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So much to explore! Go in order or skip around. Check them off as you go and see how many you can get done before your next Aboki Box arrives. Have fun!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
Welcome to Mexico! Scan the code found on the "Hello" tag hanging on the box handle to watch the Greeting Video. Then read the Letter from a Child found in the Culture Connector Magazine. What is your first impression of Mexico? How does the Aboki Box ambassador's life seem the same or different from yours? GSE6.RL.1	Read the sticker inside the lid of your Aboki Box and the Let's Discover Mexico section in your Culture Connector Magazine. Go online to the Activities section and watch the Tour Guide video. What did you find most interesting? Were there things you already knew about? SS6.G.1b	Read the Weather and Landscape section of the Culture Connector Magazine. How many of these ecosystems can be found where you live? Have you ever seen a cenote? Any surprises about the weather in Mexico? Use your code to go online to the Exploring Mexico page/Activities and complete the activity on ecosystems. SS6.G.3	Read the Good Times In Mexico City and the Destination Mexico sections of the magazine. Now jump online to the Exploring Mexico page to watch the Tour Guide video. Describe what you see? What would be at the top of your "places to see" or "things to do" list? Why? Complete the Frida Kahlo activity found online. SS6.E.3	Use your code to go online to the Exploring Mexico page. Listen to samples of music. Do you like what you hear? Do you recognize any instruments? Do any of the songs sound familiar? Watch one of the language videos found online and take the quiz. Follow along with the Language section of your Culture Connector Magazine. Do you find the language easy or difficult? VA6.RE.1		
Use your code to go online to the Exploring Mexico Watch the cooking videos (follow along with the recipes that were in your Aboki Box). When you are done, add them to your recipe organizer. Pick something to make for your family or class and plan your shopping list. Ask an adult to take you shopping for the items. L6-8RHSS7	Read the Mexican People, Traditional Mexican Clothing and the What's In A Name sections of the Culture Connector magazine. Answer these questions: - Can you name 3 things you have in common and 3 things that are different from you/your family? -What info did you learn about the people of Mexico? Did you like any of the names? GSE6.RL.7	Watch another one of the language videos and take the quiz that follows. Follow along with Numbers and Language section of your Culture Connector Magazine. Practice on your own or with a partner and then find someone to test you on what you know so far. MGSE6.EE.2	Read the Economy and Government sections of the magazine. Study the peso that came in your Aboki Box. What do you see? Compare and contrast the government and economy of Mexico to that of the country in which you live. What about with other countries you've studied? Any similarities? SS6.E.3	Read the Don't Leave Mexico Without Trying These and the Dessert sections of the magazine. How yummy, or not, do these sound to you? Do you eat anything similar? Maybe you could look for a restaurant in your area that serves this type of food to try. Make the Mexican recipe(s) you chose earlier this week for someone and talk about what you have learned so far about Mexico and the people who live there. MGSE6.RP.3d		
Read the section of the magazine on the celebration of Dia de Los Muertos. "Show-and-tell" someone about the history and traditions around this holiday. What are your thoughts about the meaning behind why it is celebrated? What are some of the ways your culture honors people when they die. Share about those as well.	Read the The Xoloitzcuintli and the Other Native Animals sections of the Culture Connector magazine. What is the mascot of your favorite sports team? Would you like a xolo for a pet? Are any of the native animals similar to those that can be found living in your country or state?	Read the Coat of Arms, the national anthem on the inside cover and the Meaning of the Mexican Flag sections of your Culture Connector Magazine. What can you say about how the Mexican people feel about their country? How does the national anthem and the meaning of the flag compare to the meaning of yours? VA6.RE.1	Read about the Indigenous People in your Culture Connector Magazine. Describe what life was like for the Aztecs and any other indigenous people groups you can research. How did they interact with others? What were some of their struggles? What about accomplishments? Go online to the Activities Section and learn about the Aztec Numbering system. MGSE6.EE.2	INDIV BOX WEXTER		

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Do you like stories? Read the Legend of the Cempasuchitl Flower section in your Culture Connector Magazine. Can you think of a legend or story about how something came to be? Maybe there is a legend about how a certain body of water, or mountain, or even a flower local to your area, got its name. See if you can find one that you find interesting and then create a visual depicting the characters and important parts of the legend.	Read the What Children Play section in your Culture Connector magazine. Did you notice any commonalities with games you play or interests you have? Gather a group together and play a game of Loteria or La Pirinola - both included in your Aboki Box. Look in your Culture Connector magazine, or inside your Aboki Box for instructions on how to play.	Read the Famous Mexicans section in your magazine. Do you recognize any of them? Can you think of people from your country that are famous for similar reasons? See if you can find someone famous in your country for each mentioned reason a person from Mexico is famous.	Practice makes perfect. Watch the language video and practice counting and saying some of the words/ phrases in Spanish. Read the Numbers and Language section of your magazine. Practice on your own or with a partner and then find someone to test you on what you know so far.	Read about the school experience in Mexico found in the Education section of the magazine. How much do you have in common with the kids there when it comes to school? Now, read about the Culture Dos and Don'ts found in the magazine. Go online to the Activities section and take the Culture IQ quiz. Give it to someone else and see how they do.
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Paint a self-portrait! We learned a little about Frida Kahlo, a very famous artist from Mexico. She was famous for her self-portraits. In them, she depicted how she was feeling, things that she loved, clues about her country, etc. Grab the Frida Kahlo paint kit from from your Aboki Box. Sketch out your self-portrait. Really think about what you would like to include to tell those who view it a little something about you! Then, when you have a plan, paint your portrait on the included canvas.	Read the "When you think of Mexico do you think of?" section of the magazine. Some very awesome information here don't you agree? Look for most of these items in your Aboki Box. Is anything more fun then a piñata at a party? With permission, see if you can research the history of them as well as how to make your own. Those Lucha masks are so cool. Even if you don't like wrestling. Am I right? How does this form of wrestling compare to American wrestling?	Can find the current Mexican National Anthem online? Listen to it and follow along with the words on the inside cover of your magazine. What are some of the images or scenes you think of when you hear the anthem? Are there any parallels to the national anthem of your country?	Think about all you have learned about Mexico! Look at the postcard you received in your Aboki Box. Take a look at the stamp. Make/Draw your own postcard(s) showing your favorite things about Mexico. Try drawing a map of Mexico and adding in images of the things your found most fascinating about this country.	Write a letter to a child living in Mexico telling them about your life and where you live. What thoughts do you think they will have about your life? What do you think will surprise them the most? What questions do you think they would ask you? What can you tell them about that you might have in common? Ask an adult to send it back to us here at Aboki Box and we might be able to get it to a child in Mexico. Imagine that!
You can share it with us on Facebook/abokibox for a chance to win a prize! VA6.CR.1-2 VA6.PR.1	Read about the history of the marionette in Mexico. See if you can master control of yours.	\$\$6.CG.1	VA.6.CN.1	L6-8WHST4