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January Blog

This month, a new English conversation assistant arrived to our school. Her name is Deanna and she will be teaching at Gloria Fuertes School for the next five months with Jessica. She comes from the state of Colorado in America and she has a background in Science. This month, the students have been getting to know Deanna better and asking her a lot of questions about her home and American culture. After her introduction classes, Deanna has been working together with Jessica to have more time with the conversation assistants in all of the classes. This is the first time that the Gloria Fuertes School has had two language assistants at the same time and it has been a wonderful transition. We can't wait to see what the school year brings! Welcome to our family, Deanna!





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Preparation for Theatre Visit

This month, our students prepared for a visit to a local theatre in Jaen to watch an English version of the play "Dracula". To prepare for this visit, Jessica and Deanna prepared a worksheet to help familiarize the students with the plot of Dracula, the character names, and some vocabulary that they might hear during the performance. The students were excited to learn more about Vampires, Transylvania, and Van Helsing in their English class. When the students were finished with their worksheet, they colored a picture of Dracula and made a bloody A. Their pictures turned out great!





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Preparation for the Theatre Visit

Here are some photos of the pictures of Dracula that the students finished.





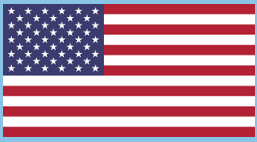
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Visit to the Theater

This month, many of our students went to a local theater to watch a performance of a play in English. The play included many new vocabulary words the students have recently learned in class. The words used during the play were very simple so that the students could understand it, and they all had a blast! Deanna was able to join the 6th grade class and watch the play "Dracula". The two main characters in this play were Dracula, a vampire, and Van Helsing, a monster hunter. The actors brought up some of the students to help with the performance and practice their English. Before the field trip, Jessica taught the students the song YMCA. They were able to sing and dance along to the song at the theater. The students thought that the performance was very funny and entertaining. Here are some photos from their trip:





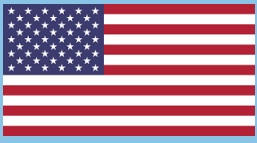
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Visit to the Theater Continued...

Students were chosen at random to go on stage and participate in the play. They were given costumes to wear and a role to play. While on stage, they had the opportunity to speak in English and communicate with the actors and answer simple questions. It gave them the opportunity to use their English that they have been studying in class with their teachers and auxiliaries and they loved it.





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San Anton

On Wednesday, January 16th the school celebrated Saint Anton. To celebrate the local "night of San Anton" which happens every year in Jaen during the middle of January, our students had their own small race. Just like in the local San Anton race, the students ran as fast as they could to try to win the number one spot. The students were separated into their different classes and each class had the opportunity to race. After the students completed their race, they sat on the sidelines and cheered on their friends while eating popcorn. The students definitely had a blast while celebrating San Anton and they were excited to see the actual race the following weekend. Here is a picture from the event:





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World Peace Day Decorations

Here are some decorations that can be seen outside some of the 1st grade classrooms.



