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TOP OF THE WORLD — Lenka Boguslawski navigates a hill at Machu Picchu during her trip to Peru for a study program with her school.

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Culture comes alive for Beaverton student

Lenka Boguslawski of Beaverton recently put her Spanish immersion classes to the test, taking a trip to Peru.

In November, Boguslawski traveled to Peru with her classmates and teacher as part of a fifth grade curriculum at the International School in downtown Portland.

During her two-week stay, Boguslawski stayed with a host family, attended school with her peers and traveled around the country getting the ultimate lessons in social studies.

"One of my favorite parts was going to school there," Lenka said about her trip, which included visits to Machu Picchu, Cuzco and the Sacred Valley.

"Our class studied the history and culture of Peru so the students were really able to understand and appreciate what they saw on the trip," said Constanza Wilkes, the students' teacher, herself a native of Colombia.

All students stayed with a separate host family in Lima and attended school with host sisters and brothers for one week.

"We went to gym class there where they had activities for the Olympics," Lenka said.



SPANISH IMMERSION — Lenka Boguslawski of Beaverton poses with two local children during a two-week trip to Peru.

"Everyone was calling out to me, 'You can do it!'"

Boguslawski and her classmates are 10- and 11-year-old native English speakers. They study an American curriculum with all of their subjects — math, science, social studies, etc. — taught in Spanish by native Spanish speaking teachers from Spain and all across Latin America.