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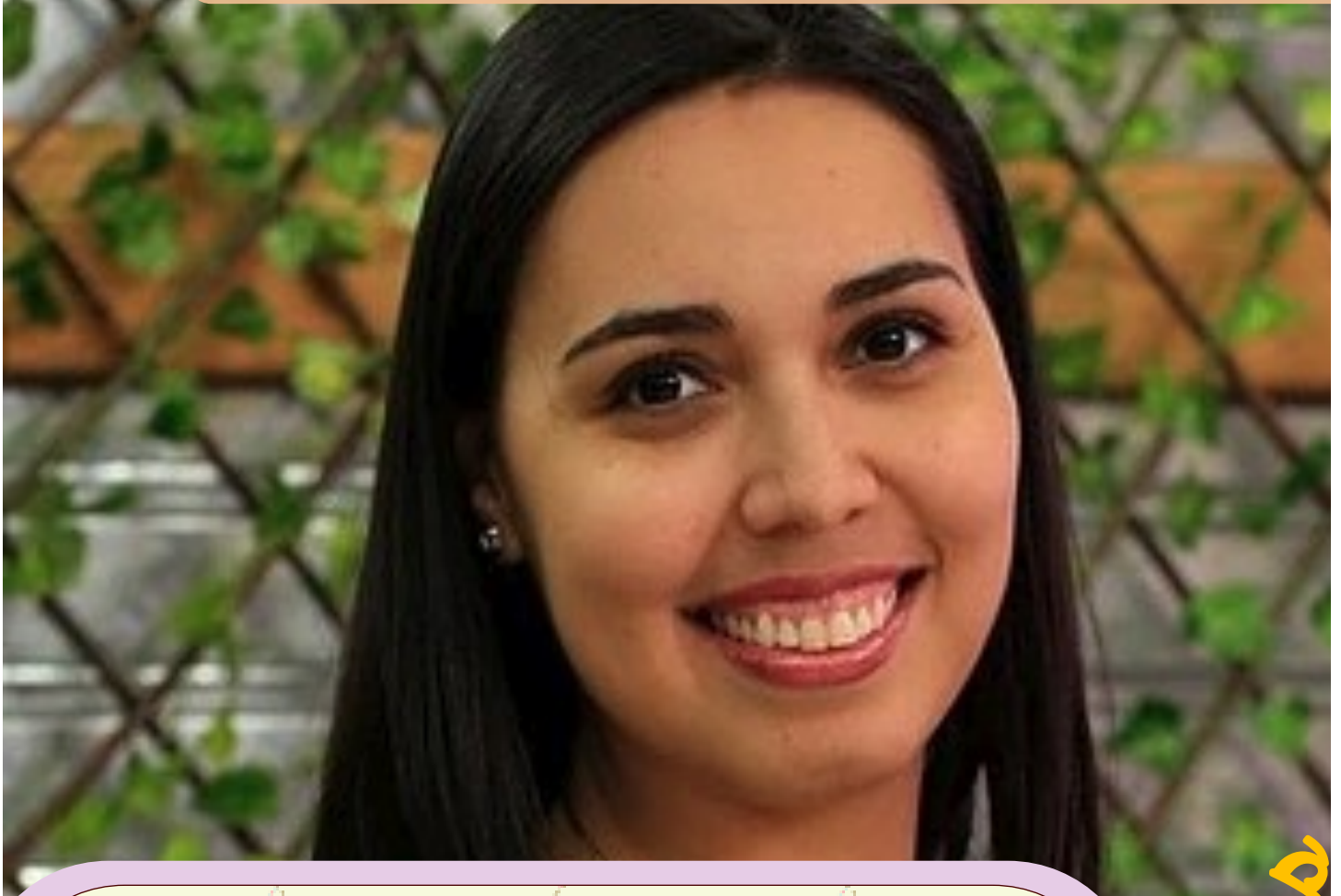
Mision

Prepare students to become ethical global leaders who are effective communicators committed to lifelong learning in the 21st century.

Vision

To provide a challenging academic program that engages students through individualized instruction and blended learning, which empowers them to reach their full potential.

Message from the Director



Dear Parents,

We are starting our fourth quarter, the last one of the year. This only means that students need to continue showing determination to end the year successfully. It's important to work hard until the end to see the results.

"The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack in will." – Vince Lombardi

With this in mind, our ELM community is working at "full machine." Students have just finished their NWEA assessments that lasted a whole week. Soon we will find out who were the students that attained the highest scores. We are very proud of them!

