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The New Seven Wonders of the World – Part 9

(The Statues of Easter Island and Machu Picchu in Peru)

This is part nine in a series of photo journals meant to document the imaginary trip around the world of the students of Wichita Collegiate School's Early Childhood division. Through physical activity, they are visiting the "New Seven Wonders of the World" and the fourteen remaining finalists.



The Statues of Easter Island are one of the finalists in the Seven Wonders competition. These carved stone statues are called "Moai." Many of them once stood upon huge stone platforms called "ahu." Many of these massive statues are found around the perimeter of the island, while others are scattered about in various locations. The average statue is over 14 feet tall and weighs 14 tons. In PE, we played a game called "Statues." We worked with a partner. One person was the statue maker and the other person was the stone. The person making the statue had to look at a picture and position his/her partner like the sport or activity that was pictured on a card. No talking was allowed. The statue eventually got to guess the sport what he or she had been placed in. There were lots of different statues like running, baseball, and weight lifting.



Machu Picchu is a city high in the Andes Mountains of Peru. It is one of the winners in the "New Seven Wonders of the World" competition. Machu Picchu was originally inhabited by the Incas, who are thought to have lived there for about 100 years. Because of its location, high in the mountains, this ancient city went undiscovered for almost 300 years, when in 1913 an archeology professor from Yale University was led to Machu Picchu by a native boy. Many of the caves and buildings in the city were discovered to have been mausoleums for what were thought to be people of importance in the Incan community. For our activity, we played soccer, a favorite sport among the people of Peru. Unfortunately, we had to play inside because of rain, but we had fun anyway!



Coming Soon: Part 10 of our world travels.