

SPANISH

Purpose: Our Spanish program gives our students the basic skills in the areas outlined in the National Standards as set by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages: Communication, Cultures, Connections, comparison, and Communities. Recognized how prevalent the Spanish and Hispanic cultures are in our local communities, our goal is to introduce our students to Spanish as a second language. At the end of eighth grade, the student will have taken the equivalent of a Spanish I course.

Overview: Spanish, across the grades levels six to eight, introduces, refines, and masters the following:

Sampling of topics covered:

- Communication
- Cultures
- Connections
- Comparison
- Communities

Grades 6

- Proper greetings and addressing a classmate or teacher
- Proper vocabulary to speak about
 - Weather
 - Parts of the body
 - Date, day of the week, month
 - Foods
- Numbers

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All of the above, as well as:

- More advanced vocabulary.
- Irregular verbs *õserõ* and *õestarõ*
- Correct use of the present tense of -ar, -er, and *õir* verbs.
- Use of verb phrases *õtener queí õ* and *õir aí õ*
- Expressing possession with *õdeõ* or possessive adjectives.
- Express what they like or are interested in.

- Reading a brief paragraph like *Don Quixote* and answer questions.
- Discuss Latin American heroes
- Locate several Spanish speaking countries on a map
- Use basic arithmetic terms
- Learn about birthday and holiday celebrations.
- Identify signs in Spanish in supermarkets, malls , and other public places.
- Learn about areas of the United States that have a dominant Hispanic influence.
- Learn from Hispanic classmates about their customs and celebrations.