We are also very proud for our students that showed Cooperation during this month. Congratulations Alyssa, Miranda, Giulia, and Victoria de Florio! We appreciate that you went beyond the rest of the students to support and help your friends, classmates and teachers!

March had two other important events. We had our second Annual Spelling Bee, organized by Miss Lily. She had prepared students in her after school activity and invited all the lower school students to participate as well. Many students were very excited to participate and enjoyed the competition. This year's winner is Samuel Parra. He is an amazing speller! Congratulations! Our second event was organized by the STUCO and their advisor Mr. Kelley. Parents and judges were impressed by the talent that our

students showed this year. Everyone was a champ because it is hard to be on stage in front of a group of people! However our winners for each category were able to overcome this and captivated the judges and the audience. They were outstanding!

What can we expect next month? Two major events will happen in April. The first one is our Poetry Tree and Poem in a Pocket day. This tradition has been going on for four years now, thank you Miss Gaddis! Science Fair will be on April 28 and student from third to twelve grades will show us the scientist that is inside them. We are excited to see what experiments they have prepared for us!

Enzel Mirales



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



BEST MAP TEST SCORES



**Students of the Month
(Cooperation)**

This month's trait for students of the month was **Cooperation**. This means that our winners are students who are always willing to help classmates and teachers in any activity to be developed or problem to be solved.

Congratulations to our winners!



**Middle
School
Giulia
Coletta**



**Lower
School
Miranda
Leon**



**High
School
Victoria
De Florio**



**ECE
Alyssa
Tortolani**





Nelio
De Abreu

Miguel
Mogollon

Victoria
Soto

Aurelio
Perez

Davide
Mezzanotte

Cherry
Cardona

Estephany
Mogollon

Francesco
Armiento

Nohely
Conill

Carla
Mosquera

BEST MAP TEST SCORES

March was the month to take the 2017 Spring MAP Tests, and we are more than happy to announce that these students had the best MAP Test scores in their grades!



Sofia
Medina

Sebastiano
Brancato

Manuela
Melendez

Victoria
Sosa

Manuela
Melendez

Ana
Hernandez



Sofia
Carataidis

Spelling Bee Contest

On March 13th, we held our Second Annual Spelling Bee Contest at ELM. We had 17 participants competing this school year from ECE up to 5th Grade. Their names are as follow: Alyssa Tortolani, Eva Sclabi, Luis Williams, Sofia Medina, Lucas Carrizo, Giampiero Coletta, Julien Veillas, Isaac Chirinos, Aquiles Villanueva, Alessia Cioffi, Manuela melendez, Jose Miguel Tollo, Emmanuel Madrid, Sofia Canelo, Angelina Chango and Samuel Parra. The Spelling Bee Master was our Upper School English Teacher Ms. Lauren Breton, and two judges, our Upper School Social Studies Teacher Mr. Jim Kelly and our Sophomore student Cherry Cardona. Parents were invited to enjoy the contest, too.

I was very pleased to see our Lower School teachers cheering up the students to practice their words, parents supporting their children, two members of our Administration Staff Marian Piña and Alfredo Chirinos willing to help in the organization of this event, and most importantly our students who were very excited to spell the words. This is what a call a Team work!!! Yes!!! We did it!!!

I would like to congratulate all our participants. They all did an outstanding job in both ways spelling their words and in behaving. Good job, kids!!! The winners are as follow:

- 4th place: Sofia Medina
- 3rd place: Isaac Chirinos
- 2nd place: Virginia Soto
- 1st place: Samuel Parra



Ms. Lily Muñoz

Master of Ceremony: Lauren Breton

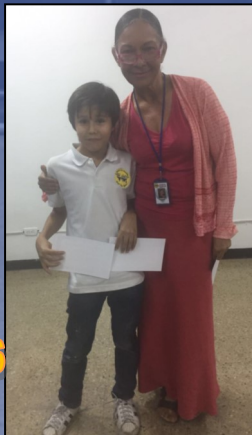
Judges: Cherry Cardona and James Kelley



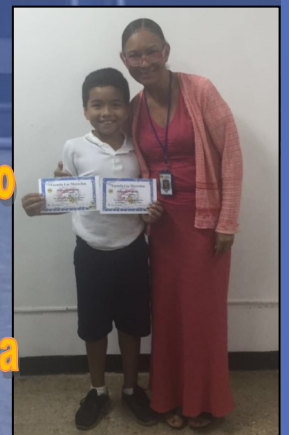
Meet the Winners!



