



Academia de Mi Abuela

Family Connection

January 2019 Newsletter

Welcome back familias,

Congratulations to all students who participated in early classroom promotions effective January 7th; providing them with a smooth transition will be our main goal.

During this month children will learn all about world geography, history and cultures. We will have a blast learning and exploring traditional hairstyle, textiles and fashion practices from diverse world cultures.

As you noticed, we finally got a new front door set. However, we are still awaiting for the installation of the remaining electrical features (doorbell & access code pad) as well as some finishing touches in the patio entrance and fence. We appreciate your cooperation in signing in/out via clipboard temporarily until the internet is back up by no later than next week.

We encourage all families coming into the center out of regular “drop off/pick up” hours, to communicate with us via Brightwheel message as all school door will remain locked during school hours. You may also call the school by dialing (510) 336-7082 to reach AMA staff.

Thank you for your partnership and HAPPY NEW YEAR, it’s going to be a productive year!



~January Curriculum Theme

Theme: Fashion from around the world (in preparation for fashion show & Gala)

Letters: E de *Elefante, Elefante, E,E, E/ E for Elephant*

Number: Seis/Six

Color: Esmeralda/Emerald

Shape: Esfera/Sphere

Family value: Esfuerzo/Effort

~SAVE THE DATE

January 2019

- Jan 1- 4 **Winter Break / AMA CLOSED**
- Jan 16: **Monthly Parent Meeting & Potluck (Agenda: School Readiness & Elementary School Options), 5:30-6:30PM.**
- Jan 21: **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day/AMA CLOSED**

~LOOKING AHEAD!!!

- Congratulation to the graduating students participating in AMA's early classroom promotion~
 - Casa Celeste: Liam and Colette
 - Casa Lima: Zion, Julissa, Cadence, Dorothy, Bryson, Sam, Ravi
 - Casa Sol: Abigail, Kahlia, Leila, Margot, Izzie, Violet, Lila (?)
 - Welcome to AMA new families: Leandro, Ragnar and Kalea.

~AMA POLICY REMINDERS

***Attention DROP-OFF/PICK-UP parents:** please sign in/out and place your child's *labeled (w/ full name)* personal belongings inside their "assigned" classroom cubby {NOT in the hallway, lobby, etc..} to limit misplaced, lost or damaged items. Bedding should be placed on top of cubby/classroom furniture every first day of the week. *In order to keep our children safe and focused, please use the main entrance/exit doors to each classroom instead of indoors hallways doors during drop-off/pick-up.*

* In assisting with a successful self-help skills development, children should have no laces on shoes and no belts/zipper/overall/skinny bottoms for easy toilet-use/training.

* Bring extra clothes for accidents daily (hamper bag from home is recommended)

* We welcome donations of gently used bottoms to refill our communal basket for accidents related emergencies.

* If child's childcare schedule is longer than 9 hours, families are welcome to provide supplemental snacks.

* Packing a bottle of purified water daily for each child is highly recommended



TOP BEST PRESCHOOL

Thank you for your support AMA families. We made it to the Top Best Preschools in Oakland List. Handpicked Top 3 Preschools in Oakland, California.

~AMA Resources for Families

What songs can I sing with my child?

- Youtube collection

Sol solecito <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xbnYmgsTFio>

Elefantes <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=950AAFxgivk>

Buenos días/Diez deditos <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=25m0yDoKM0Y>

Con mi martillo <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EqDEbxVxx48>

Saco una manita <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAQCvUG6FCc>

Gotas de lluvia <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ZV3Wr4Pq6c>

Cabeza hombros rodillas y pies <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=71hiB8Z-03k>

Habia un Sapo <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mgTJN15jfoo>

- Spotify Playlist
- https://open.spotify.com/user/judithavalos28/playlist/47NtJ1NkyGp5Y8Nmg8pPyD?si=pca_p1LaSq64oGiV95Ngog

What books can I read to my child ?

Si le das una galleta a un ratón / Donde viven los monstruos / Willy el tímido / La gallina Cocorina / Oso pardo / Donde está la oveja verde? / La oruga muy hambrienta.

What electronic applications can I teach my child?

Stories by Gus on the go (iTunes) / Duolingo (iTunes and Google play) / Endless Spanish App (iTunes) / Spanish School Bus for Kids (iTunes)

Spanish games online

<https://pbskids.org/games/spanish/>

What other educational resources are there to teach my child Spanish?

<https://www.lakeshorelearning.com/search/products/N/951228441/page-1/sort-best/num-24/?Ntt=spanish+material&view=list>

What elementary schools should I consider for my Spanish language learner?

Dual Language Programs / Community United Elementary School / Esperanza Elementary School / Global Family / Greenleaf / Manzanita Seed / International Community School / Melrose Leadership Academy.

<https://www.ousd.org/Page/15094>

What traditional public elementary schools should I consider for my child?

Joaquin Miller Elementary School / Montclair Elementary School / Glenview Elementary School / Hillcrest Elementary School / Thornhill Elementary School / Sequoia Elementary School / Crocker Highlands Elementary School / Piedmont Avenue Elementary School.

What private elementary schools should I consider?

Escuela Bilingüe Internacional (EBI) / Aurora School / Northern Light School

What Charter (public) elementary schools should I consider for my child?

Lighthouse Community Charter School / Achieve Academy / Education for Change /
Aspire Berkley Maynard Academy / Aspire College Academy / Aspire Eres Academy

<https://www.ousdcharters.net/charters-authorized-in-oakland.html>

What school-age programs should I consider that may teach Spanish outside the school?

Viva el español <http://www.vivaelespanol.org/>

Lango Kids <http://www.langokids.com/>

Centro Latino <https://www.centrolatinoschool.net/>

Bay Language Academy <http://www.baylanguages.com/>

Self regulation strategies

Tucker the turtle technique

Spanish

<https://slideplayer.es/slide/1052914/>

English

<https://whatworksinfamilysupport.files.wordpress.com/2016/03/tucker-turtle-takes-time-to-tuck-and-think-coloring-book-1.pdf>