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Hola! We have begun an exciting new year in Spanish class. Feliz Año Nuevo! (Happy New Year).

The colder (cooler?) weather brought on a study of el tiempo, the weather. I hope you saw the weather coloring books come home that holds some of the weather vocabulary we have studied. We have learned a few new phrases and will continue to review them in class. You might ask your child " ¿Cual es el tiempo hoy?" (What is the weather today?). They had great fun taking turns dressing my weather bears as they interpreted the weather condition called for the day. Would they wear a coat, hat, or hula skirt on a sunny day?

Next we jumped into a unit called "Where in the world?" or " ¿Donde esta en el mundo?". Lots of new position and direction words were learned as we discovered where Mrs. Thornton's toy Beanie Babies were. Is it high or is it low? How about inside, outside, or altogether hiding? We read the Spanish book together, " ¿Donde esta Jake?", which is about 2 children searching for their pet dog. Then we used toy coins and empty bags to position where the coin should be when the spanish words were called. Is your coin here or there, high or low, inside or outside? ¿Donde esta?

We also took the opportunity to review colors and numbers to refresh our memories after the long winter break. We will dive into a new unit study in February all about los animales - the animals. This unit will give us the opportunity to use all our descriptive vocabulary in order to play 'pet shop'. Will we be able to describe the pet we want to buy at the pet shop? Color, size, position? We will have great fun doing it!

Gracias,

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