4th place:
Sofia Medina
3rd place:
Isaac Chirinos



2nd place:
Virginia Soto
1st place:
Samuel Parra



ELM NEWSCAST

Do not miss this month's special video! In this edition, we talk about the talent show, St. Patrick's day and we have some special interviews at the Spelling Bee Contest!





ECE Division Frances Cable

March was a GREEN-ey month for the ECE department. The ECE department had a lot of fun incorporating the Irish traditions into the classroom during March. They learned why Irish people all over the world celebrate St. Patrick Day on March 17. They learned about different Irish traditions and celebrations. They really enjoyed painted Shamrocks and writing their special wishes. I do hope it comes true! In additions to Irish culture, ECE 3 continued to work with ten frames up to 20, writing about topics of interest and they become more fluent in reading, taking on more changeling books.

ECE 2 continued blending more CVC words; working with numbers up to 20 and more important they have improved in speaking English. ECE 1 made great progress; they are speaking more in English and building their English vocabulary. Overall, Ms. Frances and Ms.Soraya is very pleased with the ECE department, Great Work everyone.

1st Grade

Cecilia Hernandez

Kids started March learning about "Saint Patrick's celebration" and its playful and funny fellow "The Leprechaun". On March 17th, the students dressed in green filling the air with joy and inspiration. Some first graders also participated in "Talent show": Fernando Vilchez, Abraham Rivillas, Annabella Cioffi, and Adriana Silva; delighting us with their beautiful presentation.

Then it was time to introduce ourselves in the world of matter that surrounds us, discovering; shapes, sizes, colors, textures, temperatures in our environment. First graders are happy knowing and learning about this topic. They enjoyed their readings stories, sharing and commenting on the similarities Fiction and Non-Fiction stories. They were able to see that the last ones offer information of the world in which we live. In grammar and writing they continue making a great effort in writing combining present and past tense, integrating both regular and irregular verbs.

Finally, in Math, they had good understanding of how graphs work and how to represent the information in them.

First graders have started the last quarter of this school year joyful and eager to continue learning and with a huge desire to keep moving forward, having fun and learning at the same time.





2ND GRADE MARIANA CABRERA

This month second graders learned about life cycle of animals, ancestors, poems and measuring length in metric units. They watched videos related with the topics mentioned above, they discussed in class their opinions, and they wrote about it. Students also did IXL activities to reinforce their knowledge and to make more interesting the learning process. They had a blast of fun with these activities. Below you will see some pictures of what we did in class.



Sharlene Smith

3RD GRADE

Third graders have been doing many things this past month.

Novel:

They have finished reading Charlotte's Web and will starting The hundred Dresses book by Eleanor Estes.

Science

Science Fair:

Student will have 3 different projects, which they chose according to their preferences, to demonstrate their creativity and love for Science. They can't wait to show their abilities. in May's Panther Track we will show you the results!

Math

In Math, they have been analyzing data, multiplications. And division. Now, they are able to interpret information through such as the line plot, pictograph, and bar graph, Division by 0, 1 3, 4, 5. 6 ,7,8,9.

Social Studies:

We are in the middle of studying economics and budgeting .



KAREN GADDIS
4TH GRADE



Grade 4 students are getting ready to celebrate National Poetry Month by writing poems and displaying them on our ELM Poet- Tree. Our author study for April is Ken Nesbitt, who is known for his giggle poetry.

Students are busy with their American Heroes Exhibitions, and we just finished our end of the year MAP test. Students are continuing with their narrative writing and developing into strong authors.

The Grade 4 students completed their novel study for Number the Stars, and the Grade 5 students celebrated their Holes novel study by watching the movie and comparing the movie to the novel



5TH GRADE

GABRIELA CABRERA



This March the 5th graders worked really hard developing their writing skills, they did a tremendous work. In this opportunity the students did a writing prompt based on write a letter inviting someone to visit their classroom, some of them invited famous people, and others just decided to make it very personal. In other words, they are getting better and better every day, they are accomplishing all their challenges easily. Keep it up guys!



