

Urgent Need for Global Understanding



- Economics
- Environment
- World Peace

Second Language Acquisition in the Context of Global Education



Language is a communication tool and a major expression of culture.

Language is the connection to our own heritage.



- 20 years linking schools in 125 countries
- 2,000,000 students involved each day
- 25,000 schools



Students, teachers around the world work together.

- Europe
- Africa
- Middle East
- Latin America
- Asia & Pacific
- Australia/NZ
- North America & Caribbean



Students/Teachers work on Curricular Projects

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| • Science | • World Languages |
| • Language Arts | • Arts |
| • Math | • Service Learning |
| • Social Studies | • Technology |

New Technologies



- Email
- Digital Images
- Websites
- iEARN Forums
- Videoconferencing
- Video Documentary
- Online Courses

iEARN and Language Teaching

David Nunan cites five characteristics of **Communicative Language Teaching**:

1. An emphasis on learning to communicate through interaction in the target language.
2. The introduction of authentic texts into the learning situation.
3. The provision of opportunities for learners to focus, not only on language but also on the learning process itself.
4. An enhancement of the learner's own personal experiences as important contributing elements to classroom learning.
5. An attempt to link classroom language learning with language usage outside the classroom.

Culture Based Curriculum and Language Teaching

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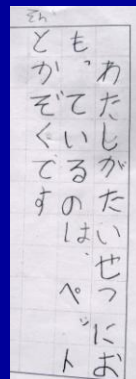
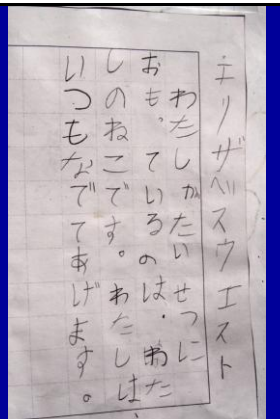
"A Sense of Caring"

Students at John Stanford International school in Seattle, Washington shared their art work with schools in Russia, Argentina, Croatia and Japan.

Art is a chance to express what you may not have enough words to say...



...but you can use your art and your words to communicate a complete message.



Students are motivated to write, and to do their best, when they have a real audience of their peers.

A Sense of Caring Nos Preocupamos por los Demás



A Global Art Exchange
with students of

John Hay Elementary School,
Seattle, Washington

and

Pioneros del Sur,
Perito Moreno, Argentina

¡Gracias iEarn!

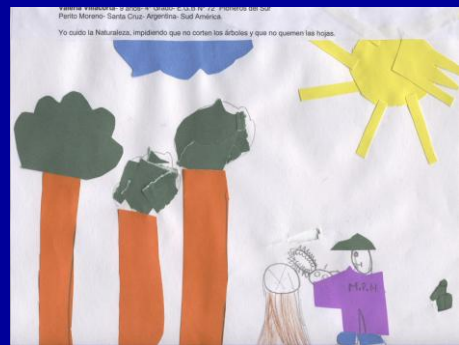
¿Quiénes somos?

Somos los estudiantes de dos colegios...uno en Seattle y otro en Perito Moreno.



Essential Questions:

- What do we care about and how do we show that we care?
- Could we understand someone else's feelings, even if they were in another language?
- How can we express our feelings to others so that they will understand?



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