

## HELLO,

This newsletter is the second edition of the School Age Enrichment Program's summer highlights, which is written by the children of the SAEP. Enjoy reading the school age children's thoughtful reflections about the many enriching projects which they have published this summer.

## HIGHLIGHT ACTIVITIES SUMMER TRAVEL GUIDE

We traveled virtually to 12 countries including: France, Japan, Iceland, Thailand, New Zealand, Romania, Portugal, Morocco, South Africa, South Korea, Argentina, and Russia. While visiting each country, we had the opportunity to take virtual walking tours of many famous sites and attractions, learned about the country's cuisine, as well as its enriching culture.

### ATTRACTIONS VISITED:

- **France:** We visited the famous Eiffel Tower.
- **Japan:** We learned about the volcano, Mount Fuji.
- **Iceland:** The land of fire and ice! We visited the glaciers and geysers.
- **Thailand:** We saw The Grand Palace, which has many gold statues.
- **New Zealand:** A town in this country holds the Guinness World Record for the longest word in the world: Taumatawhakatangihangakoauauotamateaturipukakapiki
- **Romania:** We visited Dracula's castle! Spooky!
- **Portugal:** We saw buildings covered in beautiful handmade tiles called Azulejos.
- **Morocco:** We visited the blue city, called: Chefchaouen. This is the blue pearl of Morocco, because the whole city is filled with the colour blue!
- **South Korea:** The Korean flag is called taegeukgi (pronounced teh-GUK-key). The flag stands for the three components of a nation: the white represents traditional colour of Korean culture, the circle represents the balance of the universe, and the trigrams represent movement and harmony as fundamental principles.
- **Argentina:** The birth place of the Tango dance.
- **Russia:** We visited the colourful St. Basil Cathedral in Moscow.

## CULTURAL ART SERIES

During this series, we explored and made traditional art from four different countries!

- **Mexican Alebrijes:** Brightly colored [Mexican folk art](#) sculptures of fantastical creatures.
- **Dominican Republic Muñecas Limé:** Traditional faceless dolls which represent the diversity, and inclusivity of the Dominican Republic.
- **Russian Matryoshka dolls:** A set of wooden dolls which can be nested inside of one another. There can be between 5 to 30 dolls in a set.
- **Traditional Indian Art:** We learned about colourful mandalas, warli paintings and object design involving jewellery and toys.

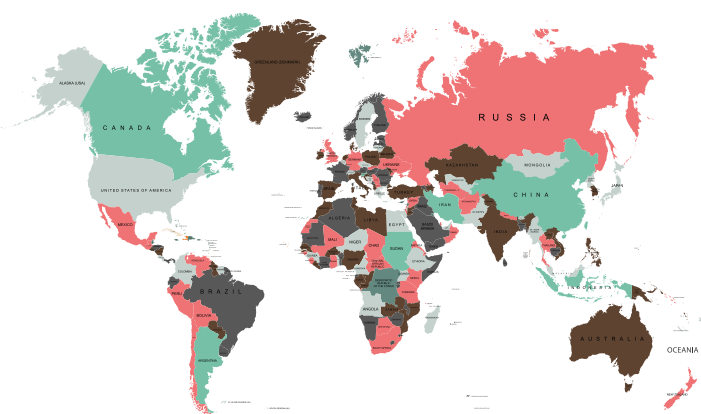
[Click here](#) to watch a video of our artwork.

## BOOK TALK

Together, we read the chapter book: "Afternoon on the Amazon" by Mary Pope Osborne and illustrated by Sal Murdocca. This was an adventurous tale of friends Jack and Annie, as they venture through the Amazon to release Morgan Lefey from a spell! The motif of the story is to be kind, strive towards your goals, and work together as a team! We rate this novel 5 out of 5 gold stars! This book is recommended to our other young reader friends.

[Click here](#) to read "Afternoon on the Amazon" by Mary Pope Osborne.

[Click here](#) to read more books from "The Magic Treehouse" series.



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## WHY WE ENJOYED SAEP THIS SUMMER...

- Klara: "I really liked creating different artwork!"
- Vincent: "I liked attending the program because I learned every day."
- Sophia: "The teachers were the coolest and most awesome ever!"
- Angelina: "I loved reading and drawing!"
- Iven: "I really liked playing games and seeing my friends!"