



The Paw Print



Pan American's Monthly Newsletter, April 2011

The Principal's Corner

Spring is finally here! Just like seed being nurtured and growing strong, so are our students.

We are being our second unit of our Primary Years Programme. The students of Pan American are hard at work and inquiring into new learning's.

Our tutoring, sports, and clubs program is also off to a great start. It is nice to see our students participating in subject areas or activities they may not have access to during the regular school day.

-Mrs. Novales



Second Grade Sightings

Spring has sprung and the second graders came back from the break ready to work! We finished up our chapter on measurement-ask us to find the perimeter of our room or tell you the size of an object to within the inch. We smoothly transitioned from the business of looking at the elements of non-fiction text to creatively writing fantasy stories and elegant poetry. We are studying the environment and animal habitats, giving serious thought to how animals adapt in order to survive. Monday, May 2nd was the official beginning of our final PYP unit on biographies and how we document our history!



Kindergarten Update!

Our Spring Poem

**Smart cookies are in our classrooms.
Practicing reading, writing, and math all day,
Risk takers, caring, and enthusiastic
Is what our teachers tell us to be.
Now its time to get ready for first grade,
Growing and learning in so many ways!**

-written by the 101/105 Kindergarten students



Important Dates

May 30- no school



First Grade Spotlight



First grade has been having so much fun in Spanish. We have been talking about the seasons and how it is getting warm outside. We made an Acrostic for PRIMAVERA

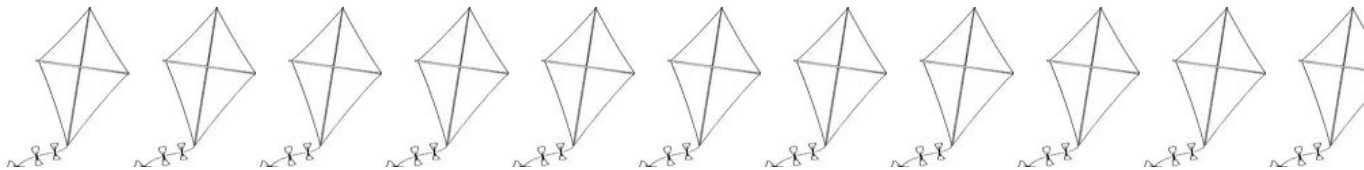
Precioso
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Iris
Marzo
Agua
Verde
Escuela
Refresco
Ahora

In math we've been learning about fractions and reviewing 2 digit addition and subtraction. We are excited to soon begin our PYP Unit on Natural Resources.

The Third Grade Times

The 3rd grade is looking forward to...

Taking a trip to Barnes and Noble to celebrate their writing and enjoy Rittenhouse Square. We are also excited about starting our new PYP unit and learning about how societies make decisions that affect us. Lastly, we will be fundraising soon for our end of the year trip to the funplex and look forward to what the final weeks of school as to offer.



Student of the Month



- 101 - Naylaliz Guzman
- 105- Skydliss Rodriguez
- 103- Nayarett Lopez
- 104- Keyla Zambrana
- 106 - Leymary Rivera
- 201- Marcus Ortiz
- 202- Jasmara Rodriguez
- 205- Alanna Mercado
- 203- Joesdaly Alicea
- 204- Melwin Roque
- 301- Luis Melendez
- 306- Hector Rivera
- 302- Angeliz Ortiz
- 206- Veronica Corcino
- 303- Angel Melendez
- 304- Nelson Rodriguez

Technology & Study Island, Ms. Thalmayer -
Kevin Valerio (302)

Art, Ms. Rufino - Luis Fernandez (206); Felix
Fabian (303)

The Fourth Grade Files

Recently the 4th grade visited the Art Museum. What a great experience it was for all of them! While there we learned about appreciating art and looking at it from a very detailed perspective. We only wished we could have spent more time. This week we will be starting our next PYP unit. Don't forget to ask your children about animal and human migration. Enjoy the beautiful weather!



The Life and Times of Fifth Grade

This month the 5th grade will be starting its PYP unit on government and its role in protecting the rights of people. We will be visiting the Constitution Center to get a first hand view of where the important documents were signed and created. We will also be getting ready for our culminating trip to Washington DC. The students will be learning about the different branches of government and also the role the President and his colleagues play in keeping our country running and going in the right direction. In Science will be beginning our investigation into the Sun and the role it plays in our Solar System. We will be learning more about area and shapes in math and working on literacy through our Social Studies PYP unit.



Maestra Diaz's Spring Digest

K & 1 are now learning about the Caribbean - including Puerto Rico, Haiti, Cuba, Jamaica, and the Dominican Republic!

2nd graders are tackling geographic features and natural resources. Spanish classes 3-6 just finished a unit on families and are beginning to learn about Latin America!

6th grade history students are becoming experts on the legacy of Ancient Greek culture. They will begin a web quest soon!

The Sixth Grade Shout Out!

Sixth Grade is working hard to finish the academic year strong!

In math, the sixth graders are working on algebraic functions. Our main goal has been to practice working on multi-step equations! Here is one you can try at home:

$$-5(1-5x)+5(-8x-2)=-4x-8x$$

*Need help? Ask a sixth grader to **help** you solve for x !*

In Science, the sixth grade is learning about our different weather patterns and what it means to become a meteorologist. We will be using instruments like thermometers and barometers to observe weather and it's patterns this month. We are also learning about severe weather such as hurricanes.

Keep up the good work sixth grade!!

Computer Tip of the Month

Anatomy of a Web Address



If you already know how to read a web address or URL (Universal Resource Locator, pronounced "you are ell"), skip this section.

Otherwise, consider the web address.

<http://www.googleguide.com/searchEngines/google/searchLeader.html>. Here's what it all means:

http:	transfer protocol (type of information being transferred)
www.googleguide.com	website name, host name
googleguide	second-level domain name
com	top-level domain name
searchEngines	directory name (major category)
google	sub-directory name (sub-category)
searchLeader	file name (a file within the directory)
html	File formatile format