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March

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Today in your child's classroom, I read the book ***Maria had a Little Llama*** by Angela Dominguez. The author and illustrator gives a Peruvian spin to the classic rhyme of Mary Had a Little Lamb. In Angela's retelling, Mary becomes Maria and the little lamb is now a llamita. Maria and the llamita have a beautiful unfettered friendship.

**This month's dicho:** "Love is rewarded with love."

**This month's classroom activities:** Throughout the story we see village musicians playing traditional Peruvian instruments. Therefore, students had the option to make Peruvian flutes (pan flutes) from straws. Llamas play an important role in Peruvian culture; many children raise them as pets. For this reason students also had the option to make a llama using an L-shaped printout, popsicle sticks or paper plates. Some typical Peruvian clothing is made out of wool. The last activity option exposed students to yarn by engaging them in branch weaving or cardboard loom weaving.

**Ideas to reinforce the message at home with your child:**

- Read, recite, or sing "Mary Had a Little Lamb" and compare and contrast the nursery rhyme with the story.
- Have a discussion about the different types of musical instruments and music genres.
- Part of today's class discussion allowed students to share the type of pet they have or a pet they would like to own. Ask your child to share with you some of the different pets owned by classmates.

If you would like more information about our Los Dichos program or are interested in becoming a volunteer reader please contact me or visit the Project Cornerstone website at [www.projectcornerstone.org](http://www.projectcornerstone.org).

Sincerely,

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Los Dichos Volunteer

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