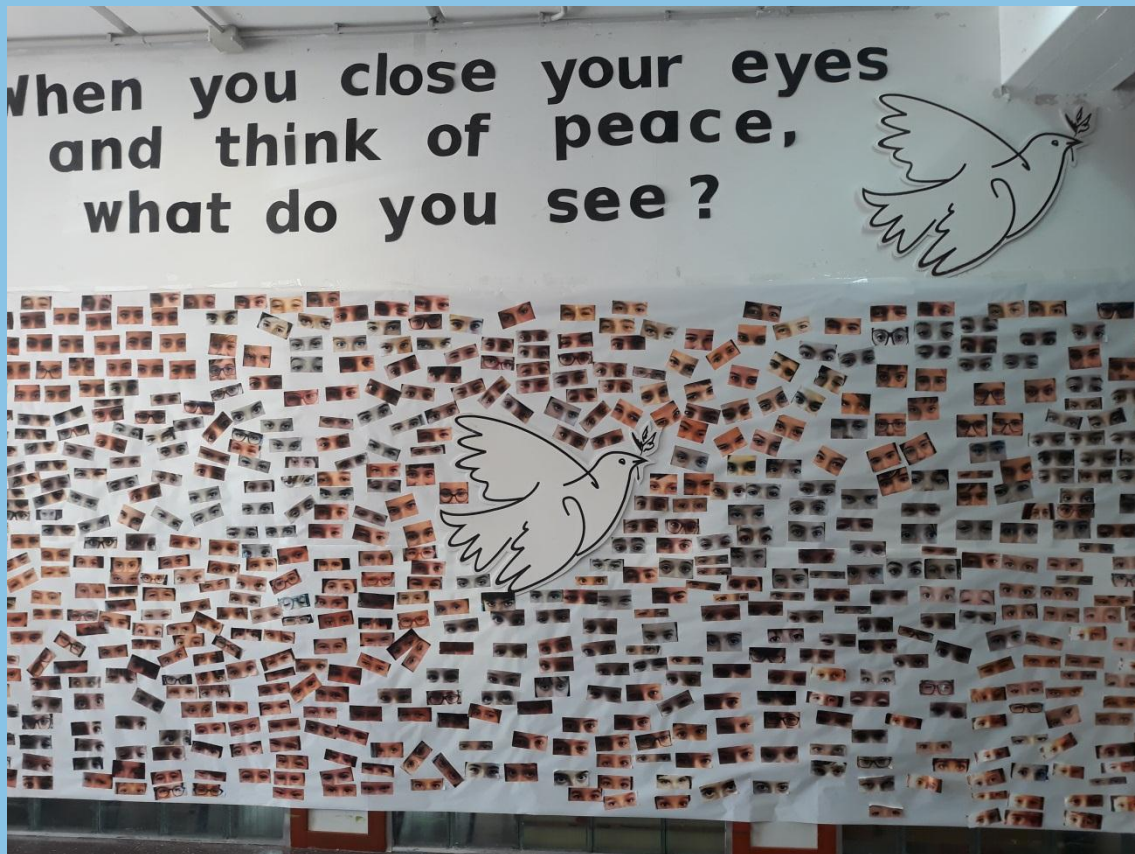


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World Peace Day Decorations

This wall in the school is filled with pictures of the all the student's eyes. Every student from preprimary to 6th grade has their picture on the wall. The pictures represent the way in which students observe and perceive the world, with the understanding that each student sees the world differently.





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World Peace Day Lessons

It is a tradition at Gloria Fuertes School to try to do something with all of the children and classes together to celebrate World Peace Day on January 30th. This year, in preparation for World Peace Day, all of the teachers have been teaching their students how to do some sign language that promotes peaceful living. The students were really excited to learn another language skill that they could use. On Wednesday, the students were all given white gloves that they needed to draw pictures on their palms. One palm had "PAZ" written in red and the other had the symbol for peace written in black. They did this so that they could wear these gloves with the peace symbols on it to do the sign language for the Peace Day video. In addition, the students wore mostly black to make the colors on their gloves stand out more for the video. After snack time, the students all gathered outside and performed their sign language song with their gloves to support the day. The students and teachers really enjoyed the completed project.



