

Introducing Our Spanish Number Book American International School of Johannesburg in South Africa Señorita Kara O'Connor

During the service learning course offered at the American International School of Johannesburg in South Africa, I was inspired to create something in my Spanish classroom that could be used as a tool for others. Out of this idea came the number book which incorporates and teaches about the South African culture through animals as well as other aspects. These aspects are portrayed through the eyes of a first grade student. As a class we contacted the library assistant to teach us the numbers 1-20 in Zulu. We then put out an all school email and involved school families to try and collect as many photographs from their safari adventures as possible. We even contacted the Physical Education department to help us obtain sports equipment which is indicative of South African sports culture. We came up with the write-up for each number template as a class.

With help from dictionaries, teachers and native speaking Spanish students in the class, the translations were made and the book was finalized at the end of the 2008 school year. The students had an amazing experience in the process of creating this book. We learned so much and are proud to share it with you.

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Please note: the English sentences as well as the Spanish translations are an authentic reflection and compilation of the students' ideas and work and may not necessarily be completely grammatically correct.