

Spanish Class News at Holy Spirit: *September-October 2022*

Kindergarten- Children have been learning greetings such as buenos dias, buenas tardes, etc. We have also been learning numbers 1-10. Currently, we are starting to learn colors (we just started with rojo and verde). We learn through songs, movement and games. The kinders are just soaking up Spanish! We meet every Tuesday for half an hour. Check to see if your child can: greet in Spanish, count to 10, say a command in Spanish (I say and they act it out), sing a song (or songs) that we do in class!

First grade-I see first graders 2x a week for half an hour each time. Our current unit is called Me Gusta. We have been learning the following phrases: me gusta, le gusta, te gusta, ¡qué asco! ,me encanta. You should have seen some papers come home with these phrases. A huge GRACIAS to those of you who participated in the "homework!" The children enjoyed seeing what parents liked and didn't like! First graders learn through movement, music, games, speaking in Spanish, listening and responding to basic stories in Spanish and reading/drawing.

Second-Third grades- Second and third graders have Spanish 2x a week for half an hour each time. Children have been reviewing greetings and colors. We are learning vocabulary related to Autumn (things we see, weather). We've also learned how to identify and answer these classroom questions through a song: ¿Qué día es hoy? ¿Qué tiempo hace hoy? ¿Qué hora es? See if your child knows what these questions are asking and how to respond to them in Spanish. We go over these questions every Spanish class. Students learn songs and vocabulary through an online site called Rockalingua. Third graders learned recently how to use this site on their own with their ipads. Students can also use it at home too! Go to www.rockalingua.com Click LOG IN at upper right of screen. Username is: bas Password is: 2022 Second graders will not be familiar on how to navigate the site and may need some parental assistance. Generally, I have them get on themselves during the second half of the school year. Students can sing to videos that we've been practicing in class and play games with Spanish vocabulary. Feel free to check it out!

Fourth grade- We learned a song at the beginning of the school year called "Vuelta al Cole" which means Back to School. Students reviewed the 4 seasons with this song and learned vocabulary through body motions as we sang the song. We recently finished learning the numbers 1-59 in and out of order. We learned a numbers song through Rockalingua (see paragraph above about 2nd-3rd grades). Students learn through music, games, movement and online games such as Kahoot and on Rockalingua. Students also learned a song about "Otoño" which means Fall and are learning vocabulary related to that season.

Fifth-Eighth grades- I am teaching students in these grades through a curriculum called SOMOS. Students learn through stories/context and by the teacher using input comprehensible to them. Students learn a smaller set of vocabulary words in context and thus, they are able to then recall and use the vocabulary in the 4 domains of listening, reading, speaking and writing. Students have a vocabulary sheet in their folder with the core vocabulary they are expected to know and generally we will add 3-4 new terms/phrases each unit. We are currently in the middle of Unit 2 with students having just taken their first quiz that will go towards their grade in the second quarter (6th-8th grades only). We've learned the song, "Los Pollitos Dicen" in unit 1- see if they will sing it to you! We learn through stories, online games using Kahoot, songs and movement activities to learn vocabulary.

**Feel free to contact me at any time at: senoraloreal@gmail.com if you have questions/comments about your child's language learning. I am so glad to be here and working with your kids this school year!

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