

Rising Seventh Grade Class-Español

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your child will start a new course in Spanish for the year 2016-2017. Foreign language study provides many benefits for students in addition to the ability to communicate in another language. Students who study another language improve their first language skills, they become more aware of the world around them, and they learn to appreciate cultural diversity.

The seventh graders will become more skilled at using Spanish by developing basic grammar and everyday vocabulary for conversation, and creative expression in Spanish.

You can help your child be successful in his or her study of Spanish even if you are not familiar with the language. Here are a few suggestions to help you help your child practice Español:

1. Help your child practice Spanish vocabulary by encouraging your child to keep vocabulary flashcards. A package of index cards can be kept in a shoebox. Your child can write the Spanish vocabulary word on the front and draw a picture or a symbol to represent the meaning of the word on the back. This will eventually encourage your child to think in Spanish instead of translating all of his or her thoughts to English.
2. Using newspapers, magazines, or advertisements, cut out pictures of people with different emotions on their faces and paste them on a separate sheet of paper. Below each image, have your child write any Spanish words that might describe how that person is feeling.
3. Go to the library with your child and look for the Book in Spanish section. There you will find bilingual picture books with basic vocabulary.
4. They can also enjoy listening to [Rockalingua](#), which is engaging with fun catchy Spanish songs and vocabulary.
5. Use Duolingo for vocab. <https://www.duolingo.com>.
6. Use Mango to practice some conversations, <https://www.mangolanguages.com/> and choose the Spanish option. (Students should remember their passwords or they can reset passwords via e-mail if they have forgotten theirs.)

Feel free to plan other activities you think will help your child develop his or her language skills. Thank you for supporting our classroom work.

I have included a sheet on Summer Memories. Please have your child bring pictures or drawings of summer moments, so we can discuss when they get back to school. Please feel free to contact me anytime via e-mail if you have any questions or suggestions for Spanish practice during the summer.

Hasta Luego, Feliz Verano (summer)!

Sra. Rubio