ESL

Lily Muñoz

My Lower School Music students are now applying what they have learned from the Musical Concepts. They are listening to songs of their choices and proper to be displayed at a public forum: classroom, but this time They will listen to the songs, read the lyrics, analyze them and notice differences created between the sections of the song such as verse, chorus and learning new concepts like: refrain, call-response, question-answer and four line song structure. Our ECE students are applying the musical

concept of dynamics while singing a song. Last but not least, our First and Second Grade students are establishing the difference between beat and rhythm. So, the Musical concepts learned the last quarter are brought back but in a different way. They are having a great time in getting to use in a proper way Pulse, Duration, Tempo, Pitch, Dynamics, Song Structure, Texture, Timbre and Style. So far, all of them continue to be engaged with the activities developed in class to improve

both Music language and English as well and yes!!! They love to actively participate in class at all times. In general they continue to explore sounds from the immediate environment, learning how to listen and responds to Music in a variety of ways.



Music

Lily Muñoz

It is a great pleasure to see how Taimur and Luna have improved their English language skills. They both are now capable to listen for understanding, to comprehend what they read, to spell words in a proper way by using letter names and phonics when words are hard for them to read and to write sentences on their own. They both have accomplished a lot on the past three quarters. Soon, they will be ready to conquer a whole new world of wonderful experiences in their Second Language.

I am also pleased to see how they have been interacting in a communicational way with friends and other students in our school community. Very well done, kids!!! Indeed, my ESL students are constantly growing in confidence in order to express their thoughts and feelings. They continuously show excitement in every activity they are involved in. Still, I am encouraging them every day to read, write, and spell words to know, practice phonics and most importantly to keep communicating in English among themselves and others their wonders and experiences...

The classes continue to be spiced with laughter and fun things to do. Smartys Ants have been received as a great game for the students to play with. This is making our students to get stronger English than ever, because they are listening to native English speakers to give instructions of all the games. Luna has already gotten four awards. Great job, Luna!

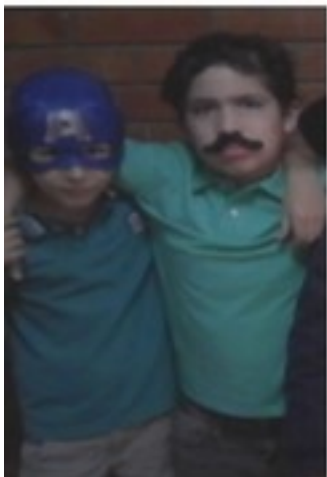


When stopping by to pick them from their classrooms, they are so ready to use their English and to greet me and now they are expanding their language by establishing conversations related to things they do at home, in class or special events they go to.

I am feeling very pleased to see how far my students have gone in the acquisition of the English Language. Surely always they are excited to work in class in the different activities related to the themes from the variety of Journeys reading stories. I continue to be delighted to see their attitude towards the classwork, activities and even to turn in homework on a daily basis.

SPANISH JESUHANE TOVAR

En la clase de Español los estudiantes en este mes de marzo, disfrutaron de diferentes contenidos donde continúan obteniendo nuevos conocimientos que son de vital importancia para el desarrollo del proceso enseñanza - aprendizaje: comprensión lectura, escritura, razonamiento lógico, gramática, entonación y pronunciación como factores primordiales, sumado a esto todo lo referido a: adverbios, clases de adverbios, libros, partes de un libro, el teatro, elementos del texto teatral, entre otros. Es muy importante hacer mención, que los estudiantes realizaron actividades sobre el Día de San Patricio, luego se construyó una cartelera con todos los trabajos, también hicieron carteles para la tarde de Spelling Bee, finalmente los estudiantes de 3er grado, participaron en un micro - teatro creativo, el cual fue una experiencia maravillosa para ellos.



Informational Technology

This month students from ECE to 12th grade had a lot of fun in some special days that we had. We celebrated St. Patrick's day wearing green and playing games related to this special date on the internet.

Students also took the 2017 Spring MAP test. They were excellent in all of them and I was really happy to see them trying to improve their previous scores!



