

Primary Plus Elementary School - Spanish Curriculum

Kindergarten

The goal for the Spanish Program at this level is to create a positive foreign language experience through physical, visual and oral activities. Spanish classes will involve songs, movement, drawings and coloring. Combining verbal and kinesthetic together is very effective in the language learning process. Children tend to remember the words and melody of a song especially if hand and body motions are included in the learning process. Meaning is conveyed without translation. This engages children kinesthetically bringing the language into their bodies. Music and song also help to reinforce pronunciation and accents of the foreign language as well as vocabulary and expression.

First Grade

The First Graders will follow a similar learning approach as the Kindergartner (fun learning-lots of oral and visual activities) with a stronger emphasis on continued short dialogues and additional vocabulary. The focus for this group is on speaking and listening skills as well as reading and writing in Spanish. They will do guided writing that will consist of a few words together. Their class will also involve: songs, drawings, short dialogues, questions, movement, worksheets and games. It is important to remember that language learners at this age are able to comprehend though listening much more than which they themselves are able to orally reproduce.

Second and Third Grade

The Second and Third Grader will learn Spanish with a strong emphasis on speaking and listening as well as reading and writing in the target language. This is one main difference in the language curriculum at this age group. Some of the ways in which students will learn Spanish will be through the use of: short dialogues, skits, songs, movement, guided worksheets, projects and games. Building upon previous language abilities is imperative for success in truly internalizing a language. Students at this age are enthusiastic about understanding and appreciating a new culture and language.

Fourth Grade

The Fourth Grader will learn Spanish with a strong emphasis on speaking and listening as well as more reading and writing in the target language. Through different activities this level of Spanish is taught with an emphasis on real life situations. Students will learn through activities such as: dialogues, skits, songs, movement, worksheets, vocabulary lists, researching, projects, exams and games. Creating awareness of other countries and their cultures as well as creating awareness of the importance and opportunities of learning another language are also a main focus in the curriculum.

Primary Plus' foreign language curriculum is a foundation and prepares students for future language learning.