



BOLETIN DE DICIEMBRE 2011

EVALUACIONES Y JUNTAS

Your child's language acquisition will be evaluated between Nov. 28 and Dec. 9. Make sure your child attends school during those days. The results from evaluations will be presented to the parents during conferences (Dec. 12-19) and December 20 for Westside parents. Attached is the schedule. Make sure your name is in for the right date/time. **PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF PARENTS BEFORE AND AFTER YOU. ARRIVE AND LEAVE ON TIME. NO INFANTS PLEASE.**

EVALUATIONS AND CONFERENCES

AÑO ESCOLAR 2010-2011

When we meet at the conferences, I will ask you about your plans for next year. Some of you already know and some of you are thinking about it. We will be glad to reserve a spot for you. Registration for new families will open in January.

SCHOOL YEAR 2010-2011

TAREA

Help your children develop their fine motor skills by having them **cut newspaper squares** (about 5" x 5"). (A total of 20 squares would be nice for each child to bring to class.) Then put the squares in a bag and bring them to school. **The squares will be used to make the piñatas for our posada. We need them by Monday December 5th.** Gracias por su ayuda. If you want to come and help with piñata making, please call the reception desk. Piñata-making days are in the December calendar, so please check it.

HOMEWORK FOR ALL STUDENTS

POSADA

The Posada is a cultural event that will be held at the Milwaukie Center on Saturday, December 17th. All the students will be singing. Can you please have them **wear red?** We ask that all parents make a **\$10 contribution per family**. This helps us with the space rental and food expenses for this traditional event. Please drop off this contribution at the reception desk.

POSADA

I am attaching a handout with detailed information about this event. **Please read this.**

Les pedimos a todos los padres....

Please **do not allow your child to bring any toys to school.** We are noticing a spike in this practice and it is causing problems. Children lose these, they put them in their cubbies and another child picks it up, then there are fights, etc. The only occasional exception to this policy is when very young, first time toddlers experience initial anxiety, we do allow them to bring a stuffed animal for comfort; but even in these rare cases, we only allow this for a limited time.

A special request to all parents.....

Thank you for your understanding and watchful eyes to adhere to this policy.

BOLSAS PARA TRABAJOS MANUALES

Please, **POR FAVOR**, send a bag for your children's art, book and placemat. It makes our job easier when you send the bag. GRACIAS!!! This month all artwork will go out *before* the 22nd.

ART BAG

Reciente aviso público sobre el jugo de manzana, y los peligros asociados

ON THE TOPIC OF APPLE JUICE SAFETY.....

There have been recent reports (Dr. Oz, the FDA, Consumer Reports, ABC News, etc.) focusing on possible higher levels of organic and inorganic arsenic found in random samples of popular apple juice producers here in the U.S. These conflicting opinions are now prompting more tests, using more acceptable testing protocols. The bottom line now seems to focus on small children not ingesting more than 4-6 ounces of commercial apple juice in one day. Here at Amiguitos Preschool we want to assure you that **we always portion out each child's apple juice at break time to not exceed 4 ounces.** Knowing this, we urge parents not to offer any additional apple juice to your child on days that he/she attends school here.

DÍAS NEVADOS

SNOW DAYS

As you already know, if we have to close the school because of bad weather, I will send you an email by 7 AM. If your email is not working you can call my mobile number 503-720-6457. GRACIAS.

DISCOS COMPACTOS

CDS

Greg has created a CD with Christmas songs in Spanish. You can order it by writing to Greg at fam_manzano@hotmail.com Cost: \$6.

VACACIONES DECEMBRINAS

WINTER BREAK

Amiguitos! will be open until Wednesday Dec. 21st. **We return on Tuesday, January 3rd. We hope you enjoy the winter break.**

ROPA

CLOTHES

We need to have children's clothes in their cubbies. There have been lots of accidents this year and clothes are not being replaced or are too small.





¡FELIZ CUMPLEAÑOS!

NAME	PROGRAM	BIRTH DATE	AGE
Ayva Alston	MWF Morado	12/02/2007	4
Ethan Parker	TTH Morado	12/13/2007	4
Mercedes Leon	MWF Verde	12/12/2007	4
Owen Black	Vespertino	12/06/2006	5
Ella Hilario	K	12/16/2005	6
Steven Empey	Pre-K	12/27/2006	5
Faith Sherman	Amigos TH	12/28/2005	6
Sofia Bottaro	Amigos T	12/15/2003	8

FYI

Developed by NSF International, The Scrub Club is a fun way for kids to learn **the importance of hand-washing to fight infectious and food-borne diseases**. To learn about the Scrub Club and download free resources, including activities for kids, educational materials, program information for parents and tips and activities for the home, visit www.scrubclub.org. (It's in English)

We use educational software from CIBAL Multimedia. If you are interested in buying it, go to their website www.PIPOCLUB.com. It's in Spanish.

Visit <http://www.rif.org/kids/leadingtoreading/es/leadingtoreading.htm> You will love the songs and activities in Spanish!

Do you like *novelas*(Soap operas)? Would you like to learn Spanish? Adults can learn in a fun way too. When I taught Spanish in High School I used the *novela* Destinos. It is helpful. You can try it at www.learner.org/resources/series75.html and watch the chapters. You can not download it but you can use it for free!

Do you want to buy your children Christmas gifts that will help them review their Spanish? You can go to www.Spanishtoy.com

¡FELICES FIESTAS DECEMBRINAS!

