

Lecciones de la vida: Life Lessons Honoring Sra. Guerrero

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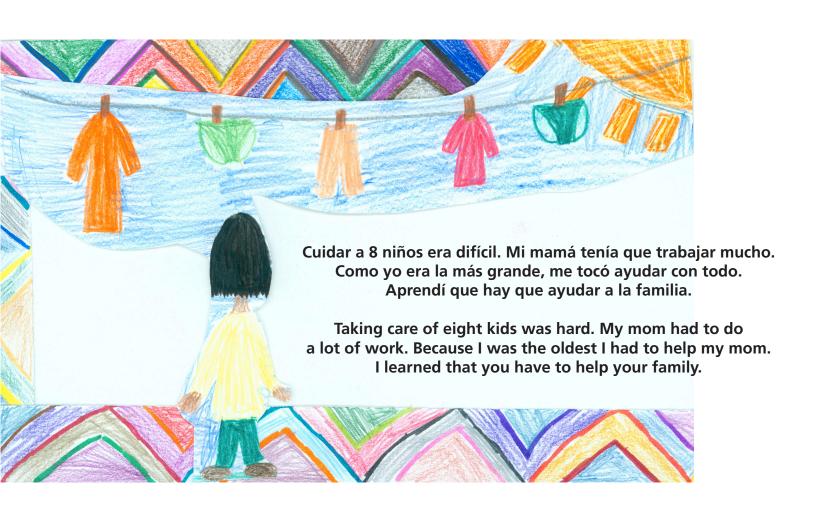


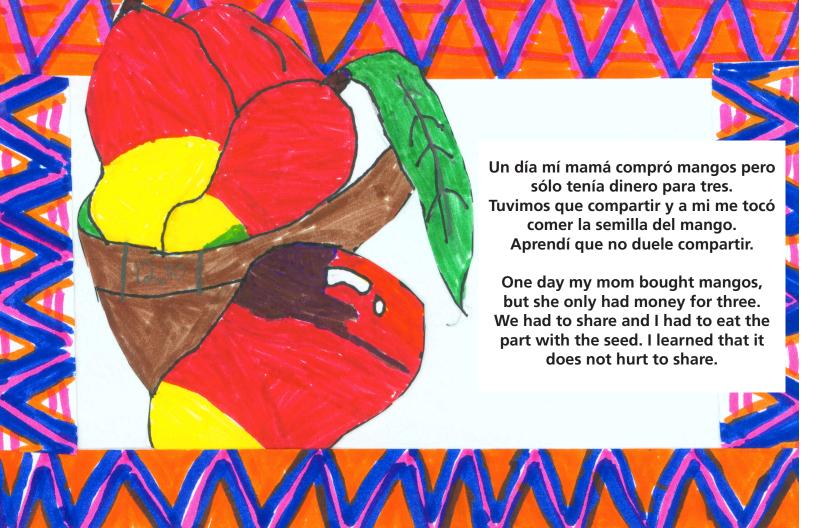


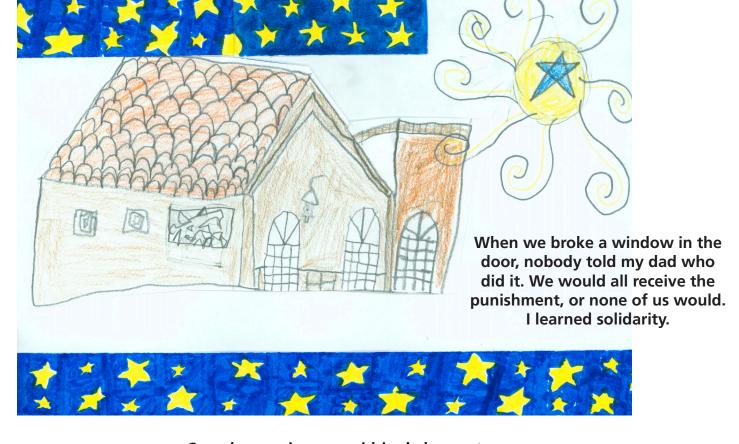


Yo nací en la Ciudad de México. Tengo una familia grande, somos 8 hermanos y yo soy la mayor. Aprendí que ser la más grande es un privilegio.

I was born in Mexico City. I have a big family, eight kids and I am the oldest. I learned that being the oldest is a privilege.







Cuando rompimos un vidrio de la puerta, nadie dijo a mi papá quién fue. Nos tocaba el castigo a todos o a ninguno. Aprendí a ser solidaria.



Después de ver a mi mamá trabajando tanto no quería quedarme toda la vida en la casa cuidando bebés.

Aprendí que era importante estudiar.

After seeing my mom working so hard I did not want to spend my life at home taking care of babies. I learned that it is important to study.



Quería ser científica. Mi mamá me dijo que no podía porque costaba demasiado dinero. Sólo podían pagarme para ser maestra. Estaba muy molesta.

I wanted to be a scientist. My mom said no, it is too expensive. We only have money for you to become a teacher.

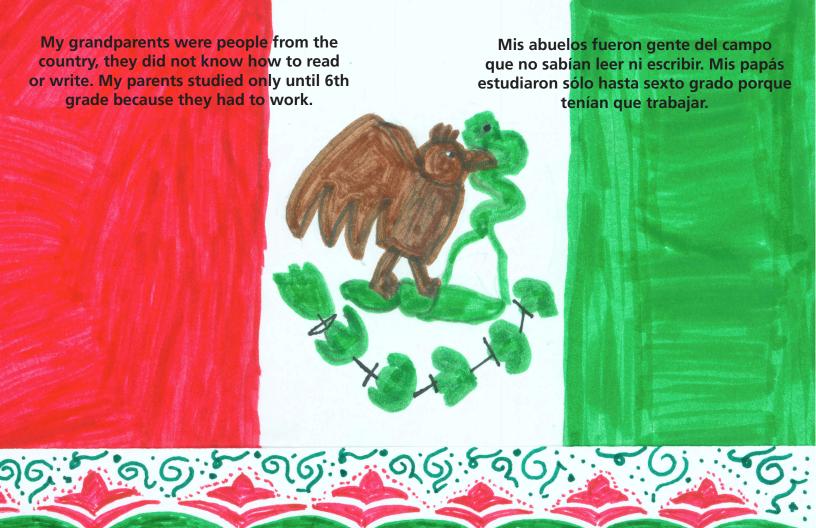
I was very upset.



Al final, resulta que me encanta la profesión, me encanta el trabajo y aquí sigo. Llevo 35 años y no me voy. Aprendí que no podemos vivir la vida llorando.

It turned out that I love the profession, I love the work and here I am.
I've been teaching for 35 years and I'm not leaving. I learned that we can't
live our whole lives crying about things.







Yo tengo una hija que es ingeniera. Y ya la suerte de ella no es la de mi abuela, ni la de mi mamá, ni la mía.

I have a daughter, she is an engineer. Now her luck is not the luck of my grandmother, nor of my mother, nor me.





Disfruten de todo lo que vean y de todo lo que tengan porque el tiempo no va a regresar. Sólo tienen una vida y tienen que aprovecharla. Una vez cumplida, no se puede volver atrás.

Appreciate everything you see, everything you have, because time is not going to go backwards. You only have one life, you have to take advantage. Once you have lived, you can't go back and live again.



The most important lessons I learned with my family. People change but the essence of who we are will never change.





Srta. Yokom's Class and Sra. Guerrero

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Eagle Heights Spanish Immersion students wish to celebrate and elevate the stories of our Latino friends and elders through a process of listening, reading, speaking and writing in the Spanish language. This process honors the elder's heritage-language, culture and life story.





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