

SPANISH EXPLORERS CLUB

Language & Culture Curriculum – Expanded Version
Aligned with California World Language Standards

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Mission & Philosophy

At Spanish Explorers Club, we believe that learning a language connects people, cultures, and hearts. Our mission is to build confidence and curiosity in children through the joy of Spanish while celebrating diversity, inclusion, and compassion. We believe the world changes one kid at a time — through love, equality, and creativity.

Expanded Curriculum Framework

Unit	Theme	Communication Focus	Cultural / Activity Ideas
1	¡Hola! Alphabet & Numbers	Greetings, Spanish alphabet, counting 1-20	Alphabet song, hopscotch with numbers, letter scavenger hunt
2	Colors & Shapes Around Me	Colors, shapes, classroom objects	Park color hunt, 'Encuentra el círculo rojo' game
3	My Body & Health	Body parts, movement, five senses	'Cabeza, hombros, rodillas y pies', yoga en español
4	Family & Friends	Family members, introductions, emotions	Family tree craft, '¿Quién es?' guessing game
5	Clothing & Dressing Up	Clothes, seasons, weather	Dress-up relay race, paper doll cutouts
6	Feelings & Emotions	Happy, sad, tired, excited, scared	'¿Cómo te sientes hoy?' chart, emotion flashcards
7	Fruits, Vegetables & Food	Food names, likes/dislikes	'Me gusta / No me gusta' tasting game, picnic vocabulary
8	Animals & Farms	Animal names, habitats, sounds	Animal mimic game, 'Old MacDonald' bilingual song
9	Nature, Seasons & Weather	Weather expressions, days, months	Weather wheel, seasonal collage craft

10	Home & Community	Rooms, furniture, neighborhood places	'En mi casa hay...' drawing, pretend play community
11	Transportation & Travel	Vehicles, directions, locations	'Vamos en coche' song, map game
12	Earth & Space	Planets, day/night, nature care	'Los planetas' model, recycle project
13	Basic Verbs in Action	Common verbs: jump, eat, play, sing	'Simón dice' verbs, charades
14	Grammar Explorers	Nouns, adjectives, articles, gender	Interactive cards: 'El gato / La gata', color matching
15	Cultural Traditions & Celebrations	Holidays, songs, traditions	Día de los Muertos altar, Piñata craft, music and dance
16	Music, Dance & Art in Spanish	Art vocabulary, rhythm, creativity	Paint and name colors, rhythm clapping
17	Review & Fiesta	Review vocabulary & conversation	Final celebration with songs, crafts, and mini 'show & tell'

Vocabulary Development

- Alphabet (A-Z sounds)
- Numbers (1-100)
- Days, months, and seasons
- Colors, shapes, and sizes
- Fruits, vegetables, and foods
- Animals and habitats
- Clothing and weather
- Family and community
- Emotions and body parts

Communication Skills

- Greetings and farewells
- Asking and answering simple questions

- Describing people and things
- Expressing feelings and preferences

Basic Grammar Foundations

- Gender (el / la) and number (singular/plural)
- Common verbs (ser, tener, estar, gustar, ir, comer, jugar)
- Subject + verb + object structure
- Adjectives and agreement (color, size, emotion)

Cultural Enrichment

- Celebrate diversity and Spanish-speaking countries
- Learn songs, dances, and games from Latin America and Spain
- Integrate art, music, food, and family participation
- Encourage community, respect, and compassion

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1	¡Hola! Alphabet & Numbers	Greetings, alphabet, counting	Alphabet song, hopscotch with numbers
2	Colors & Shapes Around Me	Colors, shapes, classroom items	Color hunt, 'Encuentra el círculo rojo'
3	My Body & Health	Body parts, movement, senses	'Cabeza, hombros...' song, yoga en español
4	Family & Friends	Family vocabulary, introductions	Family tree craft, guessing games
5	Clothing & Dressing Up	Clothes, seasons, weather	Dress-up relay, paper doll activity
6	Feelings & Emotions	Emotions, expressions	'¿Cómo te sientes hoy?' wall chart

7	Fruits, Vegetables & Food	Food names, likes/dislikes	'Me gusta / No me gusta' picnic game
8	Animals & Farms	Animals, habitats, sounds	Animal mimic game, farm visit idea
9	Nature, Seasons & Weather	Weather, days, months	Weather wheel, seasonal crafts
10	Home & Community	Rooms, furniture, places	Draw 'Mi casa', pretend community play
11	Transportation & Travel	Vehicles, directions	'Vamos en coche' song, map game
12	Earth & Space	Planets, nature care	Planet models, recycling craft
13	Basic Verbs in Action	Common verbs: jump, eat, sing	'Simón dice' verbs game
14	Grammar Explorers	Nouns, adjectives, gender	Card match: 'El gato / La gata'
15	Cultural Traditions & Celebrations	Holidays, songs, traditions	Día de los Muertos altar, piñata craft
16	Music, Dance & Art	Art, rhythm, colors	Painting with Spanish color words
17	Review & Fiesta	Review vocabulary & conversation	Mini show & tell, celebration day

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- Alphabet (A-Z sounds)
- Numbers (1-100)
- Days, months, seasons
- Colors, shapes, sizes
- Fruits, vegetables, and foods
- Animals and habitats
- Clothing and weather
- Family and community
- Emotions and body parts

Communication Skills

- Greetings and farewells
- Asking and answering simple questions
- Describing people, things, and emotions
- Expressing feelings and preferences
- Building complete sentences in Spanish

Basic Grammar Foundations

- Gender (el / la) and number (singular/plural)
- Common verbs: ser, tener, estar, gustar, ir, comer, jugar
- Subject + verb + object sentence structure
- Adjectives and agreement (color, size, emotion)
- Basic tenses for everyday use

Cultural Enrichment

- Celebrating traditions from Latin America and Spain
- Learning songs, dances, and stories in Spanish
- Art, food, and music integration
- Encouraging cultural pride and respect for all backgrounds

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