

Spanish Program Flourishes at Saint Matthew!

The Spanish program at Saint Matthew provides our students with a consistent flow of learning, rigor and high expectation. The Spanish teacher, Señora Ana Hagggar, teaches ALL of our students in grades K-8 using a variety of engaging methods tailored to different age groups. For younger children, Señora incorporates various methods of instruction such as games, stories, songs, and music to make learning fun and interactive.

For middle school students, Señora Hagggar uses the "Somos" curriculum - a comprehensive, proficiency-oriented approach that teaches both Spanish language and the culture of Spanish-speaking countries. In class, students engage in storytelling, novel reading, and discussions on relevant topics, often reinforced through games and music. Students are communicating primarily in Spanish and are writing collaborative Spanish stories in class. As the years progress, these activities help students build confidence, encouraging them to participate without fear of making mistakes.

Now in our third year using Somos at Saint Matthew, Señora Hagggar is proud to see her eighth-grade students reach a point where they can write and hold basic conversations in Spanish, preparing them to advance confidently to Spanish 2. At this point in their progression, our students are working with the same curriculum in 8th grade as Freshman in high school. This allows many of them the opportunity to test out of Spanish 1 when they get to high school!

We are proud of what our students are accomplishing through our Spanish program and are very fortunate to have an exceptional teacher like Señora Ana Hagggar leading our Spanish program at Saint Matthew.