



Sparkenthusiasm Newsletter Back to School 2014 Edition

Happy Back to School to all! Here are some ideas and resources you may like as you begin to think about heading back to school in a few weeks. We have created some **new** movie packets! Take a look!



*** **Una Vida Mejor** – A poignant story about a father who gets deported from the US. This movie teaches so much about immigration and family relationships as well as other cultural elements.

*** **Atletico San Pancho** – A sweet, funny movie for all levels of students that teaches about how to rise above challenges. This movie is so inspiring and highlights soccer and Mexico beautifully.

*** **Frozen (Una Aventura Congelada)** – An adorable movie that we plan to show in November when it first starts to get chilly. Students will LOVE the songs and this movie is so easy to understand in Spanish. We plan to tie this movie into our seasons and weather unit in lower level classes and our environment unit in Spanish 3 and AP.

*** **Los Colores de la Montaña** – The scenery in this movie is beautiful and this movie goes along well with our unit on South America. We plan to teach about landmines, drug trafficking, violence, and education issues in Colombia when we show this movie.

*** **Motorcycle Diaries (Diarios de Motocicleta)** – A perfect way to introduce learning more about the Cuban Revolution, World Problems (Desafíos Mundiales) – one of the AP themes) and Notable Figures in Latin America (che Guevara).

Here is the link to watch the trailers and see the numerous resources we have for these and many other movies that our students LOVE! ♥ http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/popular_movies.html



Here is the link to our site that has many other resources and videos for the beginning of the year review and assessment. There are free ice breakers, ideas for bulletin boards, and an entire assessment unit to use for all levels to measure student growth throughout the year. Click on El Principio del Año to see numerous ideas and resources.

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



Here are several cheers that students can do when they play various Classroom games or when they learn about sports. There are cheers from Mexico, Argentina, Chile and more!

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

We are gearing up for another great year teaching AP level students. Here is a new Families and Communities vocabulary unit we created as well as some of our most useful ideas for teaching informal writing to students from levels 2 through AP.

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/La-Familia-y-Las-Comunidades-Vocabulary-Unit-for-AP-Spanish-Language-Exam-1363088>



<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/AP-Spanish-Interpersonal-Writing-Email-Reply-Unit-1305214>



***Here is the link to our Music page! Check out our new Hispanic dances that have been recently added!
http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/hispanic_dances.html



***We are having a sale from **August 4th – 7th** and have discounted many products in our store. Here is the link to view all of our products and to see our sale items:

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Store/Sparkenthusiasm>

All the best to you in your teaching endeavors!

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