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- PREPARE: Print out different BINGO cards for each child plus a call sheet. Cut out the call sheet and put the squares into a hat or bowl.
- DISTRIBUTE: Hand out one Bingo card to each child
- CALL: The caller should pull out one image, describe it and show it to the children.
- OPTIONAL EXTRAS: Making BINGO more educational.
o Example:
- Caller picks the next image from the hat. It is "Lopez" (Early Spanish Brands).
- Everyone with "Lopez" gathers together in a little group. The caller looks on their Spelling Branding Bee sheet. "How do you spell 'Cattle’?"
- Everyone in the 'Lopez group' discusses the question and comes up with an answer. If they get it right, they return to their seat and mark their square. If they get it wrong, they return to their seat and the next group could have the opportunity to spell the word.
- MARK IMAGE: The children will then place pennies, rocks, fun foam pieces or something similar on the called image if it is on their card. There are markers available at the end of this document.
- WINNING: Once a predetermined pattern is made on a card, the child with that card calls out BINGO.


## OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

Spelling Branding Bee
Ask Each group to spell these words:

Cattle<br>Horses<br>Ownership<br>Spanish<br>Mexican<br>Livestock<br>Fierros (Spanish word for Iron)<br>Fences<br>Calves<br>Roundups (called Rodeos)<br>Frontier<br>Identification

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Early Spanish Brands - 1500-1700
Brands used during this time had to be registered with the Mesta, the governing agency appointed by the King of Spain. Since taxes were imposed on each livestock transaction, strict regulations were enforced. Here are a few early Spanish brands registered in Mexico City

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Old West Brands - 1880 - modern
With the advent of barbed wire fences and windmills, ranch boundaries stabilized and brand registry was required. Various states have different brand registry rules. Here are a few of the old brands registered in the Texas Panhandle.


Spanish Land Grant Brands - 1700 to 1850
New settlers to Mexico were often paid for their services to the King by issuing them a grant of land. Here are a few land grant brands registered in what later became Texas.

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