



News

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¡Feliz Año Nuevo Amigos! Happy New Year friends! 2009 is here and we at PlaySpanish® wish you the best!

We want to thank you for all your Christmas gifts and the donations for *Project Joy* and *Hoorah for Heroes!* Your generosity is appreciated.

May The Lord bless you during this New Year and many more!

Ricardo, Carmela & the PlaySpanish® staff.

January in the Classroom

This month, we will be working with several different topics. Pre-Schoolers will be working with vocabulary related to the weather and clothes. Elementary school students in their first year of PlaySpanish® will be working with the weather, the seasons and clothes. Intermediate and Advanced Elementary school students will review these same topics and will also learn days of the week, months of the year and the date.

As you know, we did not have our traditional Christmas Get-Togethers. Many of you told us you already had too many parties and commitments and we listened. That's why we moved the parents visit to the week of January 26th to the 30th. Please join us at your regular class time during that week. The children are excited and ready to show you how much Spanish they have learned since September!

PlaySpanish® in Facebook

If you belong to the *Facebook* social network (www.facebook.com) you can join the PlaySpanish® group. We created this group as another way to communicate with you. There you will find information about upcoming activities, news, photos, and fellow members of the PlaySpanish® family.

Inclement Weather Information

We want to remind you that if CMS cancels classes, our classes will be cancelled as well.

If CMS classes are cancelled once the school day has begun, our afternoon classes will be cancelled.

If you have any questions, please call our office (704) 569-7955. The answering machine will have a message with any pertaining details.

Looking for a place in the North Carolina mountains?

Our friends John & Lynn Cacchione own a beautiful 2 bedroom / 2 bath condo in the Royal Oaks development in Blowing Rock.

The condo accommodates 4 persons and is available for \$160 per night.

For further details and/or reservations please call Jenkins Rentals at 1-800-438-7803. Mention *Royal Oaks unit 224*.

Special Promotions!

We continue building our partnership with our friends at *Professor Pocket*. They produced 2 bilingual CDs which we are using in class on a regular basis. We have used many different music CDs during the last 12 years but this is the first time we endorse one of them. The material is simply *excellent* and it is a great way to practice the language at home or in the car.

You can listen to samples of the songs by visiting their web site: www.professorpocket.com. If you order using the code PLAYSPANISH, they will ship the CDs to you for free.

We also want to remind you about our partnership with *Hungry Howie's Pizza*. Many of our students have received certificates for a free pizza as a reward for their hard work --and many of you have been impressed with the quality of Hungry Howie's food. They have 4 locations in Charlotte and offer delivery as well. Call them, mention you are a PlaySpanish® family, and they will give you **25% off** any order. These are their numbers:

- ✓ DAVIS LAKE 704-509-4567
- ✓ UNIVERSITY/NEWELL 704-598-4744
- ✓ MATTHEWS/SOUTH CHARLOTTE 704-845-5100
- ✓ PINEVILLE / SW CHARLOTTE 704-752-7577

Spotlight on our staff!



Ada Astudillo is a native of Lima, Perú where she gained over 19 years of classroom experience working with children of all ages. She holds a B.A. in Early Education from Instituto Pedagógico Nacional de Monterrico.

In addition to being an outstanding teacher, Ada is a very talented artist who sings, dances, plays guitar, and does beautiful art work. Ada has been with us for 4 years and has become an instrumental part in all our activities. Ada is married to Jose Luis García and they have a 16 year old daughter named Andrea.

Winter/Spring schedule and Summer Camp brochure!

The Winter/Spring schedule for classes at our main satellite location (Sharon United Methodist Church) is now available on-line.

The summer Camp brochure should be available by mid January. We are happy to announce that we already have 5 locations for the summer: 1) Sharon United Methodist church in the South Park area; 2) The British American School in the Ballantyne area; 3) Trinity Episcopal School in Uptown; 4) Charlotte Preparatory School in the Sardis Road area; and 5) Christian Montessori School in Huntersville. As of early January, we are having conversations with 2 other possible locations, one in Fort Mill and another one in Matthews. We will keep you posted through the newsletter and our web site.

Once again, thank you for being part of our PlaySpanish® family. May The Lord bless you!