

# NEWS FROM LA ESCUELITA - MARCH 2020

## 2019 PROMOTION

The 2019 Promotion (Nicaraguan school graduation) was held the first week of December. Many of the families payed a small amount each week so that their children could have a cap and gown like everyone else. La Escuelita does not require the caps and gowns, but many of the parents want their children to have the same experience that children have in other schools, and they are willing to pay the extra to provide that. Many of these parents are not educated themselves, and have never worn a cap and gown. They yearn for something more for their children – something that they never had the chance to have. Through the help of many people like YOU, La Escuelita is able to make some of those longings possible.



## 2020 - The New Year Begins



The new school year began with a very high registration of 105 children. It obviously is very difficult for two teachers to deal with 105 preschool children. But somehow the teachers manage. Sometimes some of the parents or other interested people can help for a little while. Usually not all of the children can make it every day, either because of illness or other responsibilities of the parents. This gives the teachers a bit of a reprieve.

For most of the parents, education for their children is very important, and for some the school is just a convenient place to bring their kids while they work for a few hours in the market nearby.



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## New Look For the New Year

Through the work of the teachers, their families and some helpers from the neighborhood La Escuelita has a new look this year.



There is a garden area with a little fence around it.



There is the beginning of an arbor to provide some shade over the play area.

We thank the teachers and friends who made this possible.

## Donations Can Be Sent To CEPAD-USA

c/o Beverly Kirkman  
5605 Groomsbridge Court  
Raleigh, NC 27612

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"Scholarship Fund"

## CEPAD-USA BOARD VISITS LA ESCUELITA

When many members of the Board of CEPAD-USA were in Nicaragua recently they visited the school and posed in front of the inside mural.



## INTRODUCING THE ARTIST OF THE MURALS



Gerardo Arias, shown here with his wife, is the artist of all the murals in the school, and many others in Nicaragua and in the United States.

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