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Winter FLES Activities at Stewart School

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This winter at Stewart School, fourth and fifth grade students were involved in learning the Spanish language through creative and engaging activities. Fifth graders built on their knowledge of food learned in fourth grade and, for a culminating activity on the shopping unit in January, created a supermarket sale flyer. This involved pricing food items in U.S. dollars and working with a partner to convert these prices into the current Euro rate. They categorized the items into different departments in the supermarket, named after the specialty stores whose names they learned in the thematic unit. Along the way, students used math skills and learned about economic market fluctuations and the difference between U.S. usage of pound weight compared to the metric system of weight used in most other countries. Students also made dioramas which featured writing about the different stores, including their favorite store. They will end the winter with a unit of study of physical and personality traits with activities such as guessing the identity of “secret celebrity” descriptions.

Fourth graders spent the winter talking about the weather in Spanish. After finishing a unit of study on the calendar, which included learning the differences in the way Americans express the date and the way it is expressed in European nations, students were able to name weather conditions during the twelve months. This segued into a mini-unit on the theme of the four seasons. Students made connections between the seasons and the weather through a fun song, “En el Otoño” (“In the Fall”). From the twelve basic weather expressions the students learned, they also used the negative of these expressions to create twelve more, making them confident in describing the weather on any given day. They ended the thematic unit on weather with the creation of a flip book that demonstrated their newly acquired linguistic skills. They played games to celebrate all their weather knowledge, prompting one fourth grade student to exclaim, “This class is so much fun!” Like the fifth graders, all fourth graders participated in this year’s Design-A-Card competition sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP), a professional organization of Spanish teachers. Stewart students showed outstanding creativity portraying these cards with a Hispanic design of their choice. They all look forward to the results of this prestigious contest in the spring.



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Mrs. Garatina's fourth class at Stewart posed with the weather expression flip books they created.



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Fifth grade Spanish students at Stewart School work to convert U.S. prices into Euro prices for a unit on shopping.