**Cascarones Teacher Notes**

**Cascarones Decorating Variations**
*Option 1:* Students use permanent sharpie markers to decorate eggs. My instructions below include this option. This option is the least messy in class way to decorate eggs.
*Option 2:* Students dye eggs in class. You should set a dye station up prior to class. Cover table with tablecloth, have the eggs containers with egg dye already prepared, and have a pitcher filled with water to make it easier to replenish the holders as water gets low. You would call students to the station in groups of 4-5 and have them working on something else while waiting.
*Option 3:* Students paint eggs in class. They come to a painting station rather than dye station.
*Option 4:* Students add glitter in class. They come to a a glitter station you have set up. They on elmers glue on the top of eggs and sprinkle glitter on egg.
*Option 5:* If you just don’t have the time but still want to break cascarones in class, have students decorate their eggs any way they want at home.

**Fiesta Day**After we make our cascarones, we have a fiesta day (students bring in food) and we break our cascarones.I do cascarones with Cinco de Mayo as it is a popular Mexican tradition for fiestas. You can have students make the cascarones the last day of school, for Semana Santa or for any fiesta. Since Cinco de Mayo not only celebrates the victory at the battle of Puebla but also is a day Chicanos have chosen to celebrate their Mexican culture and heritage, I like tying in a Mexican celebratory tradition. This leaves lasting memories for the students as they appreciate this fun tradition.

**Before Cascarones Day**
Students are assigned to bring 3 hollowed out eggs a few days prior to us making them in class. They are to hollow and wash out their eggs and bring them in a cut off egg carton or a container they never want to see again. You could have them decorate at home (they could dye, paint, or use permanent markers). They put their name and period on the container. I have a box for each period.

**Supplies at Tables on Cascarones Day**
At each group of 4-5 have scissors, elmers glue or gluesticks, tissue paper, and permanent markers (if decorating this way).

**PROCEDURES:**

* Have students grab eggs from boxes and sit in groups of 4.
* Have students decorate the eggs with sharpies.
* When finished decorating, students add confetti to the eggs. You can have them make their own using tissue paper (a little tricky as the paper sticks to the scissors) or colored paper or you can get paper from a paper shredder (add a few sheets of colored paper to shredder to give some color if you want) and have students use that.
* They run elmers glue or gluestick around bigger hole and place a small square piece of tissue paper over hole to cover it.
* They place their cascarones back in their containers and place back in box. They will be broken outside on fiesta day.