

SEVILLA EMS WEEKLY TRIBUNE



Mr. C's Corner

Since November was designated The Month of the Military Child, I recommend (albeit belatedly) all parents and students tap into a free website that has loads of information and support for military children and families. Military Child Education Coalition (for the sake of the child) (MCEC) at militarychild.org, is an outstanding website with information for all levels of students and their parents. Whether you are assigned at a stateside base or overseas, this site will offer information relevant to your unique needs. The website is supported unreservedly by the Secretary of Defense, Leon Panetta, who delivered the keynote remarks at the MCEC National Training Seminar, held in

Grapevine, Texas, this past summer.

Additionally, Gen. Martin Dempsey Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and his wife Deanie, participated in the Military Child Education Coalition National Training Seminar, Military Family Fireside Chat, also held in Grapevine, Texas. My personal favorite on the MCEC website is "Ask Aunt Peggy." "Aunt Peggy" offers tips and insights into questions for military children and parents. There is also a free month newsletter for which you may sign up.

Ms. C's Cubby

The class finished making the Sun Kachina Dolls which originated from the Hopi Tribes. We made American Indian fry bread which the children have decided to make this part of their diet from now on...parents would you like the recipe? We are continually working on the phonograms and putting them into words. The children are reading and writing up a storm. We are working on word choice this month and I was so thrilled to see the children using words like: discovered, witnessed, zoomed, glided, rushed, sauntered in their writings. Last year many words died in our classroom as they were over used and worn out so hopefully we can preserve them this year. We will compose our letters to Santa and hopefully will hear from the North Pole soon. My class sounds like angels when singing their songs for the Holiday program which will be this Thursday at 1430 at the chapel. We will be busy practicing our performance and hopefully we will see you there on Thursday. We are getting ready to begin our crafts for Christmas and since Mrs. K is here with us until we have a permanent aide, she is working on a unit of study for whales. She is a science specialist so we are so fortunate to have her knowledge. The children love doing science this year. In math we are learning about place value and how to regroup.

where class leader Queen was able to sit on the throne and "knight" class Head of Security C while while princesses I and M and the rest of the class watched.

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Mr. B's Burrow

What do you think the waterfall and stream in the chocolate model at La Estepena was made of?

How often is a new scale model chocolate city created?

Who eats the chocolate city?

How old is La Estepena?

These are just a few of the questions posed by teachers, the guide, or students, at the field trip the school took to La Estepena on Thursday, November 29, 2012.

The most famous chocolate in Dayton, Ohio, where Mr. B grew up, was Esther Price Candies. But the most famous chocolate in Spain is made right here in Andalucia, in Estepa. The children seemed to love the factory, especially the scale model chocolate city, the free samples, and the store where they were able to buy some of the treats.

Mr. B's class had fun with the theme, naming the student groups after different kinds of candies. Mr. B chaperoned the "Jawbreakers" himself, and his group included C and A. K chaperoned the "Peppermint Pats/Patties," including L, C, B, I, M, and K. Mrs. S chaperoned "Au Chocolate," including C and G.

After the factory tour, the kids really enjoyed lunch at the convent grounds high above the city. They enjoyed the tour of the tower also,

Must reads

Connect with Fellow Families	1
Word Wizards	1
Chocolate City	1-2
Marco! Polo! Geeze, that was A great game!	2
Compare/Contrast	2
Beat Holiday Stress!	2
STEM Initiative	2

This week the class has been working on Christmas Crafts during class art time (we made Christmas riddles for the Christmas cards we created!), an introduction to decimals in math, and sentence construction and parts of speech in language arts. The answers to the La Estepena questions at the beginning of the article are: The Chocolate City is created new each fall, and is not eaten at all. It would be stale, and dirty after many weeks of display. La Estepena is a company that is over 100 years old. The stream is made of syrup!

Ms. M's Message

What We Did This Week

This week we began studying about Marco Polo in Social Studies. We are also learning how the Europeans explored new countries. We read about Paul Revere and how he had an important role in U.S. history.

Yesterday, we went to La Estepena to see the factory and it was amazing! We got to see people make the cookies and chocolate and see how the cookies started. We also got to buy chocolate in the factory store. After lunch, we saw a castle and a church that was made a long time ago.

