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Happy Thursday!

We hope everyone had a nice long weekend.

Your children are working very hard in their Spanish classes. All of our children have two Spanish classes a week. The goal of our Spanish program is to launch the second language acquisition process for young enthusiastic learners, supporting the ultimate goal of acquiring the ability to communicate meaningfully and appropriately in another language (“Knowing how, when and why to say what to whom”). Below, please find what your children are currently working on:

Kindergarten: describing likes and dislikes of colors, next week beginning unit on farm animals.

1st grade: describing states of being (hungry, tired, cold, etc.), reviewing days of the week and learning fruits/foods in preparation for The Very Hungry Caterpillar unit.

2nd grade: learning the custom of the Vejigante character of Puerto Rico's Carnaval, incorporating face parts and describing words to make our own vejigante masks.

3rd grade: describing the animals of the rainforest by movement, color, size, and habitat.

4th grade: learning the custom of the Ekeko gift of South America, incorporating qualities of a good life, clothing words and bargaining in the Mercado (numbers).

5th grade: learning to tell time in Spanish in preparation for our Daily Routine Unit.

6th grade: packing suitcases to go to Mexico using information from a letter describing what the weather, geography and likely activities are for the town each student is travelling to.

We hope everyone has a terrific rest of the short week and a nice weekend.

Dan & Kim

Upcoming Events:

2/21 – Yearbook Group Photos

2/27 – BOE Meeting – Media Center – 7:00 p.m.

New Fliers:

[Eastern Youth Soccer](#)

AHM:

[Neighbors Helping Neighbors](#)