



Crestwood Elementary Español News

Our Journey is Underway!

All of the students have had their first few sessions of español and are getting familiar with how class is going to run this year.

First graders:

These students are learning quickly all about how to say their name, greeting each other and being able to know what to say at different times of the day. We have also started learning a song called "*Buenos días a todos aquí*" in which we use some body motions to act out the words of the song.

Second graders:

These students are learning

how to ask one another their names and how to answer in a complete sentence. We are focusing on motions connecting to the Spanish words; it seems to help the students to move to remember the words.

Third graders:

Our time has been focused on making sure that these students feel comfortable communicating in their new language. They have learned basic questions; such as "What is your name?" and "How are you?" These students have also learned greetings for different times of day, as well as ways to say goodbye.

Fourth graders:

These students are getting comfortable asking each other questions and answering in español. Students are getting used to reading and writing in Spanish. We will continue to work on these skills throughout the course of the year. Very shortly, look for these students to begin work on their "*Greeting Cartoon*". A student created drawing that contains all dialogue written in Spanish. I encourage you to ask specific questions to get your child's perspective on Spanish class!

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Special points of interest:

- ☺ Students have received their books and can begin using them at home!
- ☺ Make sure libros (books) are at school for your child's Spanish day.
- ☺ **Culture note:** *September 16, 2004 is Mexico's Independence Day! ¡Viva México!*
- ☺ Señora Rutz has been a teacher with Crestwood School District for five years.
- ☺ I enjoy teaching your child(ren) to speak and appreciate a new language and culture!

Pronunciation Guide for Parents

Hola—(oh-la) Hello

Buenos días—(bway-nose dee-us) Good morning

Buenas tardes—(bway-nos tar-days) Good afternoon

Buenas noches—(bway-nos no chase) Good night

Me llamo....(May ya-moe)
My name is...

Se llama...(Say ya-ma)
His/Her name is....

¿Cómo te llamas?—(Coe-moe- tay ya-mas) What is your name?

Adíos—(ah dee ose) good-bye