



### Notas Culturales

- ❖ **Nicargua-** Show your students where Nicaragua is on a map. Did you know Nicaragua has the only fresh water lake in the world with sharks in it? The Nicaraguans call Lake Nicaragua, "the sweet sea." This is because the lake has everything that makes up a sea, but the salt! The Spanish word for shark is tiburón.
- ❖ **Animal sounds-** Explain to your class how people make animal sounds differently in other languages. In Spain, for example, a dog doesn't say bow-wow, but "guau-guau." Birds don't say chirp-chirp they say, "pío, pío." The rooster says, "cu-curru-cu-cú" instead of cock a doodle doo!
- ❖ **Guinea Pigs!**-Teach your students how people in different countries eat different things than we do. In Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia they eat roasted guinea pig. We think of guinea pigs as pets. They eat them, because they believed they can heal sicknesses.
- ❖ **The Galapagos Islands-**The Galapagos Islands are very rich with wildlife. Show your children on a map where they are (off the coast of Ecuador) and read the little story *La Familia Martinez Visita Los Galapagos*.

