

Learning involves
everyone.

Be an active part
of your child's
education...



Working cooperatively
to achieve our goals!

Benefits of Learning a Foreign Language in Middle School:

- ❖ Develops creativity and flexibility in problem solving.
- ❖ Develops critical thinking skills.
- ❖ Improves academic achievement in other subject areas.
- ❖ Provides an integrated link to other academic subjects.
- ❖ Develops proficiencies in speaking, listening, understanding, reading and writing in a language other than English.
- ❖ Provides increased time for higher levels of proficiency (this is looked at for college entry)
- ❖ Prepares students for life in our global society.
- ❖ Promotes understanding of other cultures.
- ❖ Improves self-confidence and interpersonal skills.

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*Expanding Cultural and
Language Horizons
in a Global Society,
one day at a time.*

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SPANISH



Bienvenidos... Welcome

We are excited to welcome students to the A1/A2, Level I Spanish Program at LMS! This year will bring wonderful new learning experiences as students expand their cultural understanding while developing their ability to express themselves in a second language!

The LMS Spanish Department has six certified; experienced Spanish teachers who work together to ensure all Spanish students receive a comprehensive and cohesive foreign language curriculum throughout the year. Our goal is for all students to realize their potential and be motivated to continue language study through middle and high school.

At the end of A2, students must pass the LOTE Final Exam in order to earn high school credit. At the end of 10th grade students will take the LOTE Regents exam which will help earn their Regents diploma.

Tips for Success... ¡OLE!

What your **CHILD** can do to succeed in Spanish:

1. Keep a well-organized binder and **TAKE** it **HOME** every night to use as reference for home-work assignments; it makes it easier!
2. Review notes and **VOCAB** 5 –10 minutes a day, instead of cramming for quizzes and tests.
3. Ask for teacher's assistance. We are available most days until 3PM. Hand in assignments and projects **ON TIME** to get **FULL CREDIT**.
4. Create flashcards for vocab review; try to create a game (matching, for example).
5. Show interest and have a **POSITIVE ATTITUDE** in class.
6. Check out helpful language websites for review (*Castle Learning, Quizlet, Quia, Edmodo*)
7. Review with friends and family members.

What **YOU** can do to help your child succeed:

1. Help prepare a **QUIET STUDY PLACE** with minimal distractions: **TV, CELLPHONE, INTERNET** should be away from this area!
2. Teach strategies to organize time effectively to get a **GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP!**
3. Ask to see your son/daughter's **AGENDA PLANNER** regularly to ensure assignments are written down and completed on time.
4. Show interest in topics being presented in class; ask specific things they learned this week!
5. Check the **PARENT PORTAL** often and **ASK** students about their assignments/projects!
6. Make language learning fun and part of daily activities. Label objects around the house in Spanish and practice saying the words aloud!