

# Enrichment Learning



## Spanish

I am thankful for the opportunity to teach your children my language and culture. This year, I have given each student a Spanish names to make the lessons more "Latin" style.

I asked the students to think in Spanish instead of translating Spanish words into English words as this slows down the fluency. The students have all been learning about- greetings, commands, verbs, and sentences.

K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Students in these grades have learned songs about greetings, animals, and numbers. They have learned the colors- red, blue, yellow, green, purple, and orange; the numbers 1-10; many verbs such as- to walk, to run; commands: be quiet, sit down, stand up, listen, look, stop, repeat; and, vocabulary: up/down, soft/loud, good

afternoon, hello, goodbye, fast/slow.

Grades 3-7 have been learning about greetings, numbers 1-20 and colors. The commands stand up, sit down, be quiet, look, listen, repeat, stop. In grammar, the article "the", a/an, nouns, adjectives, gender, sentences, plural and songs. I've been working on their listening and pronunciation too. I am trying to speak most of the time in Spanish using a lot of expressions so they can understand me and to get used to hearing the Spanish language.

I hope they are enjoying my time at Cologne Academy as much as I am.

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## Physical Education

The kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students have been learning and reviewing a wide array of movement skills, both locomotor and non-locomotor in nature. They are exploring different movements and combinations of movements as well as tempos, pathways, levels, and directions. Tag games and other fleeing and running games are being introduced to supplement these skills.

The 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> graders started the year reviewing procedures, learning recess games, and learning about physical fitness and concepts related to living an active lifestyle. They worked on building endurance through a progressively longer jog/run and also on strength and flexibility through various body-weight exercises.

The past few months brought continued refinement of movement skills for the lower grades with an introduction to other manipulative skills (i.e. soccer, volleying, and basketball to name a few). The upper grades worked on soccer, volleyball, Frisbee, and basketball skills and games. All classes have integrated math into their routines.

If you would like to discuss your child's physical education progress, please contact me.

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**Save The  
Date!  
Thursday  
January 27,  
2011  
Spanish  
Performance,  
Art Exhibition,  
Science fair  
winners, and  
the Live  
Auction!**



## Music

There are a lot of new and exciting things happening in regards to C.A. Music this year! First of all, thanks to P.A.V.E., we now have risers for the concerts so all of the students can be seen and heard. We used them at our first concert in October and they were wonderful! We also have turned our Middle School Music class (5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade) into a choir so they have been learning some harmonies in addition to their unison singing. We have been working on tone and posture and proper singing technique. Fourth graders have recently been studying the Modern period and have been listening to the sounds of John Cage and Aaron Copelan. Third graders are learning about the Romantic period of music and the composers. Earlier this year the students studied the

poem, "In Flanders Fields" by Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae and learning a song that is about the poem. Kindergarten through Second grade has been studying the elements of music. We have learned about tempo, dynamics, steady beat, moving to music, along with singing songs from the Core Knowledge Songbook.

Sincerely,

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## Art

This year it has been wonderful to have time and space for art. The students began with looking at the most basic element of art: Line. They have made a verity of line work. Currently students in kindergarten are working on warm and cool colors. First grade has explored landscapes, line of symmetry and have just started texture. Second grade has looked at portraits, landscapes, Van Gogh, and Henri Rousseau. Third grade has jumped into space, and light. They are investigating how light effects how one represents 2 dimensional spaces on a page. Forth grade has been exploring the art of the Middle Ages in Europe. They have been painting value in gargoyles of the gothic period and creating their own illuminated manuscripts. Fifth, sixth, and seventh graders have been working on facial proportions and understanding there application in classical art. Some of these students have started working with Op-Art, Mayan masks, and Tympanums. All of their work is looking fantastic. Enjoy the many creative qualities your children exhibit!

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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