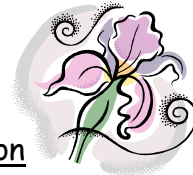




Saludos

Sparkenthusiasm Newsletter March Edition



We just presented 3 presentations at Central States Teaching Conference in Wisconsin and had the opportunity to meet several wonderful world language teachers from around the United States. We plan to present a session at the upcoming Ohio Foreign Language Conference in Columbus, Ohio on March 30th and would love to see many of our colleagues there! We hope this March newsletter includes new ideas and resources that you find useful. Please email us at sparkenthusiasm@gmail.com if you have ideas or resources to share.

Idea to Link Student Learning to Community

On Sunday, March 11, native speakers from 6 different Spanish-speaking countries will visit our school for a 2-part activity. For the first 30 minutes, groups of students will interview native speakers to learn about their countries. For the next hour, students will "travel" from country to country playing the native speakers' favorite childhood game. Visit this link to see photos of this activity.

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/livin_la_vida_latina.html

Voces Inocentes is a great movie to show to upper level Spanish students. We plan to first teach our students about El Salvador and to highlight the Civil War that occurred there during the 1980's. Then, students will watch this movie which is based on the true story of a young boy who struggles to avoid being forced to become a child soldier during this difficult time in El Salvador's history. Here are links to free Power Points and El Salvador information as well as links to watch the trailer, purchase the movie packet, and find the movie.



http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/voces_inocentes.html

http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/el_salvador_resources.html

We have made many updates to our website including free resources and ideas in the Teachers Treasures section. http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/teacher_treasures_2.html
Also, please check out the updated grammar and vocabulary section that we will be adding to throughout this month. http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/grammar_and_vocabulary.html



Saint Patrick's Day is just around the corner, so if you need teaching materials, bulletin boards, Power Points, or activities, visit these links:

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/St-Patricks-Day-San-Patricio-Power-Point-in-Spanish-46-slides>

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/St-Patricks-Day-Vocabulary-Activities-Games-Unit-in-Spanish>

All the best to you in your teaching endeavors!



Hasta pronto

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