

Common Questions and Answers

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How often will my child have World Language?

- First and second grade students will have two thirty-minute weekly sessions.
- Third and fourth grade students will have three twenty-five minute weekly sessions.
- Fifth grade students will have three thirty-minute weekly sessions.
- Multi age classes will vary depending on building and schedule.

What if my child has previous experience in learning Spanish?

We are beginning to explore differentiation techniques this year to make Spanish classes successful for all learners.

What will my child learn about in World Language?

A curriculum was developed over the summer that includes five thematic units:

- Getting to Know You
- Community
- Responsibilities and Traditions
- Healthy Choices
- Travel and Transportation

The thematic units were written using the National World Language standards, the Wisconsin World Language standards, and the Wauwatosa Social Studies standards. Each thematic unit includes a list of targeted vocabulary terms and structures that will be taught using a variety of activities and assessed through the three modes of communication (Interpretive, Interpersonal, and Presentational).

What if my child doesn't have previous experience with learning a language? How will he/she understand?

Our teachers are proficient in English and Spanish. To instruct in the target language, they use visuals, expression, body language, and other methods to communicate meaning. Our teachers seek to make every student successful in learning language.

What ability level will students work at?

The World Language teachers have identified vocabulary and structures that will target different levels of control within the language. To start, students will demonstrate receptive recognition and conceptual control of the language with partial control and full control developing over time.

What can I do to help support Spanish at home?

- Check out school websites, as the elementary World Language teachers will be posting information about what students are learning.
- Browse the bilingual book section at your local library. There are lots of great finds available in English and Spanish!
- Look at labels on products in your home, such as cereal boxes or clothing. Identify languages represented on different items.
- Encourage your child to ask family members or family friends if they know other languages. Depending on the language, students may recognize similarities in words.
- Browse websites with language games and read-aloud stories available for children.



- http://www.123teachme.com/learn_spanish/spanish_for_children
- <http://www.storyplace.org/>
- <http://gardenofpraise.com/spanish.htm>



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