

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As part of the cultural aspect and global awareness of the language, students will be learning about “Día de los muertos” or Day of the Dead from **October 16- November 2** during Spanish. We will be discussing the history, the purpose of the holiday and how it’s celebrated in many Latin American countries. Below is a website that provides more information on this yearly tradition. <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/media/dia-de-los-muertos/>



An “ofrenda” or offering will be placed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor by the Spanish room and you are welcome to stop by and see it (Oct 31- Nov 3). The “ofrenda” will represent elements necessary for life on Earth, different types of food, and pictures of deceased family members. If you’d like, please send a picture of a loved one who has passed away OR send a picture of a famous philosopher, singer, actor, astronomer etc. so that it’s placed on the “ofrenda.”

Here is a breakdown for each grade of the art activities that will take place during this cultural lesson. (Some supplies may be requested from the students.)

Grade	
K	Sugar skull mask, paper sombrero crowns, paper flower cempasuchil (marigold) crowns
1	Paper Triptychs 
2	Paper skeletons (Names in cursive will be the skeleton body)
3	Day of the dead writing craftivity. 
4	Mini 2-D, 3-D ‘ofrenda’
5	Day of the Dead Glyph
6	Pasta skeletons (supplies will include different shapes/colored pasta and black cardstock )
7	Build and put together the school’s ‘ofrenda’ for parents, staff, and students to see. (ONLY 7 <sup>th</sup> )
8	Sugar skull decorating FIESTA (some supplies will include granulated sugar, meringue powder, food coloring, colored foil paper, sequins, feathers, and icing)

Many students are excited about this project and I hope that your child is able to participate. Learning about culture helps us understand other people's perspectives, patterns of behavior, and contributions to the world at large. If you are not comfortable with your child participating in this cultural lesson, please send me an email at [htorres20@cps.edu](mailto:htorres20@cps.edu) with your child's name and grade. An alternative assignment will be provided.

**Please send pictures with your child before October 27 or drop them in my mailbox with a name and grade for a safe return.**



Thank you very much!

Ms. Torres

P.S. Don't forget to stop by and see the OFRENDA in person. Last year our OFRENDA was highlighted on channel 66 UNIVISION. It is the first picture on the webpage below.

<http://www.univision.com/chicago/wgbo/estilo-de-vida/dia-de-muertos/altares-de-muerto-una-tradicion-muy-viva-en-chicago-fotos>