



¡PRÓSPERO AÑO NUEVO!



Spark Enthusiasm January 2016 Newsletter

Happy New Year to all! We hope that you enjoyed your holiday break. May these resources and ideas make your new year a little brighter!



There are so many fun traditions related to New Year's celebrations in the Spanish-speaking world. To teach about la Nochevieja and El Año Nuevo, use the ideas and resources with step-by-step teacher instructions on our site. Practice New Year's toasts with sparkling grape juice and show videos about other unique traditions which include eating 12 grapes at midnight, buying yellow underwear for good luck, and walking around the block with suitcases for safe travels in the New Year.

<http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/la-nochevieja-el-año-nuevo.html>

We are also sharing teacher instructions and links to videos and activities to teach about Three King's Day celebrations in the Spanish-speaking world. You can show your students any of the eight videos we shared, and then compare/contrast Three King's Day with typical holiday traditions in the United States. You can plan a Three King's gift exchange and make a Rosca de Reyes too!



<http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/el-dia-de-los-reyes-magos-holiday-night.html>

Valentine's Day is the perfect time of year to teach love and friendship vocabulary. Students will enjoy making and receiving cards for El Día de San Valentín or you can have them make cards to give to the staff members at your school. Also, we have created Power Points, reading and comprehension activities, songs, a speed dating activity that teaches about piropos, and videos that are great resources to teach students about this fun holiday. Speed dating is fun for all levels!



<http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/el-dia-de-san-valentin-holiday-night.html>

We have updated most of our Pinterest boards, especially the ones for Puerto Rico, Cuba and the Dominican. We have included lots of videos, pictures, and various other resources for you to use in your Classroom!



<https://www.pinterest.com/sparkenthusiasm/cuba-el-caribe-spanish-classroom/>

<https://www.pinterest.com/sparkenthusiasm/puerto-rico-el-caribe-spanish-teachers/>

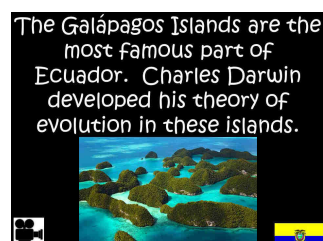
<https://www.pinterest.com/sparkenthusiasm/la-republica-dominicana-el-caribe-espanol/>



We have recently finished our South America Fun Facts Power Point in English for incorporating culture into your daily lessons. This presentation can be used to teach about all of the South American Spanish-speaking countries (we also included Brazil!) as daily

warm-up activities or as a complete South America unit. Everything is **EDITABLE!** Our Livin' La Vida Fun Facts presentations inspire students to make cultural comparisons and will help to dispel cultural stereotypes. You can use this presentation all at once to focus on the countries of South America in a few mini lessons or you can complete a South America unit with the note-taking sheets (15 pages) and two quizzes with answer keys (eight pages). This presentation includes over **40** linked videos.

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Livin-La-Vida-Latina-Fun-Facts-about-South-America-in-English-2269178>



In December we had our annual Holiday Dinner where our students prepared an authentic Hispanic meal, performed Christmas carols, danced folkloric Mexican dances, and taught their family members hip new Latin dances! Visit our website to see some of these popular dances that you can teach your students!

“Limbo” by Daddy Yankee

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

“Mueve Tu Cuerpo” by Beyoncé

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



To see all of our past newsletters, visit our website:

<http://www.sparkenthusiasm.com/newsletters.html>



We are having a sale from **January 17th – 20th 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!

Amy & Katie :o)

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