



# Foreign Language Corner

Dear Families of Students in Grade 3, 4 and 5:

Explorers in 3rd grade are learning about Honduras. Students learned the numbers 1-10 in Garifuna, a tribal language residing in northern Honduras. Students learned that Garifuna is influenced by Spanish and French. Next, explorers created their own language in which they used Spanish, French or Garifuna to influence their creations. Through this activity, children were able to make meaning of how a language can influence another.

**"People around here love stories. I'm trying to keep that spirit alive in my own way."—Luis Soriano**

Explorers in 4th grade are learning about Colombia. Explorers engaged in a See-Think-Wonder pre-reading activity. Explorers made careful observations and

thoughtful interpretations. After reading the book "Biblioburro," explorers discovered the magic of Luis and his donkey library and saw it in action through an authentic video.

Explorers in 5th grade are learning about Chile. Students learned about the popular markets and gained knowledge of the country's currency. Explorers participated in a simulated activity where they went shopping in a market (*mercado*) in Santiago. Through this activity, children were able to make meaning of what it is like to shop in a foreign country and the concept of exchanging currencies.



Breakout EDU is the immersive learning games platform that brings the challenges of an escape room to the classroom. Both teachers and students can create games! We are excited to use this platform in class to enhance the World Language Curriculum. This amazing opportunity was generously funded by a PTSA Grant!

I look forward to continuing to teach, learn and explore with our learners. If you have any questions, I can be reached at [bianca.daskal@irvingtonschools.org](mailto:bianca.daskal@irvingtonschools.org).

--Señorita Daskal