By J

Ms. J's Journal

Compare & Contrast Essay

By J

The Ruum by Arthur Porges and The Zoo by Edward D. Hoch are two science fiction tales with similarities. The setting in each story is Earth. In The Zoo aliens from outer space come to visit earth and observe humans. In The Ruum an abandoned robot searches for specimens in the Canadian Rockies.

These two stories also have similar characters, aliens and humans. In The Ruum an abandoned alien robot searches for specimens and a human named Jim Irwin runs away from it. In The Zoo, the aliens are Horse-Spiders that have come to observe and be observed by humans.

The lesson about life in the story The Zoo is that people should not be judgmental about others because other people have their opinions too. The lesson about life in The Ruum is if you feel hopeless you should never give up and keep on fighting. I prefer The Ruum because it has action and suspense.

The SLO'S Shout-Out

**Holiday Stress Hotspot #3:
Lack of Time**

- Complete your gift shopping early.
 - Excuse Yourself from attending all Invitations. You don't have to go to every party you're invited to.
 - Take time for yourself. When you consciously plan to have alone time, it keeps you empowered and reduces possible feelings of sadness during the holiday season.
- Share the tasks. View your to-do list as an opportunity to spend time with people.



Sevilla Elementary/Middle School, in support of the DODEA STEM initiative, provides an educational program designed to inform and engage students in the variety of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) careers. Our main goal is to ignite the passion of students to pursue education and careers in STEM disciplines.

Coming up:

Wednesday, December 5th: Principal's Coffee from 9:00-10:00
Thursday, December 6th: Holiday Program at the Chapel

Guess the Staff Member?!

See if you can figure out who should be in showbiz!

Favorite color: Sky blue
Favorite ice cream flavor: Chocolate Mint chip
Favorite Olympic sport: 400m Hurdles and Curling
Hidden Talent: I am a drummer
If I could have any superpower, it would be:

Time Travel

Last Week's Mystery Staff Member??? Ms. J!

BIG News!

Sevilla EMS is delighted to welcome the Banda Infantil Municipal de Morón to our school on December 6th! Under the direction of Sergio Chacón Troya, they will be performing a special concert for the school community from 10:30-11:30 in the school library. Following the concert we will have a celebration cook-out. All parents and family members are welcome to attend! Don't miss out on this fantastic experience!

Ms. S's Share Space

Happy December, Everyone!!! Are you getting into the HOLIDAY MOOD? I am told it rarely snows around here, but I know a way we can make some snow of our own!!! Not only is this really FUN to do, it is great practice for eye-hand coordination.

Check out this web site: <http://snowflakes.barkleyus.com/> and make your own snow!!!



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Mr. C's Corner

This past Friday we had two separate discussions about Bullying with our students. During the first part of the day, all students, teachers, principal and the Base Commander signed an Anti-Bullying Proclamation banning Bullying from our school. This document was originally signed by all the District Superintendents in DoDDS Europe. After a brief discussion about bullying, we discussed that this Proclamation will be prominently posted in the school front office lobby. By signing this proclamation, students agree to do everything they can to stop bullying in our school. Seeing their signature every day will be a consistent reminder about being against any kind of bullying. The second part of the morning all 2nd-7th graders were part of a program by

Mr. Trevor Romaine, a well-traveled, knowledgeable author and anti-bullying expert. He started out by telling heartwarming stories about helping and assisting children. He then presented a great cartoon (with himself in it) that had a great anti-bullying message for kids. He followed up with a delightful discussion with students about the many phases and parts in bully behavior and how to react. He reinforced to our children to report it when it occurs. I believe it was an extremely important morning, and I will do periodic updates and follow-up visits to classrooms to keep anti-bullying in the forefront of student behavior at our school.

Mr. B's Burrow

Did you know that if you know your addition/subtraction facts, you can do addition and subtraction problems faster in your head than on a calculator? This week was calculator use review, and Mr. B could almost always get addition problems faster in his head than his students could on a calculator. So . . . if you want math to be quicker, and easier . . . learn those facts!

And, by the way, next week, look out . . . Mr. B's class will be attacked by the "demons of division." But don't worry . . . the Kids of UKR131 will be ready for them.

Trevor Romain came to talk to the student body about bullying and stress prevention for kids today, and it was exciting, but do you know what important day today was in American history? Mr. B told his class the story of Pearl Harbor first thing this morning. It brought the USA in to World War II on December 7, 1941.

