

Invitation to Languages – 6th Grade Students

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Invitation to Languages! The goal of this course is to explore several languages and appreciate different cultures. Our studies will provide: insight into our language, basic expressions in other languages, and an understanding of cultural similarities.

The following languages will be taught: Spanish, French, German, Italian, Latin, and Japanese. The design of learning each language is built around the same themes: colors, numbers, family, pets, greetings, etc. The introduction of a lesson includes video, audio, workbook activities, and interactive games for the students. The sixth graders will attend class four times a week: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. The following timeline provides an insight to this course:

- 1st Quarter – Spanish
- 2nd Quarter – French
- 3rd Quarter – Italian and Latin
- 4th Quarter – German and Japanese

Noticeable, the 3rd and 4th quarters include two languages. The textbook lessons are shorter.

In order to enhance our cultural studies, I scheduled several visitors and a fieldtrip for the sixth graders.

- Mike and Miguel's – The owner, Miguel, will visit St. Peter School and provide a brief history of his heritage and a tasting of a traditional Mexican taco and nachos.
- The Blue Goose - Chef Kate Lenciono will visit St. Peter School and provide croissants and discuss the history of the French bread.

- Salernos's on the Fox – Mr. Salerno and his sons will provide the students with a traditional Italian lunch and the history of his family.
- Wok n'Fire – The students will enjoy vegetarian rolls and learning how to eat with chopsticks.

The approximate cost will be a total of \$20.00 plus a bus fee. Do not send money now. We will send home more information in the future.

Our studies will begin with a short lesson on etymology: the origin of words. This lesson enables the students to look at the root of words and the similarities of languages. The students will begin by looking at the origin of their own first and last name.

First Homework Assignment – Each student will write a brief etymology of their first and last name (3 to 5 sentences).

I am looking forward to teaching this course!

God Bless, Mrs. Palrang