Stringing it Along

Directions: The Ancient Incas used a quipu (kee’ - poo) to keep records. The device was used to count and each knot represented one in each column. You will need to lace a number of dots on each string to represent the number in records.

Example: The Inca tribe had 247 llamas.

1. The Incas had 123 clay pots and 57 baskets of corn.

2. The Incan calendar had 12 months and 365 days.

3. The huge stone blocks used in ancient Incan buildings were 36 x 18 x 6 feet.
4. The Royal Road, the longest road in the Inca Empire, was 3,250 miles long. The Coastal Highway was 2,520 miles long.

5. The Spanish arrived in the Inca Empire on May 13, 1532

6. Place your birth date on the quipu.

*** Once you have completed the worksheet get two pieces of yarn from your teacher and make a one-string quipu with your birthday. Example: March 19th (3/19)