

¡Hola!

¿Cómo estás? ¡Estoy muy bien, gracias!

The students just finished a challenging and fun filled unit on **Introducciones** and common conversation pieces. Having a conversation in another language can be quite overwhelming. We all know that even a simple conversation has a lot of components to it, with many questions and different ways to answer them. To make things easier and a little less intimidating, I broke the conversation unit into mini lessons and added questions and answers to our conversations as we moved along. By the end of the unit, the children were able to have a simple dialogue in Spanish. It was so exciting and rewarding to see them interact with each other in the target language and really understand what they were saying to one another.

A favorite mini lesson was when the students learned how to answer the question, **¿Cómo estás?** (How are you?). There are so many different ways to answer that question. I presented the students with various ways to **contestar la pregunta** (answer the question) by learning the vocabulary through emojis. It was a great way to make connections through visualizing the new words. They even had an opportunity to create their own emoji to match their mood/feeling in Spanish.

I am having such a wonderful time watching the students learn and grow. Their enthusiasm and excitement is unparalleled. It is so rewarding to watch them explore and embrace the Spanish language and the cultures associated with it.

Vocabulario

¡Hola! - Hello

Buenos días - Good morning

Buenas tardes - Good afternoon

Buenas noches - Good evening, Good night

¿Cómo te llamas? - What is your name?

Me llamo... - My name is...

Mucho gusto - Nice to meet you

Igualmente - Likewise

¿Cómo estás? - How are you?

Yo estoy... - I am...

Bien - Good, Well

Mal - Bad, Not well

Así así/más o menos - So, so

Triste - Sad

Cansado/Cansada - Tired

Muy - Very

¿Y tú? - And you?

Adiós/Chao - Goodbye

Hasta luego- See you later

Hasta pronto- See you soon

Hasta mañana - See you tomorrow