

# “DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS”

*1º y 2 de noviembre*





## ¿QUE ES EL DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS?

Don't be afraid of **El Dia de los Muertos - the Day of the Dead**. This is a happy holiday!

This ancient holiday began as a day of thanks for the harvest. It became a time put aside to remember our ancestors and people we love who have died.

On the first day, relatives put flowers on graveyards or in vases with cards. Then they create an altar somewhere in the house. These altars are not places of worship. They serve the same purpose as a scrapbook or a photo album. Pictures of the departed, along with favorite loved objects and other mementoes are placed on the altar. The rest of this day is spent making the favorite foods of this person (or persons.)

A decorative scrollwork border in white on a black background, framing the text. The border features intricate floral and vine patterns, with a central crest-like element at the top and bottom.

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On the second day, families have big celebrations at their homes. They serve the food they made the day before. They eat candies shaped like skeletons. Friends stop by and people dance and sing. This is a very happy holiday.

On the third day, the holiday expands to the town. There may be parades and floats and costumed characters. Coffins are carried that have people in them dressed in skeleton outfits.

Many superstitions have been added over the years, but for the most part, this ancient holiday is as it always was - a time of remembrance and love. So, don't be afraid of the Day of the Dead. This is a happy holiday.

# CALACAS



- ❖ Form a group of 3 or 4 members.
- ❖ Each group will have a one set of Calacas. I will give each group a Ziploc bag to put the parts of your CALACAS so you don't lose them. Name the bag with the name of the members of the group.
- ❖ Decide on your theme so you can bring more decorations tomorrow. **NO WET GLUE OR FABRIC!** Color paper, construction paper, fun shape scissors, color pencils, color markers, FUN markers, etc... it's fine.
- ❖ The due date is next Monday. You are going to grade each other in a scale from 0-10.

CONTINUE...



- ❖ YOU CAN'T TAKE THE CALACA HOME!!!
- ❖ BE SINCERE ON YOUR GRADING!
- ❖ YOU MUST FINISH BY MONDAY!
- ❖ ON MONDAY WE WILL ALSO VOTE FOR THE BEST CALACA FOR A PIZZA PARTY...