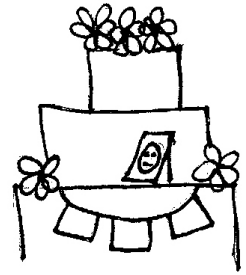


El Día de los muertos

Bingo by Spanish for You!



- Read about Day of the Dead below.
- Then listen to the audio file of all the words.
- Print your Bingo cards on card stock. Play and have fun!
- To make more cards, just print either card for as many players as you have, cut the squares and arrange them in a different order.

About Day of the Dead - Día de los muertos

This holiday takes place on November 1 and 2. Many people believe that it has to do with Halloween, but it does not. It is a holiday in Mexico that honors friends and family who have died. The belief is that the souls of those who have died return to visit at this time each year. The souls of children are believed to return on Oct. 31. The following day is when the adult souls return, and then on November 2nd everyone goes to the cemetery to feast and say good-bye to the souls.

Families set up an altar, often on a table, in their living rooms to greet the souls. They place pictures of the dead, food, and perhaps clothing or toys that belonged to the dead. Typical food items are sugar bread (pan dulce), fruits, nuts, and drinks. They also may decorate the altar with sugar skulls, candles, flowers, and hand-made skeletons.

When they go to the cemetery they bring many of the same items that were placed on the altar, and they have a feast. Marigold flowers are a common type of flower. It is believed that the strong smell of the flowers will help the souls find their graves after everyone has feasted and celebrated.

Day of the Dead Bingo Words

- Use the short Day of the Dead audio file to hear all your Bingo words.
- Read along with the list and repeat aloud.
- Use this list to call the words. Call them in Spanish.

El Día de los muertos = Day of the Dead

los muertos = the dead

el altar = the altar

el cementerio = the cemetery

las flores = the flowers

las velas = the candles

las fotos = the photos, pictures

las almas = the souls

la calavera de azúcar = the sugar skull

los esqueletos = the skeletons

la comida = the food

el chocolate caliente = the hot chocolate

los refrescos = the refreshments, drinks

el pan dulce = the sugar bread, the sweet bread

los juguetes = the toys

los niños = the children

Voy al cementerio. = I go to the cemetery.

Pongo las flores en el altar. I put flowers on the altar.

