Course Syllabus

Description:
Elementary Spanish an exploratory introduction to the Spanish culture and language. Students learn the target language in a story-based framework, providing a fun and positive experience with the learning. Each lesson is taught through an engaging, authentic story that gives students an opportunity to see and hear the language in context. Students will learn foundational skills in listening and speaking in the early levels, and then will add Spanish literacy skills beginning in Level 2. The course provides audio and visual stimuli for all learning types and ample opportunity to hear, speak, read, write and record the language. The courses also provide strategically-based reviews of past learning. Each course is built on connections to an authentic culture of a specific Spanish-speaking region through the arts, celebrations, and traditions of the culture, leading students on the path to becoming global citizens.

Courses provide a natural progression of learning through the following language acquisition stages:

- Preproduction
- Early Production
- Speech Emergence
- Novice Proficiency

Estimated Completion Time: 36 weeks

Major Topics and Concepts:
Module One: Aventuras en Argentina

- 01.00 Module One Pretest
- 01.01 Exploremos Sudamérica

- 01.02 La cena con una familia argentina
- 01.03 En el estadio
- 01.04 Las Cataratas del Iguazú
- 01.05 Module One Review and Discussion-Based Assessment
- 01.06 Module One Assessment

Module Two: Invierno en la Patagonia

- 02.00 Module Two Pretest
- 02.01 El tiempo diferente
- 02.02 Necesito ropa de invierno
- 02.03 Un día de actividades en el invierno
- 02.04 Es la hora de planear
- 02.05 Module Two Review and Discussion-Based Assessment
- 02.06 Module Two Assessment

Module Three: ¡Salvemos a los pingüinos!

- 03.00 Module Three Pretest
- 03.01 Necesitamos ayudar a los pingüinos
- 03.02 Los pingüinos van al veterinario
- 03.03 Contando y alimentando a nuestros amigos
- 03.04 Querido pingüino escúchame
- 03.05 Module Three Review and Discussion-Based Assessment
- 03.06 Module Three Assessment

Module Four: La cultura Argentina

- 04.00 Module Four Pretest
- 04.01 Las Pampas con los gauchos
- 04.02 Cuentos de hadas
- 04.03 El sistema solar
- 04.04 La Cueva de las Manos
- 04.05 Module Four Review and Discussion-Based Assessment
- 04.06 Module Four Assessment

Course Assessment and Participation Requirements:
To achieve success, students are expected to submit work in each course weekly. Students can learn at their own pace; however, “any pace” still means that students must make progress in the course every week. To measure learning, students complete self-checks, practice lessons, multiple choice questions, projects, discussion-based assessments, and discussions. Students are expected to maintain regular contact with teachers; the minimum requirement is monthly. When teachers, students, and parents work together, students are successful.

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