NWEA MAP TESTS





PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Henry Villamizar

EN ESTE MES SE ESTA TRABAJANDO CON EL DEPORTE EN CONJUNTO HANDBALL, EN LO CUAL SE ESTA PRACTICANDO E ESTUDIANDO LOS PASES, TIROS A PORTERÍA, JUEGOS Y REGLAS DEL DICHO DEPORTE, LOS ESTUDIANTES HAN TENIDO UNA BUENA ACEPTACIÓN E INTERÉS POR ESTE DEPORTE QUE POCO A POCO SE ESTA CONOCIENDO Y DESARROLLANDO A NIVEL DE AMÉRICA LATINA. Y CON LOS ESTUDIANTES DE ICE 1 HASTA EL GRADO 2 SE TRABAJA LA PARTE DE MOTRICIDA CON CIRCUITO QUE INCLUYEN SALTOS BIPODAL , UNIPODAL , SALTOS CON DESPLAZAMIENTOS,RODAS,JUEG OS RECREATIVOS Y LANZAMIENTOS DE PELOTAS U OBJETOS A DIFERENTES DISTANCIAS Y DIRECCIONES.

ARTS MIGUEL RIVERO

En este periodo en artes, estamos viendo la pintura Expresionista, basada en las emociones, y el arte, como la pintura, la escultura, que sirven como medios de expresión plástica y emotiva. Tomamos la Obra del Maestro de la pintura Marc Chagall, como referencia para interpretar y a la vez comunicar sentimientos. Varias de sus obras nos sirven de inspiración, para "Recrear" las emociones y también estudiaremos la comunicación que se establece a través del color y la forma.



Conoceremos la obra del gran genio Español de la pintura Pablo Picasso, El Creador del Cubismo, que paso de la figuración a la abstracción o pintura cubista, dentro de sus etapas creativas. El Arte y la Ecología en los distintos niveles, es una forma de llamar la atención sobre las especies en peligro y el riesgo que corren, por variadas razones. La textura dentro de los elementos de expresión plástica la estamos ejercitando, como forma de conocer las distintas calidades texturales, que se pueden crear en las artes. Miguel Rivero ELM, Artes.



ENGLISH LAUREN BRETON



Greetings from fourth quarter! I can't believe that we're almost done the school year already! We've read so many books and done so much learning that the time just flew by! At this point, the sixth and seventh graders are reading *The Wringer* by Jerry Spinelli and are focusing on writing argumentative essays in their non-reading time. The eighth graders are wrapping up a unit on *The Outsiders*, which they have thoroughly enjoyed reading and I haven't decided what we will finish the year with. The ninth graders are in the middle of *The Great Gatsby* and seem to be enjoying their reading. The tenth graders have just begun their reading of *Beowulf*, and while they are struggling with the text they are keeping high spirits. The eleventh and twelfth graders are still working on their *Power of One* unit, which is building their reading comprehension, since the story is particularly winding and complicated. Enjoy your *Semana Santa* and I look forward to a great quarter four!

Mathematics

Naira Trolle

During the month of March the Upper School students have been busy moving along the math curriculum. Sixth graders are beginning to learn about integers and solve operations using integers. Seventh graders are diligently learning about area and distance and will begin to calculate the area of different 2-D and 3-D figures. The eighth graders are exceeding expectations by mastering linear equations and solving linear systems of equations.

The high schoolers have also been working very hard to build the foundation of their Algebra skills. Algebra 1 students are solving radical equations and Algebra 2 students are working on polynomial functions and factoring higher degree polynomials to solve for zeros and eventually graph.

$\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}$

Science

Daniel
Schriefer

The upcoming Science Fair on April 28 has kept students from all grades busy this month with designing and documenting their projects. You can expect some really interesting shows from volcanoes to electric motors and drones rescuing people.

In biology and life science students learnt about the body systems that keep everyone alive. It prompted the students of grade 6 and 7 to produce some posters against smoking.

Earth science extended the view from the Earth, to the Moon, and to the Sun, and beyond.

In economics money was the main topic, it's purpose, characteristics, and value.

Business math looked at different types of insurances and the art of creating a budget.

It was a good month with some interruptions of the Internet service due to changes in the weather.

