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SPANISH LANGUAGE ADVENTURES

Welcome to Isabella & Ferdinand Spanish Language Adventures! We hope this form can answer some of your questions regarding the structure and routines in our classroom.

What can my child and I expect on the first day?

On the first day of class teachers will explain in **ENGLISH** (unless they have a class of bilingual children who understand Spanish fluently) the expectations of the class and the classroom rules. After the first day English should only be used if truly needed, as the classroom should be 90%-100% in Spanish. The students will be allowed to ask questions and they will be told that it is “ok” (even great!) to make mistakes, and that while the teachers will speak only in Spanish they know that at first it may seem strange, but that soon it will seem quite normal. Students will also be encouraged to ask questions in English if they can't yet in Spanish, and of course, will always be encouraged to take risks – they should never feel bad about participating in any way – even if it is in English.

A sign will be prominent in every class with visuals to describe each rule.

O – Ojos sobre la profesora (Eyes on your teacher)

L – La Mano arriba cuando quieres hablar (Raise your hand if you want to speak)

E! – Español – hablen Español! (always at least try to speak Spanish!)

For the Castile Cavaliers and Aragon Adventurers classes, every class will begin with the teacher greeting every student, and eventually every student will greet their teacher, as well as their classmates. This is an important cultural element that teaches children not only respect for their teacher, but also teaches the importance of greeting their classmates and encourages openness and communication among the students. After greetings, the children lead by their teacher will sing together the Isabella and Ferdinand Song as well as the ABC song or other songs utilized during our classroom routines. The class then moves to circle time, vocabulary activities, cultural lesson and eventually toward the end of the class a special activity usually arts and crafts are planned. The end of each class finishes the same way each session. When there are a few minutes left of class, the teachers lead the kids in the Good-bye song and the teachers say good-bye to each child and encourage the children to say good-bye to one another. These routines are essential in managing the classroom as well as the expectations of the students.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact us at info@isabellaandferdinand.com. ¡Gracias!



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