



Greetings Parents,

I am very happy to say that our students continue to make progress in their Spanish class. During the first quarter the students learned how to greet and make introductions in Spanish. We also worked on learning how to say daily classroom expressions and how to ask for items in Spanish. Now that they know how to say some of these daily expressions, I encourage the students to ask me for things in Spanish. They also learned how to express emotions and feelings in Spanish. During the second quarter the students learned colors as we described the flags of Spanish speaking countries around the world. In November, the students learned about the rich cultural tradition of celebrating “El Día de los Muertos” in Mexico. We discussed how Mexican families honor their deceased loved ones during this important holiday. I hope that you had a chance to hear about this from your child.

During the month of December the students learned about “Las Posadas” in Mexico and “Three Kings’ Day”, a traditional holiday that is celebrated in Spanish speaking countries around the world on January 6th. You can find more information on both of these celebrations by looking through the power point slides that are attached to my Google site at [kmillar.site.portageps.org](http://kmillar.site.portageps.org). An easy way to access my website is through the “Staff” link of your elementary school homepage.

In our current unit, the students are learning how to identify and say their numbers in Spanish. In the third quarter the students will be combining their knowledge of numbers with the months in order to be able to interview their classmates. They will be able to express the year that they were born, their ages, and their birthdays in Spanish. For students who would like to do more outside of class, I encourage them to practice their Spanish by viewing the videos and the online games which can be found on my Google site - [kmillar.site.portageps.org](http://kmillar.site.portageps.org).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you ever have any questions or concerns. Because I travel between seven different elementary buildings every week, the best way to contact me is by e-mail- at [kmillar@portageps.org](mailto:kmillar@portageps.org). You may also leave a message with your elementary school office, and I will be happy to call you back.

Sincerely,

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