

## Fourth Grade Spanish

This year, students will develop skills in all four modes of Spanish language communication; comprehension, speaking, reading and writing. In addition, they will gain an appreciation of the diversity of cultures in the Spanish-speaking world.

We use the series, *¡Viva el español!*, published by McGraw-Hill. Supplementary materials such as Spanish language trade books, games, and maps are also used.

The most natural way to learn a language is to hear the spoken word, understand the general meaning or context, and progressively learn more of the words used. Accordingly, to familiarize the children with the language, I speak Spanish in class. The students may not understand every word spoken at the outset, but with further instruction, they will gain familiarity with the vocabulary used in proper context.

### HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

Students will receive homework each week. Usually, this will be a workbook page or learning vocabulary words. Late assignments will be accompanied by a homework notice to be signed by a parent, and will receive a late grade.

I strongly encourage students to practice the vocabulary words for a few minutes each day. Students will be expected to know these words in order to participate in class. Furthermore, they will be expected to remember this vocabulary in upcoming years so that we may continue to build on the skills and structures studied in previous years.

### CLASS PARTICIPATION

Students are expected to come to class prepared. They are expected to try their best and to say something every day. Class Participation grades reflect effort in speaking, not mastery of grammatical structures.

### QUIZZES

Students will have a quiz at the end of each unit. They will receive a study sheet to help them prepare. Often, the quizzes test receptive vocabulary knowledge.

### GRADES

Homework and Class Participation and Quizzes are each worth a third of the final grade.

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