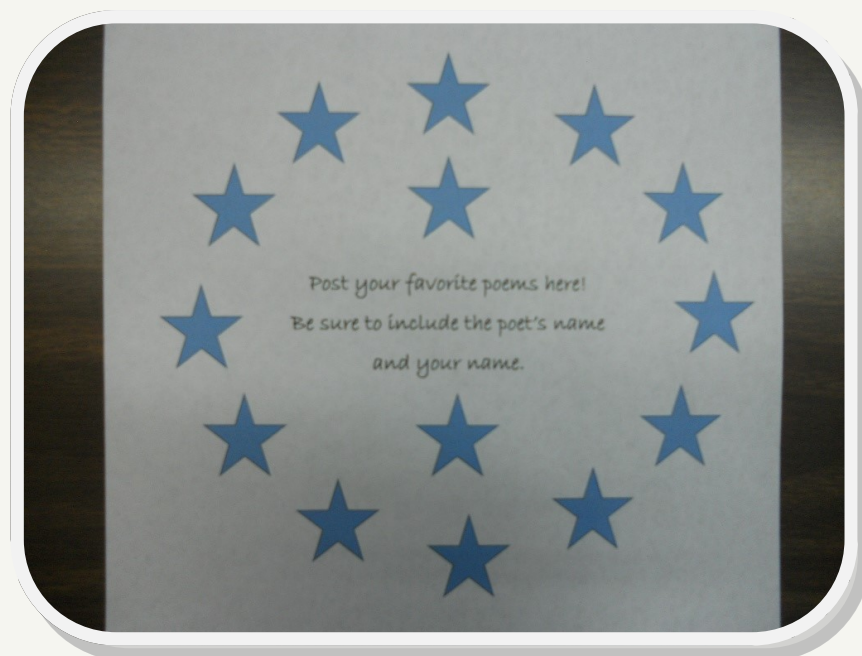


Social Studies

James Kelley

April is fast approaching, and that means Poetry Month will soon arrive. Like usual, ELM will have some activities that will focus on this important and honored art form. There will be pocket poems, and a special Poet-Tree where students will attach their poems like leaves on the tree's branches. Also, there will be a special board where students, faculty, staff, and parents can post their favorite poems for all to see. Parents can send their poems with their children.

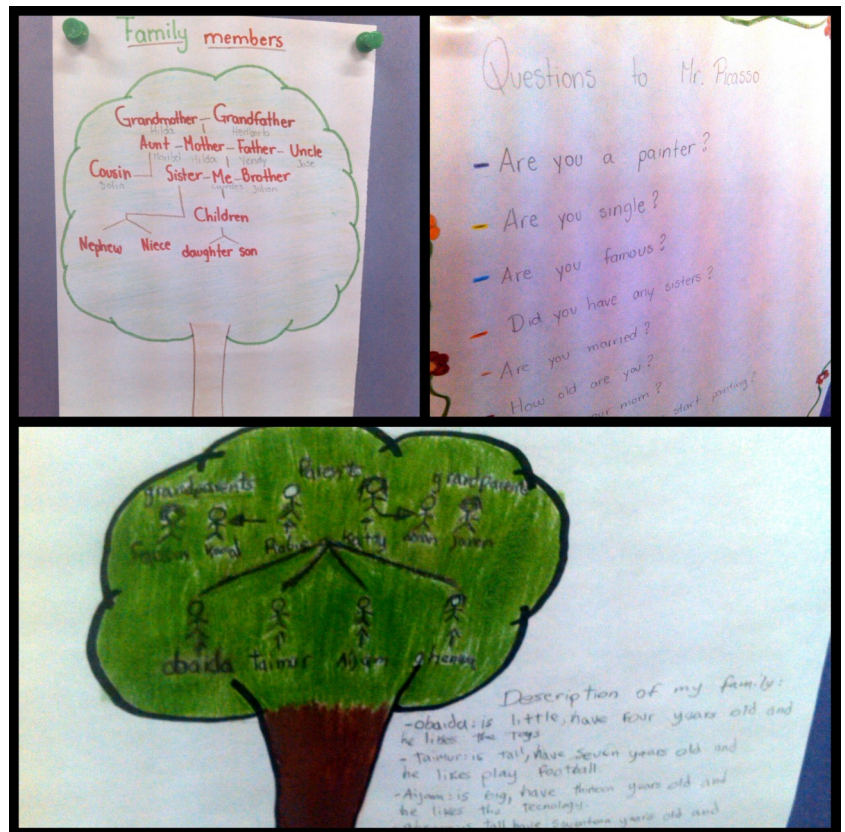
We are all looking forward to a Great Poetry Month!



French

Alfredo Oquendo

In French, we have been adding some new vocabulary every class and trying to use it in different contexts by forming short sentences with every little addition we do in our target language. We also worked on some posters in order to literally "picture" our ideas in French.



In ESL, the classes have been working on forming affirmative and negative sentences, and also questions. Our vocabulary available in English is also increasing by learning about jobs and family members, which led us to work on some fun posters about family trees.

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