

CASASITO MUSIC FESTIVAL

On August 6th, the children of LAVOSI participated in the CasaSito Music Festival. They “sang” songs using their language, the Guatemalan Sign Language.

It was a huge success and they gained the applause of all who were present. It was something different and most importantly, it demonstrated the talent of these children. The goal of LAVOSI is to give each child the self confidence and skills they need to overcome the challenges of life.



End of the Year

Beginning this month, we are in the final stage of the school year and the children have made great progress since January!



This month we take a tour of each LAVOSI classroom.

VICKY's Pre-elementary Class

We start with Elizabeth and Elias who are learning to read and write.

The learning method Vicky uses is very visual, so she has made the classroom a work of art!

ALEJANDRA's First Grade Class

This class comprises of 4 students, Alis, Joseph, Alexandra and Paty.

All are learning the numbers, letters as well as how to read, write and understand Spanish.



The students use a dynamic method of learning through lights (green, yellow and red) which helps them to follow instructions and do their work in order. Alejandra also uses a method of vocalization which enables the students to learn to read lips.

¡WELL DONE!!



NOW WE ARRIVE AT NELSON'S CLASS

In this class Nelson has children and youth that range from ages 8 to 21. Although they are in one class, they range from the second to the fifth grade levels.

During the math class, they are all learning multiplication and division. This is new for many of them but they learn quickly.



WE ARE PREPARING FOR SEPTEMBER 15TH

Preparations begin for the Independence Day of Guatemala! For the first time we will be participating in the parade, which is why we are making a banner of the alphabet using the Guatemalan signs and letters.



OUR HONOR STUDENTS

Below is the list of this year's honor students. They will represent LAVOSI in the Independence Day parade:

| No. | ALUMNO | PROMEDIO DE NOTAS |
|-----|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. | Luis Hernández | 96.36 |
| 2. | Juan Cor | 95.00 |
| 3. | Kimberly Berduo | 94.64 |
| 4. | Julio Santis | 93.33 |
| 5. | Wendy Xar | 91.28 |
| 6. | Elena Cor | 91.18 |
| 7. | Norma Xar | 91.12 |

Also, from the First Grade class, the outstanding student is: [José Juárez with 90.00 points.](#)



¡¡CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!

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THANK YOU!

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