



UNAS NOTICIAS DE LA CLASE DE ESPAÑOL

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Bienvenidos! Welcome to a new school year! In Spanish class, the fifth graders began the year with dictionary usage. Recently, the students discussed the definition of a Hispanic American and shared two notable Hispanic Americans. In the U.S., we have a special month dedicated to celebrating Hispanic Heritage. According to Census 2000, one out of every eight persons in the U.S. is of Hispanic descent. Many Latinos are new to our country, but the largest group, Mexican-Americans, has been a part of our history and culture since the 1500s. Hispanic Heritage Month is a time to call attention to that fact. The fifth graders listened to a story about César Chavez who was a labor leader and began a great movement for social justice in the 1960s. The students will be exploring a documentary, *Viva La Causa*, throughout the next few weeks. This film tells the story of a dedicated coalition of people from diverse classes, races and religions who stood together for justice; César Chavez lead this group of people.

Next, the fifth graders will begin a unit on Latin America. Students will learn the names and locations of the countries and capitals; also, it is noteworthy to know some interesting facts about each country.

Please note the fifth graders have Spanish classes on Mondays and Wednesdays. Usually, the students will receive an assignment that will be due the following class. All assignments will be posted on PowerSchool; please refer to the website if further clarification of an assignment is needed. With Spanish homework, a suggestion for all fifth graders might be to *practice flashcards/work on the assignment* ten minutes **each** day (not wait until Sunday or Tuesday evening); this will aid the students to stay abreast of the topic at hand. *Gracias* for your support!

Vaya con Dios,

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