



La Escuela Cooperativa

DE SAYULITA

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Quarterly Newsletter

Escuela Cooperativa will complete its first year in June. The children are preparing for their end-of-the-year performance that has a theme of LOVE. Don Pedro's Restaurant has graciously donated its 2nd floor space for this celebratory event which will take place on June 21st.

Thanks to many generous donations and volunteers, we continue to operate a tuition-free cooperative preschool in Sayulita, Mexico. We have a waiting list for next year, and we are thrilled

that our excellent teachers will return in the fall. In this newsletter, we have tried to capture the faces of happy, thriving children and the creativity of our wonderful teachers, Dulce and Nayeli.



SPRING ACTIVITIES

Dia del Nino

An annual tradition in Mexico is the Day of the Child. It is celebrated across the country on April 30th, and all the schools participate. The day is filled with games, pinatas, gifts and food. Escuela was no exception as the teachers and parents planned a festive day for the children. One of our very generous donors gave each child a new backpack with a water bottle tucked inside.

A special shoutout to Liz, Randy and Tiffany Price for the backpacks!



Practical Life Skills

An important part of a Montessori-based curriculum is practical life skills. One of the ways Escuela has integrated this is through teaching the importance of dental hygiene. Each child has a toothbrush at school and brushes their teeth every day after lunch. Recently, they had a special visit from a dental hygienist who examined their teeth and demonstrated effective brushing.

The teachers integrated an English language lesson along with the visit from the hygienist.



Festivale de Primavera

The beginning of spring brings a festive celebration to Mexico each year. There are parades and special foods; often the children dress in costumes to look like flowers and animals. Escuela celebrated by asking each family to plant a tree in the playground.



English Language Lessons

Parents identified English language learning as a priority for the children when we started Escuela. Throughout the winter months, Jay and Jan volunteered every Tuesday morning to teach English. They focused on three words a day and taught them through songs and pictures. Starting in April, we hired Sofia who has a TOEFL certificate to teach twice a week. Now the children are learning English three times a week.



Aquatics Day

Who doesn't love playing in the water? On one very hot day in April, the teachers scheduled an afternoon filled with aquatics activities. They borrowed two small pools, and the children took turns splashing and playing with water balloons. The courtyard was filled with laughter!



DONORS' CORNER

Heidi and Jim Still were our very first donors. They were bringing school supplies to Sayulita before we opened! They returned this spring to visit the school and shared their impressions with us:



“On a beautiful day in March we were able to visit Escuela Cooperativa

Sayulita. We brought treats for the children and plenty of bilingual books to help the children learn Spanish & English. The school has a small fenced in courtyard which allows the children to have a safe area to play. The interior walls are painted a happy yellow and have pictures of animals, numbers, and letters to aid the teachers in helping the children learn. The teachers were warm and welcoming and so appreciative of the supplies we brought. We had a bit of a language barrier to work through, but we left with smiles and knew the preschool was accomplishing what it intended when the doors were opened.

We look forward to our next visit in 2019 and continuing to support the Sayulita Community.”



With your continued support, we hope to sustain the quality education we currently offer and continuously add additional services for the children.

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Muchas gracias!*

