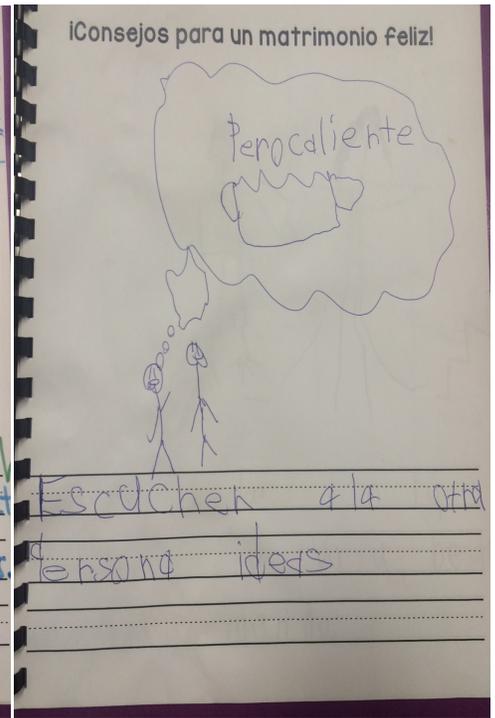


Kindergarten Spanish Immersion

*Bursley Elementary
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Next Week

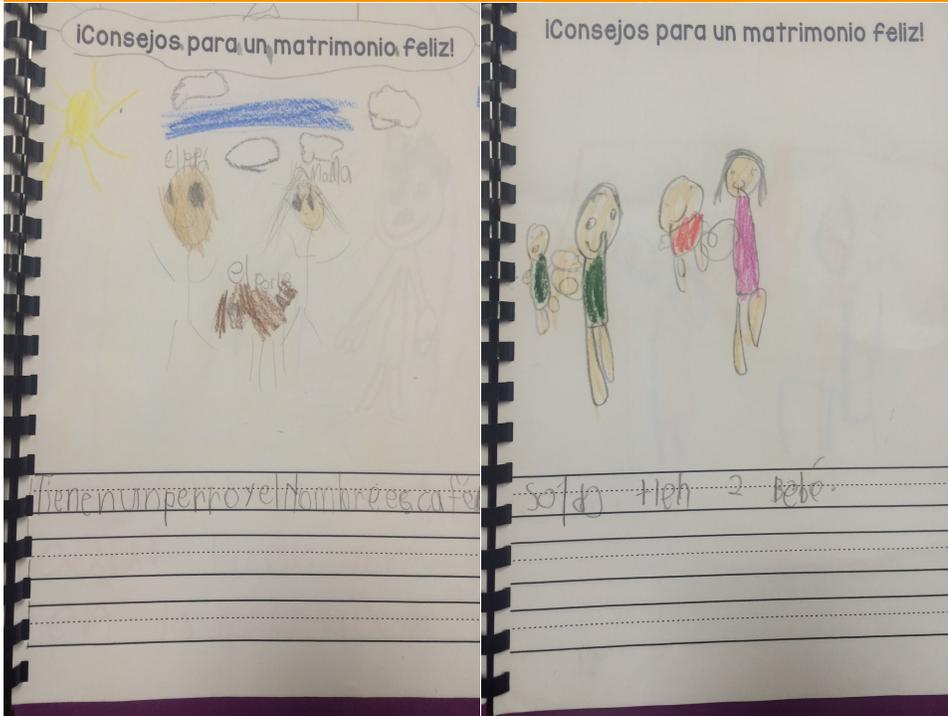
Next week will be packed full of end-of-the-year learning activities and special events. We will take time to celebrate the year together and wrap-up our kindergarten learning. Be sure to read the announcement section on the following page for special dates and other important information!

Looking Back on the Year

As the year draws to an end, I find myself rewinding and reflecting on the year. Nine months ago, this group of Spanish immersion kindergarteners walked into room two at Bursley Elementary for the first time. Some were nervous. Others were excited. For many, the idea of learning Spanish and spending a full day in school were new concepts. From that first day, we began to treat Spanish not only as a language to learn, but also as a tool for communicating, interacting positively with each other, and learning about important academic concepts. When I compare that group of students with the class of Spanish-speakers that they've become, I am astounded by their growth and learning. These kindergarteners have shown phenomenal growth this year and I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to take part in their journey.

I want to take this opportunity in our final newsletter to thank you, the parents and families of this amazing group of kindergarteners. Your consistent support and your involvement have been key in the success of these students. Without your consistent and tremendous support, the growth that Maestra Vila and I have seen this year would not have been possible. Thank you for entrusting us with this special year in your child's life and for supporting us throughout the process. It has been wonderful to get to know each of the families that are part of this exceptional group of students. I look forward to remaining in touch as your child continues through Jenison's Spanish Immersion Program. Thank you for everything. Enjoy your summer!

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Announcements and Reminders

Field Day on Tuesday, June 2

On Tuesday, June 2, Bursley kindergarteners, first graders, and second graders will be participating in Field Day from 12:45 to 3:00. The day is extra special for our class because our special time is in the afternoon, which means that Mr. Carmichael, our music teacher, will join the class for the final hour. Remember that tennis shoes and comfortable clothes are a key part of field day. Also, note that students will most likely end the day with wet clothes! Finally, since we have field day in the afternoon, you may want to send your child to school with sunscreen that they can apply by him or herself before the afternoon begins. (You may also bring sunscreen with you to help your child if you are planning on joining us.)

If you are interested in joining our class for field day, you are more than welcome to sign in at the office and join us on the playground for the afternoon.

Half Day on Friday, June 5

Remember that our final day of school, Friday, June 5, is a half-day. Students will be dismissed for summer recess at 11:45. Have a fantastic summer!

Thanks to all!

Thank you to everyone for the thoughtfulness and generosity that you put into planning a bridal shower for me. As a class, we loved the special wedding cake and sharing the book of marriage advice written by the students. My fiancé and I are extremely grateful for the gift card that you so generously gave us. Thank you for the congratulations and for your kindness!