

On September 29, 2007 Saint Michael Museum, located in West Palm Beach, Florida traveled to the Fort Pierce Library to educate our children in the valuable study of artifacts found in the ocean.

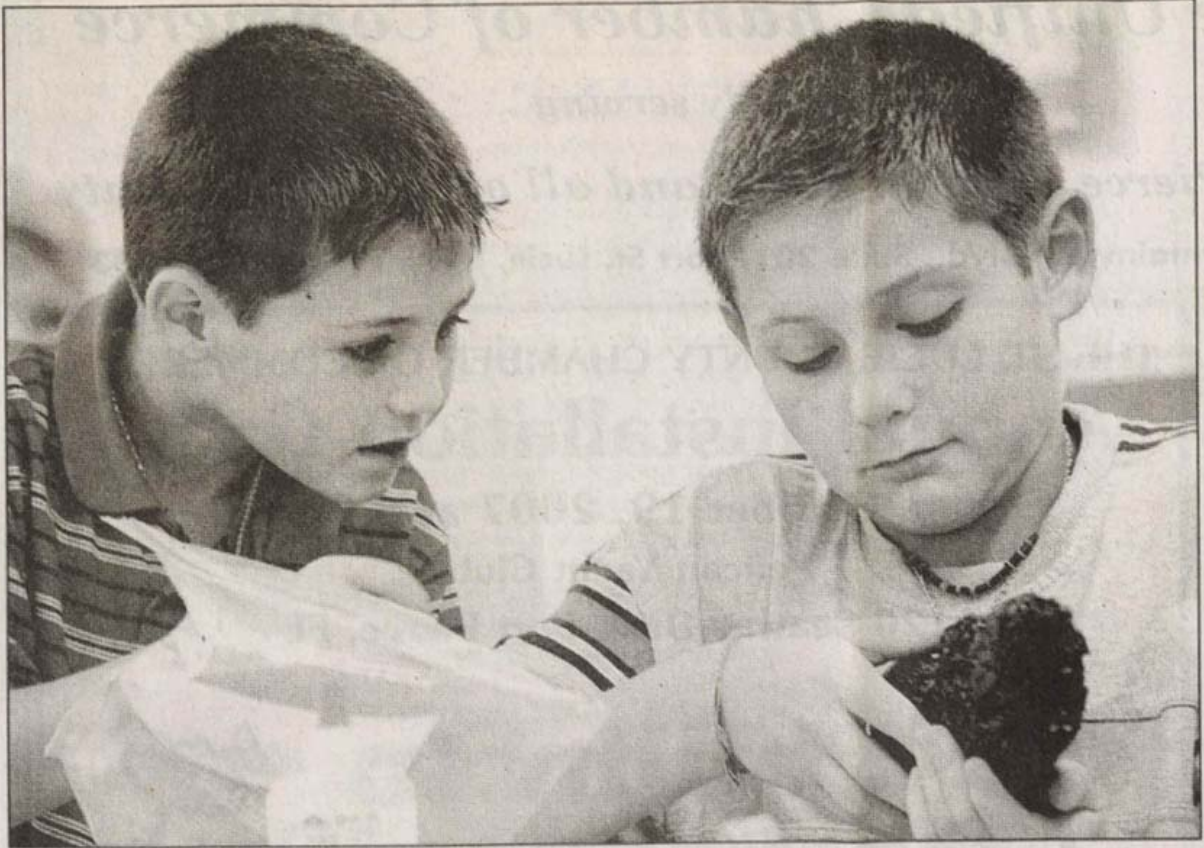
The children learned about Spanish history at the Fort Pierce Library. Children participated in Spanish History by breaking pottery and re-assembling them, as real archeologist would do. The children got to handle actual pottery shards found at the wreck site of the Nuestra Senora de las Maravillas that sunk in 1656. Also, they learned about Velazquez the royal court artist who served King Philip IV, in the 1600's. He designed a Golden Madonna and Christ Child Statue that was cast into solid GOLD. The statue was lost in a shipwreck and never returned to Spain. It is at the bottom of the ocean, in the Jupiter Florida area. Pictures below show the children learning and having fun.

LEARNING ABOUT RELICS

Dolores Ortiz and Angeline, 2, reassemble a clay pot they deliberately broke Saturday, Sept. 29, as an exercise to understand how relics retrieved from shipwrecks are treated at the Fort Pierce Public Library. The demonstration was part of the historical shipwreck program by St. Michaels Museum of West Palm Beach.



IN AWE OF HISTORY



Mitch Kloorfain/chief photographer

Brothers Lane and Lewis Clanton examine artifacts from 1656 Spanish shipwrecked galleon, 'Señora de la Maravillas' Saturday, Sept. 29 at the Fort Pierce Public Library. The demonstration was part of the historical shipwreck program by St. Michaels Museum of West Palm Beach.