Content Goals
During this academic year, sixth grade students will learn foundational grammatical structures from simple to complex sentences. In addition, students will be introduced to new vocabulary words during each unit. As a way to promote active and engaged learning, they will be asked to use all vocabulary and grammar they learn in both oral and written communications. The content units have been selected according to their practicality and their presence in daily interactions in Spanish-speaking countries. Furthermore, the curriculum has been designed based on a sequence that will allow the students to both apply their knowledge to real world situations and to gain a solid foundation for the future steps in their academic career.

Culture plays an important role in the acquisition of a new language. Students will learn about the customs, food, traditions and beliefs of the people living in different Hispanic countries. In addition, a meaningful and practical daily routine will allow the students to integrate new structures and to be more productive when working individually and as a group. Besides the introduction of new grammar and vocabulary topics, students will work on different projects throughout the academic year. These will be based on research, music, art and media.

Expectations for Students
The 5th grade Spanish classes meet for fifty minutes twice a week. Spanish will be spoken during most of the time in class, except when giving important (not daily) instructions or talking about complex topics. Students are expected to try speaking Spanish before using English to communicate. In addition, organization, responsibility, respect, interest, involvement and positive attitude will be key aspects for both a successful learning process and enjoyment of the different activities of the class.

Homework Requirements
Homework assignments will be chosen from the following categories: projects, reading, worksheets, translation, writing, practicing spelling, and studying/reviewing the topics learned during class time. These will be assigned according to the characteristics of each unit. The time students will have to spend doing the homework will vary with the nature of each assignment and unit, but will generally be limited to 10-15 minutes per class day.

Contacting the Teacher
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