



The Language Spark Newsletter

Camping

One of our themes for the summer is Camping. We will be learning about

the different things we will take along with us when camping.

What We Will Be Doing...

Game:

One of the games we will play this month is called *Saco de dormir*. The teacher will lay a large sleeping bag on the floor. The children each have a different item from the camping unit and will sit in a circle around the sleeping bag. One child steps away from the group and closes his/her eyes. The teacher taps a different child and he/she gets inside the "saco de dormir" with one of the camping items. The child that was away from the group with their eyes closed comes back. Now the rest of the children will chant a tune about the sleeping bag in Spanish. When the chant is finished, the child who was away has to guess who is inside the saco de dormir and which camping item they have by looking around to see what is missing. The child inside the sleeping bag (and their camping item) is then revealed.

One of the things we do with all units is learn signs (or physical movements) for each of our vocabulary words. The bodily kinesthetic aspect of using signs helps our students associate a Spanish word to its meaning much easier.

It also helps them put the word into long-term memory. The Language Spark incorporates signs from American Sign Language (ASL) so that our signs actually have a real meaning in sign language. So as your child is learning the words for this unit, see if they can show you the sign for it as well. If so, they will be learning two languages in our classes (sign language and Spanish)!

Vocabulary

- *la tienda de campaña* – the tent
- *el saco de dormir* – the sleeping bag
- *la linterna* – the flashlight or lantern
- *la fogata* – the campfire
- *adentro* – inside
- *afuera* – outside

- *voy a poner __ en la tienda de campaña* – I'm going to put __ in the tent

