helped us in order to avoid children crying when parents left.

Next step is: At home, let the children dress themselves. It is taking too much time for only two teachers because most of them are asking for help to get ready to go outside.

Autumn Weather Clothing:

As cooler fall weather arrives, please check your child's jackets to see that the zippers work well and that your child can do them up independently. Also, having names in jackets, hats, and mittens really helps in the event that they fall in the hallway. Children should be able to recognize their own clothing and personal belongings. There are jackets, bottles, etc in our lost and found box in front of the classroom and we are going to put them in the big box of lost and found from Millcreek School at the end of each month.

Reminders:

Please remember, there is no school on Monday, October 9th as it is the Thanksgiving holiday.

First Wednesday of the month is cooking day. No snack is necessary because the children will cook in class. Our recipe is Apple Pizza.

Children will have the Thanksgiving celebration on Wednesday October 4th
Pajama day will be Wednesday October 18.
Our Halloween party will be on Monday October 30.

In Sign Up Genius you can find the information related to cooking days and parties in the classroom or contact me in the time established for attention to parents.

To all parents, just a reminder that all our Board is volunteer positions, which means

they are not receiving salary for all their work. Let's try everybody to do their part and not overload them with work.

I can attend parents on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. or 3:40 p.m. to 4:10 p.m. Let me save the time for you at teacher@caminitosplayschool.com

Please let me know if you are encountering any difficulties.



Teacher Isabel Cordero

Letra: Estrellita

Estrellita donde estás
me pregunto que serás.

En el cielo y en el mar
un diamante de verdad
Estrellita dónde estás
me pregunto que serás.

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Song of the month:

Los Esqueletos de Producciones Curro

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dNkHANzHe5E>

Cuando el reloj marca la una (1)
los esqueletos salen de su tumba,
tumbas por aquí, tumbas por allá.
Tumba, tumba, jajajajaja

Cuando el reloj marca las dos (2)
los esqueletos comen arroz
tumbas por aquí, tumbas por allá.
Tumba, tumba, jajajajaja

Cuando el reloj marca las tres (3)
los esqueletos se ponen al revés
tumbas por aquí, tumbas por allá.
Tumba, tumba, jajajajaja

Cuando el reloj marca las cuatro (4)
los esqueletos se ponen los zapatos
tumbas por aquí, tumbas por allá.
Tumba, tumba, jajajajaja

Cuando el reloj marca las cinco (5)
los esqueletos pegan un brinco
tumbas por aquí, tumbas por allá.
Tumba, que tumba, que tumba

Cuando el reloj marca las seis (6)
los esqueletos se ponen en el seis
tumbas por aquí, tumbas por allá.
Tumba, tumba, jajajajaja

Cuando el reloj marca las siete (7)
los esqueletos comen cacahuetes
tumbas por aquí, tumbas por allá.
Tumba, que tumba, que tumba, que tumba.

Cuando el reloj marca las ocho (8)
los esqueletos se comen el bizcocho
tumbas por aquí, tumbas por allá.
Tumba, tumba, jajajajaja

Cuando el reloj marca las nueve (9)
los esqueletos muy bien se mueven
tumbas por aquí, tumbas por allá.
Tumba, tumba, jajajajaja

Cuando el reloj marca las diez (10)
los esqueletos duermen otra vez
tumbas por aquí, tumbas por allá.
Tumba, tumba, jajajajaja



