We are very excited about the program. Franklyn is so proud that he "knows Spanish" and I'm actually impressed with how much he is learning. With school being remote it has added benefits to my entire household. My husband and I have learned some Spanish and my 3 year old daughter is also learning from what she hears. I was a bit nervous at first wondering if Franklyn would get all the information he needs to know in kindergarten but it has proved successful. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards,
Kelly Daniel

Our daughter absolutely loves the Spanish Immersion Program. She loves learning through the songs and quickly picks up the activities done in class. While this year has been a challenging year for any kindergartner to start school during a pandemic, she is thriving. While my daughter may say that Spanish is her “harder class”, it is exactly the challenge and enrichment she needs. She is always walking around the house singing songs in Spanish. She can speak fluently with common Spanish greetings, tell you all the Spanish sounds, and count higher in Spanish than in English. She is learning to decode words in both Spanish and English as well. We are so excited to see her growth as she continues in this program and thankful for this opportunity.

Stacey Cizmarik

I was excited to finally have my little one starting school. I learned about the Spanish Immersion Program and thought it would be a good idea. I figured it would be fun for my daughter and she could get some exposure to another language early. I was not prepared for what happened.

At the first Zoom meeting with my daughter’s teachers I learned exactly what we had signed up for. The program is set up so that half of the day, my daughter is learning in English with Ms. Pasquale. The other half is spent learning in Spanish with Senora O’Connor.

I remember listening as Senora O’Connor explained how she would speak Spanish only in her class. I got a little worried that my daughter would struggle. Half the day with a teacher that only speaks Spanish and virtual? It seemed like a lot. I was concerned that my baby wouldn’t be able to keep up. I wasn’t sure I would be able to help since I have limited exposure in Spanish. However, I figured we would see how everything played out.

We are in the 3rd marking period and my little one is always super excited to learn in both English and Spanish. That is a credit to the teachers and the curriculum. Everything is broken down in such a way that my child understands easily. Most of the learning is done through games so the children don’t even realize they are learning. There are a lot of small groups and individual attention. The teachers communicate well and are quick to respond when I have a question or concern. I couldn’t have asked for a better Kindergarten experience. I highly recommend the Spanish Immersion Program.

Tamika Hayward
Dear Ms. Wilkie,

I am writing to you in praise of the excellent experience my son has had in Spanish Immersion this year for kindergarten. The dedication and skill of his teachers is to be commended, especially with the unprecedented challenge of the pandemic. We are so pleased with the progress Joseph has made this year. We feel so fortunate that he has the opportunity to learn a second language in a formal school setting at an early age.

Senora O’Connor and Ms. Pasquale have risen to the challenge of teaching remotely and in the hybrid format this year. As a parent, I feel fortunate to be able to observe their teaching on a daily basis, as my son has remained a remote only student this year. Señora O’Connor is very enthusiastic and animated when teaching. Her use of visual aids and music has helped my son learn basic Spanish conversational phrases, everyday vocabulary words, and content specific phrases and concepts in math and science. Ms. Pasquale, aside from her excellent teaching of English language arts, writing, and social studies in her class time, also covers content transfer in English to ensure that students are truly absorbing the concepts across the curriculum. The collaboration and communication between these two teachers about the students’ needs is a critical part of the success of the program.

I also would like to speak to the benefits of technology and dedicated school resources, especially during COVID times. I am so thankful for the provision of a chrome book for school work usage. The educational programs that are assigned for homework time (Dreambox, Zearn, Imagine Español, Raz Kids, and Epic) have been very instrumental in Joseph’s success. Yes, they do add more “screen time” to his day, but the programs are so valuable and I can tell that they are positively impacting his understanding of the Spanish language. Plus, they’re fun; he thinks he is playing games!

I would highly recommend the Spanish immersion program to any parents considering it for their child. It is absolutely amazing that a child can enter kindergarten with no experience with the language, and within a few months be able to read simple sentences, solve addition and subtraction problems within 10, and understand and answer simple questions and greetings in Spanish!

¡Fantástico! I can’t wait to see his progress through the remainder of the year.

We thank you and your staff so very much!

Sincerely,

Amanda Lala

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