

December Blog



This month, the students have participated in various activities in order to improve their English. Because it is December, many different activities relating to Christmas were used to keep students engaged. Having an American auxiliar, the students were also introduced to the cultural concepts of Christmas in America.











Christmas Activities

The teachers at Gloria Fuertes made a big effort to decorate the classrooms, doorways, and hallways. Many of the decorations were made by the student teachers, who put a lot of work into the doorways shown below. The crafts give the students something fun to do and also keeps them engaged for other constructive activities.











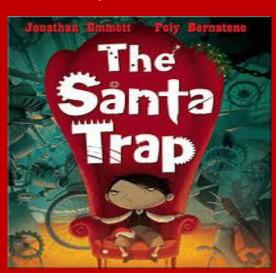


Christmas Continued

With the 5th and 6th grade, the auxiliar, Henry, decided to use a Christmas story called "The Santa Trap" by Jonathan Emmett. This story is not your typical Christmas story, as the main character is a very naughty boy rather than a nice boy. The story has a dark sense of humor, but it kept the students engaged. Long story short, Bradley, the main character, is a very spoiled boy. Santa knows this, so he gives him a pair of socks every year for Christmas. In response, Bradley makes a trap in order to catch Santa and take his gifts. The story ends with Bradley experiencing karma for the many bad things he did. We also completed a word search with some relevant Christmas words in order to increase vocabulary.





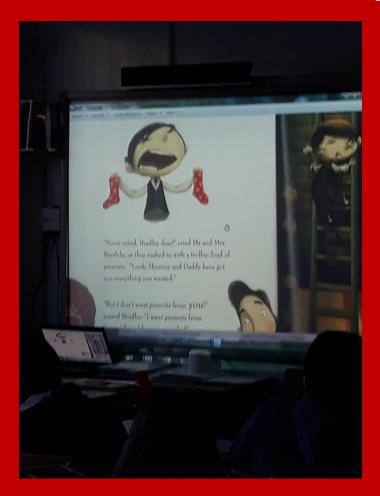






Auxiliar: Henry Shepard

The Santa Trap Continued











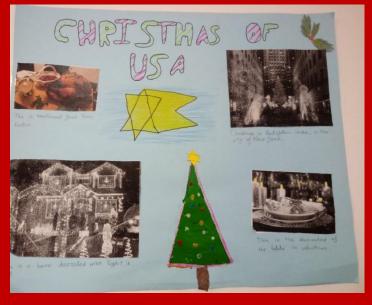


Christmas in Foreign Countries

In the 4th grade, students made posters showing the different ways that different countries around the world celebrate Christmas. Posters show Christmas in Great Britain, America, and New Zealand. It is important to see that children learn that different cultures have different traditions, as that fosters a more accepting envionment to those who might be different.

















The students in the 5th grade also prepared a small theatrical presentation from their English book. The presentation, which included more than 10 kids, talked about spreading the Christmas spirit to those less fortunate. The kids sung Christmas carols and enjoyed speaking with different accents.



From the teachers in the bilingual program at Gloria Fuertes, we wish you a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!