

# WHAT TO EXPECT: SPANISH CLASS

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I studied Spanish  
for four years but  
I don't remember  
any of it!”

Your child should be able to speak Spanish **better** in 40 years than they can while they're in my class. This class is the first step in a lifetime of learning.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- » **Be a student:** Ask your child to share with you in Spanish what we are doing in class.
- » **Notice Spanish:** Help your child see the Spanish being used in your community.
- » **Practice curiosity:** Ask English language learners that you meet to share their stories with you!

The **INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS** that we use in class are proven to be effective based on Second Language Acquisition research from the last four decades.

“We acquire language when we understand messages; when we understand what people tell us and when we understand what we read.”

—Dr. Stephen Krashen

## COURSE RESOURCES:

- ✓ stories
- ✓ songs
- ✓ film
- ✓ articles
- ✓ art
- ✓ legends
- ✓ history

## YOUR CHILD WILL:

- read in Spanish
- listen in Spanish
- respond as able using signals at first, then words in Spanish, then phrases

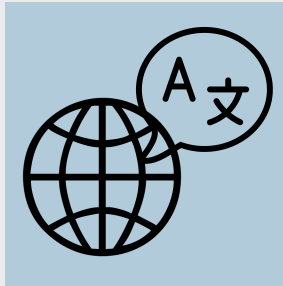
## YOUR CHILD WILL NOT:

- memorize vocabulary lists
- practice verb conjugations
- learn about Spanish in English

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Proficient learners can communicate about something appropriately and accurately for a purpose.

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## PROFICIENCY IS THE GOAL

**All four modalities:** We listen, read, write, and speak in Spanish.

**Language and culture:** We use the language to explore our cultures, Spanish-speaking cultures, world cultures, and ancient cultures.

**Real world preparation:** We use useful language in the class so that we are prepared to communicate in the real world.

**Student centered:** We center our interactions on what each student needs, knows, and can do now and what each student needs in order to move forward.