



## **Benefits of the Partner School Science Program (PSSP)**

1. Students make a **connection with young people in a different part of the world** and have the opportunity to communicate on a one-to-one basis with “E-Pals”.
2. The PSSP helps **foster cross-cultural understanding** by partnering schools and students from two different countries or cultures.
3. Working on NASA’s distance-learning curriculum will **stimulate interest in science and math**.
4. **Teamwork skills** will be improved as students need to work with other students to complete curriculum requirements in order to qualify for a videoconference with NASA.
5. **Computer skills** will be improved as students do research about their chosen topics.
6. Global Friendship encourages the use of standard **English** in student e-mails. This will discourage the use of computer shorthand. Students may be communicating with an e-pal whose second language is not English and, thus, need to make their communications clear, easily understandable, and in good, correct English.
7. Students whose first language is not English have an opportunity to **practice their English** with someone their own age.
7. **Presentation skills** will improve when students prepare explanations of their projects to a NASA specialist during a videoconference.

### **For those PSSP students participating in “E-Pal Week” at Space Camp Turkey:**

1. Students can spend a week on a Space Camp team with their E-Pals.
2. U.S. students with E-Pals in Izmir have the opportunity to meet their E-Pal’s family.
3. Campers meet other young people from many different countries and work together with them on teams of 12. During each international summer session, a minimum of five different countries is represented.
4. Students benefit from all the elements of the Space Camp program that combines learning, teamwork, fun and friendship.