

News from the Spanish Club

¡Bienvenidos! Welcome to the Spanish Club. The Spanish Club is an after school club that meets on Thursdays in Sra. Charin's classroom. The club focuses on learning about the culture of different South American countries by visiting these countries visually. Through the Powerpoints that Sra. Charin shows to the students, they learn about the country's history, geography, food, animals and other interesting facts. The children have numerous opportunities of demonstrating what they have learned by drawing posters about the country's characteristics. These posters are proudly displayed throughout the school. We are featuring two countries during the first session of the Spanish Club. The countries are Perú and Spain.

We have 17 very enthusiastic students who have joined the Spanish Club. To experience the language immersion culturally each student was given a Spanish name by Señora Charin. The students are: Casey Prestidge (Antonio), Samantha Prestidge (Cristina), Amando Yo (María), Hannah Yo (Marta), Camillo Moran (Felipe), Adriano Moran (Mario), Emma Mykityshyn (Susana), Jennifer Ha (Rosa), Elizabeth VanMetre (Gabriela), Riley Simon (Natalia), Delaney Slavik (Fiorella), Zoe Mallus (Lucía), Mia Dovgalyuk (Flora), Francisco Gonzales (Ernesto), Harrison Lundy (Eduardo), Julia Beahn (Pilar) and Sophie Treibitz (Patricia). During the past several weeks we have immersed ourselves learning about this rich culture going back to learn about the Inca civilization and the contribution that the Incas made to the country of Perú. They also learned about the Spanish conquistador Francisco Pizarro and the fact that Perú was a colony of Spain until it got its independence in 1821. Here is what the students have learned about the beautiful country of Peru:

“The Spanish did not find the jungles of Perú because the country was so big.” Amanda
“I didn't know that Perú is so big! Perú is about twice the size of Texas.” Elizabeth
“When the Spanish conquerors came to Perú, they found gold.” Delaney
“Perú is next to the Pacific Ocean. In Perú there are many beautiful beaches.” Hannah
“The Spanish killed the Inca king Atahualpa.” Adriano
“The food of Perú is good and interesting.” Jennifer
“Lima is the capital of Peru and it has many tall buildings.” Mia
“Macchu Pichu is very famous for its Inca culture. The holy city of the Incas is called Macchu Pichu.” Camillo
“The Incas lived in the Andes Mountains.” Harrison
“Perú has three regions: the coast (costa), the mountains (sierra) and the rainforest (selva).” Emma
“The Incas used rocks from the mountains to build their houses in Macchu Pichu.” Riley
“Many of the Incas were wiped out because of smallpox brought by the Spanish.” Zoe
“Every food in Perú is great!” Francisco
“The Incas made farms on the side of the mountains in Macchu Pichu.” Sofie
“The food in Perú is delicious!” Julia