Estimados Padres / Dear Parents:

Quique and Nina discovered and shared Angela Dominguez's How Do You Say? / ¿Cómo se dice? As the school year passes by, more children greet us for Spanish Class or ask me in the Outdoor Classroom, "How do you say _____ in Spanish?" In the bilingual story, two giraffes (just like children) who do not speak the same language instinctively know that speaking a different language is a minor detail when it comes to making new friends. You may find How Do you Say? Cómo de dice? By Angela Dominguez on YouTube uploaded by For The Kids!!! We invited our friends to listen to two versions of the birthday song in Spanish. One version is played by an orchestra and the other version is played with Cuban instruments. We asked and counted the children's preference of the song. The rhythm and the beat of the bongos was their favorite version. For our activity, we handed each child two Tropicana orange juice lids and encouraged them to create a giraffe with the lids and then say, "!Feliz Cumpleaños! Our vocabulary words for the week are:

jirafa / giraffe
 comida / food
 fiesta / party
 siesta / nap
jFeliz Cumpleaños! / Happy Birthday!

Dios les bendiga / God Bless, Carol