



## 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](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>