

**August, 2017**  
**Stoddert Elementary School**  
**World Language/Spanish**

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

Welcome to the wonderful world of the study of Spanish, I look forward to working with all my students and support them as they face the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. I believe that by all of us working together we can make this a very successful year.

For all new parents and students my name is **Ana Lucia Villarraga**, Spanish teacher. The students attend a FLES program (Foreign Language in Elementary School) with 45 minutes of instruction once a week.

During the lessons the students engage in multiple learning activities like but not limited to learning and singing songs, dancing, listening to stories, role playing, expressing ideas with pictures, playing games that involve math concepts, acting out simple dialogues, reciting poems, contests, working on simple expositions, playing games to practice structures and build vocabulary, reading short stories, integrating other subjects to the target language, team work, and many other activities and strategies all related to a second language acquisition.

Our students also get an insight into the Hispanic Culture and actively participate in cultural activities related to the target language, Spanish.

Please encourage your child to practice some Spanish at home by singing songs, completing the homework, write flash cards with vocabulary words and pictures, reciting verses, playing games in Spanish, expressing things with Spanish words, phrases, or sentences according to his/her age and grade, watch children programs in the Spanish Language channels; visit web sites like Quia, Linguazone, and others that offer languages for children; those are practical ways to help your child retain the information they have learned in the Spanish lessons.

**HOMEWORK**

The students from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade will either have homework to complete, or a practice sheet to review at home weekly. Practice at home is especially important when learning another language. Consider we have the lesson only once a week.

**MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE CLASS**

**\*Pencil, eraser, some paper** to take notes, and a **folder** to file the subject work. 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade students must bring these materials to all Spanish lessons.

It's a pleasure to work with your child, we'll have a school year full of engaging and learning experiences in our World Language class.

Sincerely,

  
World Language Teacher