

## K-2 SPANISH OVERVIEW

**OBJECTIVE:** The goal of the Spanish program in the primary grades K-2 is for children to have a positive foreign language experience. Children are exposed to Spanish through developmentally appropriate approaches that include the TPR and the Natural Approach. The TPR (Total Physical Response) engages children kinesthetically, bringing the language into their bodies. The Natural Approach allows students to understand Spanish by using visual aids, actions, gestures, and everyday objects. Children are introduced to Spanish through fun lessons that provide openness to the sounds, songs, stories, and culture of Spanish speaking people. For young children, this experience is both enjoyable and vital for them in developing facility with a new language.

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**KINDERGARTEN-** Students are introduced to vocabulary pertaining to hellos and goodbyes, colors, animals, classroom objects, family, food and clothing.

**FIRST GRADE-** Topics introduced in Kindergarten are reinforced and expanded. New topics such as, places in the community, days of the week, months of the year, fruits, vegetables and the home are introduced.

**SECOND GRADE-** Reinforces and builds upon material previously introduced in kindergarten and first Grade. Additional vocabulary pertaining to shapes, sizes, months, weather and parts of the face are introduced as well.

**Fall-** Cultural events for this term are Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15-October 15), Columbus Day/ El Día de la Raza, (October 12), the Day of the Dead/El Día de los Muertos (November 1-2) and Thanksgiving/El Día de Acción de Gracias (November 28).

**Winter-** During this period of time we will celebrate Las Posadas (December 16-24), El Día de los Reyes Magos/ Three Kings Day (January 6), José Martí's Birthday (January 28), Frida Kahlo on

International Women's Day (March 8), Poetry Day (March 21) and César Chávez Day (March 31).

**Spring-** Cultural events include: La Semana Santa (Holy Week), Día de las Américas" (Day of the Americas, April 14), Día del Idioma Español (Day of the Spanish Language, April 23), Cervantes on World Book Day (April 23), Cinco de Mayo (May 5), San Fermín (Running of the Bulls July 6-14) and La Tomatina Festival (last Wednesday in August).

### **Instructional Materials and Resources:**

Core Program: **Sonrisas Spanish School and Teach Them Spanish**

**Visual Material:** videos, posters, photographs, picture books, flash cards.

**Audio Material:** CDs and tapes with stories, songs, and music.

**Other didactic material:** card games, puzzles, puppets, realia, toys, bingo, matching activities, flash cards, coloring pages, traditional Spanish rhyming, circle and group games.