



MS Exploratory Spanish

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Prerequisites:

- This course is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. This class will not count towards HS Credit if taken in 8th grade.



Course Description:

Wondering if learning Spanish as a 2nd language is for you? Want to build a better foundation before taking Spanish 1? Come find out how fun and easy it is to acquire a language the natural way! This is an engaging, exploratory, comprehension-based Spanish class that will ultimately provide a better understanding of the Hispanic-speaking culture, as well as develop strategies for learning the Spanish language through listening, reading, speaking, and writing activities. My job is to provide comprehensible input in Spanish that students understand in order to acquire the language and become more proficient in communicating. Throughout the year we will be telling and creating stories, playing games, and learning Bible verses that share the gospel message and/or reinforce unit vocabulary. We will also have class projects, cultural presentations, and use music, videos, and read stories to make acquiring Spanish fun and more meaningful.



Commitment:

- This course meets once a week. (Tuesday)
- Students will have minimal homework that will help support the activities we do in class.
- Please plan for 20-30 minutes 3-4x per week.
- Some assignments will need to be completed online. Access to the internet is required for many of these (Schoology, Garbanzo, Señor Wooly, Dreaming Spanish, Roxxem, Boom Learning)
- Successfully helping your student acquire Spanish is a team effort!



A typical class will look like...

- This may be the first class that students take where they experience learning another language, so to minimize anxiety, activities are designed to be engaging. We will learn about each other and create a positive class culture through stories, games, and movement.
- Students will learn how to listen and understand what is being communicated in Spanish. We will focus on High-Frequency vocabulary relevant to daily life.
- Students will also engage in comprehension practice through group dialogue and interaction.
- As the majority of our practice with acquiring Spanish will happen in the classroom, students are expected to participate actively and come prepared with their materials and a good attitude!



Books and Supplies

All texts/subscriptions provided via lab fee. Resources listed below for reference purposes:

- [VAMOS Curriculum Units 1-3](#),
- [Garbanzo Subscription](#),
- [Señor Wooly](#)
- Novice mid level Spanish novel: [El Capibara con Botas](#)

Optional Resources

- English/Spanish dictionary (WordReference or SpanishDictionary are good online options)
- Spanish or Bilingual Bible (can be online or an app)

The following supplies should be brought to class each week:

- 1" binder with 5 dividers
- paper
- pen, pencil, and highlighters

***Note:** All students will need access to Google Docs and Google Slides for homework.