Ms. C's Cubby

In math we are studying greater than and less than. This is a challenging concept but we are comprehending it. In writing we are working on word choice and the children are having fun replacing old worn out words with new synonyms that they are finding on the internet. We have begun our study of whales. The children are choosing one of the six whales to research and will be doing a research project along with painting and displaying their whale in the classroom. S has worked tirelessly on finding different activities for the children to enjoy. We thank her for all her efforts. The children will be bringing home their homework regarding their research this week. Book shares are ongoing and we look forward to each one. V's was last week and J's book share will be this week followed by Y next week. We will turn to our Kindergarteners to begin their book shares after the holidays. Following the Kindergarteners, first graders will have a chance to share another book. We decorated wreaths with our wrapping paper...thanks to all the parents who sent wrapping paper in. We painted trees today and will decorate them tomorrow. The class wrote letters to Santa and we are hoping for return letters soon. The holidays are such a special time in the classroom. We are working on exhibiting the spirit of peace and love.

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Stop Bullying Now	1
Share the love!	1
Smarter than a Machine	1-2
Ghosts in Sevilla EMS!??	2
Birds of a Feather	2
Beat Holiday Stress!	2
Slam!	2

Can you make Christmas cards, Christmas boxes, Christmas puzzles, and Christmas bookmarks, and homemade "kid" (state) flags? Mr. B's kids have been busy learning how to make all these crafts all through the past two weeks.

Did you know that yesterday was Constitution Day in Spain, celebrating the day the country became a democratic republic? That's why the Spanish band came to play yesterday!

Ms. M's Message

"Listen My Children and you shall hear..." So begins the poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow which finishes up Unit two in the 5th grade Reading Streets book. The students enjoyed the poem and are now gearing up for the Unit test.

C has finished the expository nonfiction piece on Egypt which also concludes Unit two of his series. Besides containing a lot of interesting information, this story correlates well with the unit he is working on in Social Studies.

The class has been reading biographies and will present a book report next week. We are looking forward to having some famous visitors in our class at that time The class will be dressing up in more than pajamas, so look closely and you may even see Paul Revere wandering the halls of Sevilla EMS!

Ms. J's Journal

THE BIRDWATCHER

BY: A

*I go to a forest that sings,
And the chorus of birds rings.
Their dance starts,
The birds part.
Open the cage,
The picture stays.*

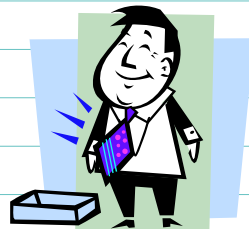


Speaking of new democratic republics, check out the bulletin board outside Mr. B's room, where you will see displayed important facts about each of the "kids" (known as states in the USA) in the UKR131, like the "kid" flag, map, animal, bird, flower, tree, and motto!

By the way, if you hear strange sounds coming out of UKR131 (Mr. B's room), it is probably the Bremen Town Musicians, practicing for their upcoming performance on December 18.

Finally, if you are wondering why the students in the UKR131 are wearing so much green, it is because they earn an extra STAR behavior bonus point each day they wear red and green during the holiday month of December.

One last thing . . . check out Mr. B's and Mr. C's tie each day. They are having a Christmas tie contest!



The SLO'S Shout-Out

Holiday Stress Hotspot #4: Anticipation and Expectations

- *Be realistic.* Just because it's the holidays, family issues will not suddenly disappear.
- *Adjust your expectations.* Expect a few bumps in the road at family events and gatherings and you'll deal with it better.
- *Appreciate Traditions.* Focus on those little traditions that make positive memories for the holidays: songs, events, rituals, etc. Consider creating new tradi-

Coming up:

Thursday, Dec. 13th: First Geography Bee Practice

Friday, Dec. 14th: Pajama and Polar Express Day!

Guess the Staff Member?!

See if you can figure out who should be in showbiz!

Favorite color: **Red**

Favorite ice cream flavor: **Nougat/Turron**

Favorite Olympic sport: **Synchronized swimming**

Hidden Talent:

Sewing, knitting, cross-stitching

If I could have any superpower, it would be:

Give every unemployed person a job

Last Week's Mystery Staff Member??? Mr. B

Ms. S's Share Space

Christmas is just around the corner!!! Have you considered an **online Advent Calendar** for your child?

*Here is one with cute holiday games sure to help pass the time until Christmas Day: <http://www.santagames.net/calendar/index.htm>

*And here is a more traditional one from the Liverpool Museum in Great Britain: <http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/online/advent/#> There are several other interesting articles there, as well.

