



Academia de Mi Abuela Family Newsletter January 2022

Hola padres de familia, feliz año nuevo!

We look forward to an inspiring, loving and healthy new 2022 school year, ojala!

First and foremost, thank you for your participation in our Winter Cards Fundraisers, due date will be extended for all remaining families who did not have the change to purchase holiday cards—we welcome any donation of \$5-20 per family, every little bit that you give matters. We are raising funds to purchase a new printer/scanner, dish washer, books and manipulative-sensory development toys for each classroom.

Thank you to our families whose donations made an impact in the life of the less fortunate families within our Oakland community. We received warm blankets and non-perishable food to donate to local homeless families. Thank you for your kindness.

And a very special shout to all of our awesome families (Joey, Lennies, Jessica, Margaret, Rahima, Lizette, Sarah, Kathyn, Ericka, Akana, Evelin, Selam, and Ashley) who posted a 5-star-parent testimonial on Yelp, your love and support is absolutely heart-felt. Thank you for entrusting in us the privilege to serve your little ones with unconditional love and care. They are pure love and joy! Thanks to your parent reviews, we are actively and collectively spreading the word about AMA's vision and mission, we are well on our way towards filling the program up in order to grant our teachers a significant salary-pay increase effective this month.

Congratulations to Yaneldis, our recently promoted Assistant Director, your leadership and dedication is commendable. Congratulations to Kosset, head teacher of Casa Celeste-Toddler program and her co-teachers, Zuleyma and Ily.

We want to congratulate Valeria, head teacher of Casa Lila-Preschool program with her co-teacher, Katherine. And finally congratulations to Marisela, head teacher of Casa Lima-intermediate TP program and her co-teacher Zhaira. Welcome back Cecilia, our substitute teacher on call. Wow, what a lovely team of strong educators. We appreciate you!

A big welcome to our new families joining the AMA school community during the month of January. Help us to welcome our newest students by the name of; Rowen, Marlowe, Aurora, August, Enzo, Oren, and Kaia. We are happy to join forces with our new families and educators. It's a pleasure to grow with them in the love and nurture of our students, and their families.

This month of January, students will learn all about the beauty of winter season vibes and changes in weather patterns, holidays and articles of clothing worn during this season characterized by cold, snowy, shorter days and rainy weather. Teachers will also introduce the winter student exhibition (**February 18, 2022**) performance lesson plan curriculum as it pertains to each teacher's personalized performance piece of their choice (shh...top secret;) and cultural fashion show rehearsal (school-wide, costume to be provided by parents). Our little ones cannot wait to showcase their creative performance talents!

Let's continue to learn and grow together as we teach our little ones new Spanish vocabulary and strive to develop expressive oral language (via conversation) with the support of our teachers. Remember to reinforce learning in the socio-emotional developmental areas of; self-care skill development (potty training, shoes on L/R foot differentiation, jacket zip up/down, cover cough and sneeze, cleaning up after oneself, sharing, etc...) self-regulation (increasing attention span and conflict resolution), self-confidence (empowering via positive behavior management and general academic concepts (reading and manipulatives) that will be presented during circle time and beyond throughout the day in each classroom (Letter-W, number-16, color-blanco/white, shape-trapezoid/trapezoide, family value-trust/confianza).

Believe in your ability to accomplish!

Lastly, we encourage you to keep our community safe and healthy as we did last year. Transparency and partnership matters. Please refer to CDC's COVID-19

travel and exposure safety guidelines for the latest and most accurate information in this regard. Note that all students traveling outside the state must provide a mandated negative viral test result (3-5 days from landing in CA) and quarantine for 7 days upon return (day 1 = the day after landing in CA), if not vaccinated, exposed and/or experiencing mild cold-like/COVID-19 illness symptoms. We appreciate your partnership in reinforcing the use of a face mask for all students 2 y.o. and older. Safety first. We are in this together.

Let's continue to grow in knowledge, leadership, and in love!
¡Adelante!

~Directora Cynthia

P.S.

~January 2022 SAVE the DATE~

3- SCHOOL RESUMES

17- AMA Closed/Dr. MLK Jr. Day

19- AMA Service Day (community bldg., 4-5PM, if weather/pandemic updates permit)

28- AMA Closed/Staff P.D.

~Looking Ahead to February 2022~

16/family wellness day (park play, community bldg., 4-5pm, school wide)

18/AMA closed/Teacher P.D. and

WINTER STUDENT EXHIBITION AND FUNDRAISER

21/AMA closed/Presidents Day

~At-home Supporting Learning Resources~

Vocabulario	Fundamentos de aprendizaje
*pasarela *invierno *concierto *frio *gorros *guantes *bufandas	Self awareness 1.1 Describe their physical characteristics, behavior, and abilities positively. Self regulation 2.1 Need adult guidance in managing their attention, feelings, and impulses and show some effort at self control.

Libro del mes: Un dia de nieve

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KiLJnVRDtPM>, Canción del mes: Rodolfo el reno

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bl7pOPiNOuY>, Letra W

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ruA-qDee7OE>, Número 16

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EP-bqtFk9pU>