

The First Trimester of our Estrellas Program

Laura's morning Estrella Juvenil students, a daily school reinforcement workshop program, completed a literary tour through Latin America, where they learned about different countries by reading different stories from Mexico, Guatemala, Peru and Brazil.

In the afternoon, the older Estrella students just completed a novel study of Number the Stars (¿Quién cuenta las estrellas?), a book about a two young girls living through the Nazi occupation of Denmark. We did a lot of geography and history extensions to learn about World War II, finishing off with a field trip to the Museo Judío in Sosua.

Merry
Christmas
&
Happy
New Year!

Coming up in January 2009

- *Our first audio-books will be put in circulation. These are commercial version of timeless children stories. We will have 3 listening stations available from January 15th. We are still working in our self production of audio-book experimenting with different recording software.*
- *Our library trainee Ruth Esther is looking to start a story hour with the preschoolers.*
- *Our Educational Games program is expanding to the exterior kiosk allowing more kids to take part of this great way to learn the concepts of rules, anticipation, patience and sharing space.*
- *Our Book Club title for January is "Lloro por la tierra", an inspiring book about surviving prejudice and discrimination.*
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A Callejon Christmas Tale

Once upon a time, a young women from America. came to the Callejon de la Loma, a little neighborhood on the North Coast of the Dominican Republic. She was born into a loving family, went to great schools and graduated with honors from an Ivy league University. Instead of taking on a career in her field of study, she came to live in the Dominican Republic to help with the poor children's education. She learned how to live without constant electricity and water supply, the comfort of her regular life. Around Christmas time, her parents who missed her very much and wanted to pamper her for the Holidays, asked her what she wanted for Christmas, knowing that there were many things she was missing from back home. She has learned so much from the children that she teaches, mainly to be thankful for so many things she had always taken for granted. She decided to ask her parents for a Christmas, gift she could share with them. Today we received notice that several books were purchased on our wish list, as her Christmas wish for 2008.



OUR AMAZON.COM WISH LIST

We have added educational games and puzzles to our list making sure our patrons keep coming back to the library for some fun activities. Our wish list is updated regularly and aligned with our current book inventory and the needs of the tutoring program.

<http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/3023XSGAMA321>