

Spanish: A new vision of life



Chapter 8: La Florida

Dear Parents,

I am happy to tell you about the progress we have made in our Spanish class. We are now moving on to Unidad 8. This unit concentrates on the people, places, and traditions of Florida.

Your child will be able to apply the new vocabulary and grammatical structures to communicate their own personal experiences.

I appreciate your family's involvement in your child's academic development and thank you for your interest and support.

The annual Calle Ocho Festival in Miami's Little Havana has become a major tourist attraction since its inception in 1977. The enormous block party, which takes place in March, celebrates Hispanic cultures, food, and music. This festive event especially highlights Salsa and Meringue, and some of the most popular Latin musicians including Gloria Estefan and Arturo Sandoval, have performed for crowds of up to a million people.

Cuban cuisine is popular in South Florida, where many Cubans have settled. Cuba shares a Spanish and African cultural heritage with much of the rest of the Caribbean. Fried plantains, and pureed plantains are typical in Cuban and African cuisine.



Grammar

- Verbs with indirect objects pronouns
- Verbs that express "to become"
- Use of SE (with the past tense)
- Conditional
- Past subjunctive with hypothetical statements
- Past subjunctive

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*"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out."
Robert Collier*

Special points of interest: Culture

- *Employment opportunities in Florida.*
- *Business hours in Spanish speaking countries*
- *Internet in Peru*
- *Hispanics in Florida commerce*

We will be learning...

Saying what you can and cannot do

Talking about what you do and do not understand

Writing a formal letter

Talking about your plans

Professions

Workplace terms