

Level III

Vocabulary List

quinceañera- *girl's fifteenth birthday*
baile- *dance*
felicidades- *congratulations*
me gusta- *I like*
no me gusta- *I don't like*

Keep practicing at home for five minutes each night for optimal retention. Sing the "Weather Song" or the "Mesarena" with actions!

**Make sure to review all vocabulary from past newsletters. Making flashcards is a great way to practice!*

Cantamos- Let's Sing

Today we learned the most traditional of all the Mexican birthday songs: Las Mañanitas
See if your children remember anything special about the song.

Las Mañanitas

Estas son las mañanitas
Que cantaba el Rey David
A los muchachos bonitos
Se las contamos así
Despierta, mi bien, despierta
Mira que ya amenació
Ya los pajaritos cantan
La luna ya se metió



Notas Culturales / Class Activities

Today we discussed the birthday traditions in Latin American countries of the quinceañera. The most special birthday for a Hispanic girl is her 15th birthday. It is somewhat like a "sweet sixteen" here in the United States, but even more special. The quinceañera, the fifteenth birthday, is a girl's rite of passage into womanhood. Families often go to church to celebrate this joyous occasion. After church, family and friends often proceed to a hall for dinner, music, and dancing. Ask your students for more details about this tradition!



Information

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