



# J.E. Cosgriff Memorial Catholic School

## Disclosure Document: 1st. Grade Spanish 2017-2018

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### Purpose:

The purpose of this class is to help students learn Spanish as a second language while gaining an understanding of Spanish speaking cultures and traditions.

### Did you know....

- \* Spanish is spoken by 442 million people around the world (Wikipedia)
- \* Spanish is the most spoken non-English language in the United States (Pew Research Center)
- \* Hispanics are the biggest and fastest growing ethnic group in Utah (Utah Hispanic Chamber of Commerce)
- \* The Hispanic population in Utah grew 78% during the past decade, growing by nearly 157,000 (Utah Hispanic Chamber of Commerce).

Understanding the rich culture and strong influence of the Spanish language will motivate the students to learn and instill in them the enthusiasm necessary to successfully acquire a second language.

### Objectives:

To accomplish the goal of learning a new language the class will focus on the following objectives:

- \* Participate in reading, learning letters, listening, singing, and speaking to communicate in Spanish.
- \* Repeat Spanish vocabulary and learn/memorize key phrases.
- \* Use meaningful classroom activities to engage with Spanish.

### Class Rules:

To honor the mission of J.E. Cosgriff School, students must adhere to the following:

- \* Be Prepared: Students will be prepared each class and ready to participate in the day's activity.
- \* Be Respectful: Students must respect themselves and those around them. A hand must be raised to speak.
- \* Be Honest: Honesty holds great importance in the classroom. Students will be expected to be honest with me, as the teacher, as well as fellow classmates.
- \* Be Obedient: Instructions must be followed the first time given and classroom procedures must be carried out each day.
- \* Be Adventurous: Learning a new language is challenging. To learn Spanish, students will need to be adventurous and work hard.



### Consequences:

Learning a new language is fun. It is my goal that the students anticipate Spanish class each week. In order to maintain a disciplined and organized classroom, as well as, a fun and interactive classroom, there will be consequences if the class rules are not followed.

1. Verbal warning
2. Sign Behavior Log Sheet
3. Call home
4. Principal/Teacher/Parent Conference

### Assignments/Assessments:

Homework will not be given with the exception of vocabulary practice. Assignments and grading will come from the students' participation in the classroom. Students will have sufficient time to complete activities. Small quizzes will be given bi-weekly and should be easy to complete if the student gives full attention during class. Occasionally, vocabulary tests will be administered which will require the student to practice their Spanish words at home.

### Curriculum focus:

- \* Prayers
- \* Greeting words
- \* Numbers
- \* Spanish alphabet
- \* Classroom words
- \* Colors
- \* Animals
- \* Fruits & vegetables words
- \* Holiday words (Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas)
- \* Hispanic Cultures facts
- \* Food
- \* Introduction phrases
- \* Weather words

### Contact Information:

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or comments regarding this Spanish class or your student. I look forward to this year and the adventure our Spanish learners will embark on. I am grateful for the opportunity I have to teach your children.

Thank you,  
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Please complete, sign, and date below indicating you have read and understand this class disclosure statement, and return this bottom portion to me. Save the rest of this document for reference:

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Student's Name (Print)

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Student's classroom Teacher

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Parent/Guardian's Name

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Parent/Guardian's Signature

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Date

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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Parent/Guardian's Name

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Email Address

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Primary Phone Number

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Best time to call (day/evening and time)

Special concerns or comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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