

Spanish Language and Culture Program
Grades K-6
Long Range Plans
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Bienvenidos

Over 300 million people in the world speak Spanish. It is the official language of the following countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Spain, Uruguay, and Venezuela. It is also spoken in many other countries in which it is not the official language, including the United States of America and the Philippines. It is one of the most widely spoken languages in the world.

So, why learn Spanish?
Here are a few reasons!

- The learning of Spanish, as any other language, develops awareness and sensitivity to cultural and linguistic diversity.
- The value of learning the Spanish is enormous for Alberta society as a whole.
- Learning an International Language is certainly beneficial.
- Gives an insight into the rich and varied cultures developed in the Spanish speaking world.
- Preserves cultural identity and is a means of cultural enrichment.
- Is the best means of understanding and solidarity among peoples and countries.
- Gives individuals the opportunity to identify, question and challenge their own cultural assumptions, values and perspectives and to contribute positively to society.

In Grades K-4 students will use the language mainly for fun, as well as use the language creatively for communication, and for personal enjoyment.

Main Resource: Viva el Espagnol Learning System A and BBC Spanish Primary units

Supplementary resources such as the BBC Muzzy Language Learning Program and the Songs that Teach Resource, will be used. Viva el Espagnol Learning System B will also be used as a resource.

Units:

- The Alphabet, Greetings, Introductions& Classroom Commands
- The classroom
- My House
- Parts of the Body
- Clothing
- Animals
- Colors
- Numbers
- The weather
- Days of the week & Months of the Year
- 'Feliz cumpleaños'
- Transport
- Food& Drink

In addition, students in Grades 3&4 will use the Buen Viaje text to enhance their learning of these concepts.

***In Grades 5 and 6* students will also learn the language for fun, and use the language creatively, for imaginative purposes, and for personal enjoyment but will have several more advanced goals.**

- To impart and receive information
- To express emotions and personal perspectives
- To get things done
- To form, maintain and change interpersonal relationships
- Attend to form (Grammatical concepts and Vocabulary related to the various units)
- Interpret and produce texts
- These goals will be met through the following units and using other supplemental material that helps achieve these goals.

Main Resource: Viva el Espagnol Learning System A

Supplementary resources such as the BBC Muzzy and other Audio and Video Resources will be used to enhance learning. Viva el Espagnol Learning System B will also be used as a resource.

Units:

- Reviewing previous material, Greetings, Introductions & Commands
- Countries, Nationalities & Languages
- Self, Family and Friends
- Expressing likes and dislikes
- Describing self and Family
- School & The Classroom
- Colors
- Numbers
- Parts of the Body
- Animals
- Weather
- Days of the Week, Months of the year, Date etc.
- Clothing
- Speaking on the telephone

In addition, students will use the Buen Viaje text to enhance their learning of these themes and concepts.

Homework:

Some work will be required to be completed at home, and worksheets, and mini projects may also be assigned for homework.

Evaluation and Assessment:

This is ongoing throughout the year. For the Elementary Grades, class participation is the most important aspect of the Spanish class. For the Middle grades, this is equally important. However, additional evaluation tools are; Binder checks, Quizzes, Tests, Projects, Oral quizzes, and Worksheets. All assignments are given equal weightage and given equal value. If students are required to complete a major project, the project will be allocated double weightage or value.

Classroom Expectations:

The more Spanish you speak, the more you will learn. Take risks! It is equally important to have a positive attitude, to come to class ready and prepared to work, to be respectful to the teacher, and to your peers, and to put in your best effort at all times. Make sure to hand in your work well done, and on time.