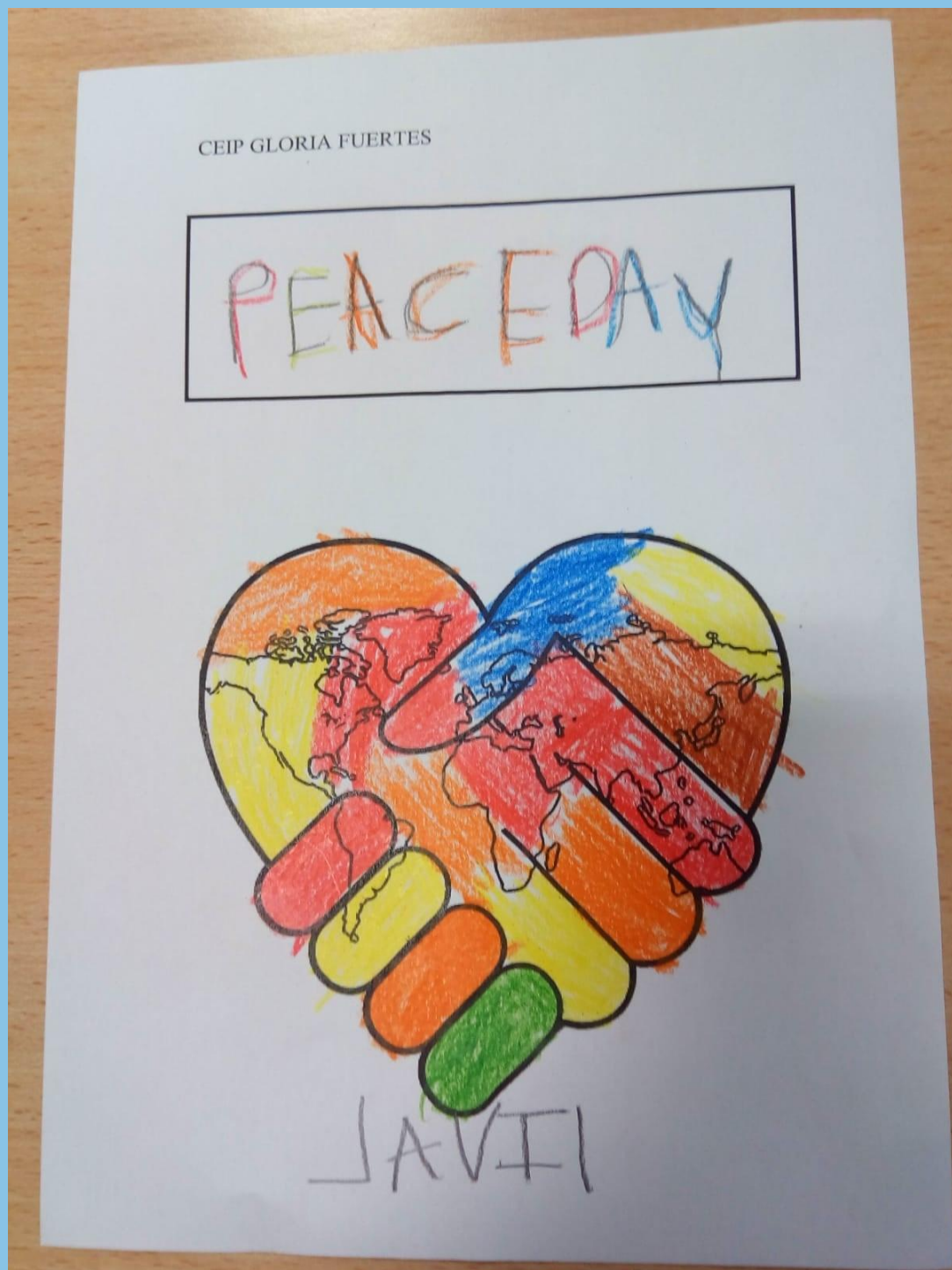


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In the first grade classes, the students worked on coloring a symbol of peace (holding hands) with many different colors to celebrate Peace Day. The students are working on learning their colors in English, so this was a good way to brush up on their previously-learned vocabulary.





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REFLECTION OF THE WEEK:

"It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it."



-Eleanor Roosevelt (Former 1st Lady of America)

REFLEXIÓN DE LA SEMANA:

"No basta hablar de paz. Debes creer en ello. Y no basta con creer en ello. Debes trabajar en ello."



-Eleanor Roosevelt (Former 1st Lady of America)



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Reflection of the Week Explanation:

The reflection of the week deals with the topic of peace and comes from a very famous American named Eleanor Roosevelt. Eleanor Roosevelt is most known for her humanitarian work while she was the 1st lady of the USA during her husband's term as President. Her husband, Franklin D. Roosevelt was the only president to serve four terms as president, making her the longest serving First Lady of the United States of America. She was known as a popular diplomat and activist for things like human rights and the rights for women. She was a very strong and powerful woman who wasn't afraid to speak out against difficult topics because she felt that change needed to happen. This is why Eleanor Roosevelt is the perfect person to honor with our quote of the week for the month of January. Her quote focuses on taking action when you want to see peace, rather than just believing that it will happen on its own. Eleanor Roosevelt fought for what she thought was right and stood up against injustices in the US and the world. She wasn't one to sit down on the sidelines and let things pass her by. She fought for world peace actively during her time as the first lady and that's why we have used her quote this month. I hope you enjoy it and use it as a motivation to take action for World Peace Day!

