



Bienvenido/Welcome to the Junior Spanish Newsletter,

Here is our focus learning in Junior Spanish for Term 1.

JUNIOR SPANISH OVERVIEW			
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Term 1	Term 1	Term 1	Term 1
Unit 1: Saludos	Unit 1: Familias	Unit 1: Mi mochila	Unit 1: El cuerpo
<p>In this unit, students begin to engage with the Spanish language and culture. They will explore the similarities and differences in greeting others in familiar scenarios such as greeting classmates and teachers at school.</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>develop an awareness of Spain, South America and Spanish speaking people</li> <li>participate in guided group activities such as games and songs</li> <li>use simple greetings and participate in classroom routines</li> <li>explore objects that originate from Spanish speaking countries</li> <li>participate in intercultural experiences to notice how language is used in different cultural contexts.</li> </ul>	<p>In this unit, students use language to name and describe family members. They will also explore families in Australian and Spanish-speaking cultures.</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>interact with others to introduce family members</li> <li>participate in guided group activities such as games and songs to name family members in Spanish</li> <li>convey factual information with simple statements about self and others</li> <li>identify patterns in Spanish words to talk about own family members</li> <li>notice the relationship between language and culture by reflecting on the different words for 'grandmother' across cultures.</li> </ul>	<p>Students will learn vocabulary about school items and the use of language features in simple sentences. They will also practice intonation in Spanish when making a statement and a question.</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>investigate the types of items Spanish children pack in school bags</li> <li>listen to and respond to classroom instructions</li> <li>recognise and reproduce the sounds of spoken Spanish, noticing how intonation differs in statements and questions</li> <li>analyse and understand the systems of language relating to definite articles</li> <li>explore language and routines associated with school interactions in Spanish cultures, and reflect on differences with own language and culture</li> <li>participate in intercultural experiences to explore language and routines associated with school preparations.</li> </ul>	<p>In this unit, students will use words selected from word banks and model statements to describe key characteristics and physical features about a monster.</p> <p>Students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>describing features and characteristics,</li> <li>using a range of adjectives to describe,</li> <li>linking ideas using conjunctions such as y, o and pero,</li> <li>using possessive adjectives in singular and plural forms,</li> <li>using cardinal numbers to describe quantity,</li> <li>using common verbs in familiar contexts.</li> </ul>

#### SPANISH MOVIES FOR KIDS: G AND PG RATED TITLES

In this newsletter as some families have asked about extra curricula ideas to support their children with Spanish. I thought 'How can we challenge our learning of Spanish at home?' Yes, there are many Apps and YouTube. This newsletter I am focusing on kid-friendly movie options, after all who does not love watching movies as a family or with friends. After the wild popularity of Coco, hopefully producers understand we want more Spanish-language options!

Here are some picks, for watching as a family. You might have to rent or grab these off Amazon or YouTube, but they are great films some oldies too.

There are of course many popular films with a Spanish-language option, but I have tried to include movies that are either originally written in Spanish, or at least Latino-themed. A few not rated, but fall within the family-friendly category. Of course, please preview or check parent content advisories if you are watching with young kids.

Many of these are available on Netflix as well! I have marked which titles are available on Netflix, though remember that Netflix regularly adds and pulls shows. I do my best to keep updated!

Ready? Let's get started. **[Click on the title to watch trailer.](#)**

### 1. **[COCO](#)** (Spanish version)

A young Mexican boy, Miguel, has dreams of being a musician. Unfortunately, music is the one thing that's forbidden in his family. Miguel ends up visiting the Land of the Dead, where he uncovers old family secrets. This has to be one of the most beautiful Latino movies made, with good music, stunning visuals, and a heart-warming tale of family, love, and memory. Keep the tissues nearby. Coco was meticulously researched, and is an excellent introduction to Day of the Dead traditions in Mexico.

**Available on Netflix.**

**Info: PG | Spanish/English Audio, Subtitles | 1hr 45min**

### 2. **[ZIPI Y ZAPE Y LA ISLA DEL CAPITÁN](#)** (**[ZIP AND ZAP AND THE CAPTAIN'S ISLAND](#)**)

Zipe and Zape– the main characters in the film are based on two popular, mischievous Spanish comic book characters that have been read for decades. In this movie (the sequel is also on Netflix!), a family vacation goes wrong and they end up at a mysterious home with missing parents.

**Available on Netflix.**

**Info: PG | Spanish Audio | 1hr 45min**

### 3. **[PACHAMAMA](#)**

An original Netflix production, Pachamama is a film deeply entrenched in the indigenous traditions of Andes culture in South America, while also introducing Incan culture and the invasion of the Spaniards. A young boy living in a remote village takes it upon himself to rescue a cherished relic, on a dangerous journey to the capital Incan city of Cusco.

**Available on Netflix.**

**Info: PG | Spanish Audio | 1hr 12min**

### 4. **[EL LIBRO DE LA VIDA](#)** (**[THE BOOK OF LIFE](#)**)

Manolo is a young Mexican man with big dreams. Unfortunately, his father's are completely different: he wants Manuel to continue the family tradition of bullfighting. Torn between the two, he travels to three fantastical worlds (the underworld, the Land of the Forgotten, and the Land of the Remembered). Told in semi-musical style, with surrealist graphics, El libro de la vida is a beautiful movie.

**Info: PG | Spanish/English Audio, Subtitles | 1hr 29min**

### 5. **[FERDINAND](#)** (Spanish version)

Ferdinand is a calm bull who likes to sit and smell flowers. Due to a run-in with a bee, he gets mistaken for a fierce fighter, and selected to fight the infamous matador, El Primero. This has a great, happy ending and introduces watchers to Spain and bullfighting without the gore.

**Info: PG | Spanish/English Audio, Subtitles (DVD, I think) | 1hr 48min**

### 6. **[ANINA](#)**

Anina, a ten-year-old girl in Uruguay, gets into a fight on the playground at school. The punishment from the principal is strange: each student gets a black envelope they're not allowed to open for a whole week. During that anxious week, all sorts of adventures happen that help Anina understand herself better.

**Info: PG | Spanish Audio, English Subtitles | 1hr 18min**

### 10. **[THE ROAD TO EL DORADO](#)**

Two swindlers get waylaid in their search for gold in the famous city El Dorado. This one has some cultural connections, but be sure to preview or read the parent content advisory.

**Available on Netflix.**

**Info: PG | English Audio, Subtitles | 1hr 29min**

### 11. **[RIO AND RIO 2](#)**

Even though Rio and Rio 2 are set in Brazil and not technically Spanish-language films, both DVDs have Spanish-language options and deal with many Latin American themes (environmentalism, deforestation of the Amazon rainforest).

**Rio:** A pet Macaw in Minnesota, Blu, travels to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to learn about his home.

**Rio 2:** Blu and Jewel now have 3 kids. When they see their kids are too used to life in the city, they decide to take them into the Amazon jungle to experience real life.

**Info: G | Spanish/English Audio, Subtitles | 1hr 35min, 1hr**

Muchas gracias

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