

PROGRAM GOALS

- Bilingualism/Bi-literacy: To develop fluency and literacy in Spanish and English.
- Academic Excellence: To achieve academic excellence in all subject courses in accordance with state and DJSUD guidelines.
- Intellectual Flexibility: To increase students' cognitive ability in all subjects by providing fluency in two languages.
- Global Awareness: To cultivate understanding and appreciation for diverse languages and cultures and strengthen positive attitudes among students, friends, family and the community.
- Responsibility: To provide a safe, enriching environment in which our children can grow as responsible world citizens.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS STRONG!

In 2007 we will celebrate 25 years of Spanish Immersion in Davis! That is 25 years of experience, thousands of alumni and years of dedicated service from our outstanding staff. The program continues to flourish with the support of the Davis community.

WHO MAY ATTEND?

Spanish Immersion (SI) at Marguerite Montgomery Elementary (MME) articulates with the SI program at César Chavez Elementary School (CCE) in Central Davis at 4th grade. Enrollment in MME's SI program is open to all students eligible to attend Davis schools at kindergarten regardless of language background. A small number of students are accepted into the program at 1st grade and at other grade levels when can demonstrate the academic skills necessary to be successful in a Spanish language program. MME also accepts registration for SI students transferring from immersion programs outside the district.

Spanish Immersion at MME provides 4 years of instruction (K-3) in a 7 year program (k-6). All 4th grade students in the SI program transfer to CCE at 4th grade. Parents should understand that continuous participation through the 6th grade provides maximum benefits for the child. SI offers coursework at the secondary level, so students may continue with Spanish instruction throughout their k-12 experience.

HOW TO APPLY

Registration occurs annually during the third week in March. Please contact the school for a registration packet. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.

COME VISIT US!

We encourage you to visit our school and speak with some of our MME families. Parent visitation days are scheduled prior to registration. You may also call our school office to arrange a visit.

MARGUERITE MONTGOMERY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



SPANISH IMMERSION GRADES K – 3

*CELEBRATING THE CULTURAL
RICHNESS OF OUR WORLD.*

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MARGUERITE MONTGOMERY ELEMENTARY

Marguerite Montgomery Elementary (MME) is a neighborhood school with a single strand of Spanish Immersion from kindergarten through 3rd grade. MME offers families the opportunity to have both a neighborhood school experience while also participate in Davis' Spanish Immersion program. SI families, teachers, and the administration at MME have worked to build a program with a unique "flavor". Our students are well prepared to transfer at the 4th grade and gracefully integrate with the students at CCE.

Our young campus has many physical attributes including a new and well-maintained campus, ample open space, green areas, a play structure, and a network of student gardens. The student body at MME has students from many language backgrounds. This year, there are more than 12 languages represented! Pride in diversity and the appreciation for learning two or more languages is a school-wide focus and source of pride.

CURRICULUM

The Spanish Immersion (SI) program follows an immersion model in which students begin their study of Spanish in kindergarten and continue with primary instruction in Spanish through to the 3rd grade when they transfer to CCE. English is introduced gradually beginning in 2nd grade and increased incrementally at each grade level as follows: kindergarten and 1st grades (100% Spanish), 2nd grade (95% Spanish/5%

English), 3rd grade (80%Spanish/20%English), 4th grade (75% Spanish/25% English) and 5th and 6th grades (70% Spanish/30% English). CCE graduates complete 6th grade with a high level of proficiency in Spanish and English.

SI curriculum includes all subjects consistent with District, state and federal requirements. Students enjoy exceptional programs in science, music and art. MME students enjoy expanded art and music programs as well as a fully equipped computer laboratory all of which are funded by the PTA, site monies, and grants.

OUTSTANDING STAFF & FACULTY

MME is has a school-wide focus on meeting the needs of each student. Our intervention team works identify and assist students who need extra support. This year we have been able to offer a strong English Language Development Program, and reading support in Spanish and English. Our staff is devoted to the educational, social, and emotional well being of our students.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Community involvement is a priority at MME. Faculty, staff and parent leaders are dedicated to involving all our families in the mechanics of the school at many levels. There are many ways to get involved.

The SI program at MME is supported through the Site Council, the PTA, the English Learner Advisory committee, and the Spanish Immersion Advisory Committee (SIAC).

MME participates in school wide events, events at CCE such as the Progressive Dinner and the Fiesta, and has developed its own traditions, such as the International Dance Exhibition and Potluck.

ADVANTAGES OF SPANISH IMMERSION (SI)

SI offers a fantastic opportunity to students in Davis. The program provides students with a complete academic program grounded in an educational environment that supports community action and celebrates cultural diversity. Students become orally fluent and academically proficient in Spanish and English. They acquire key language skills naturally and early in life, which enriches their cognitive ability in all subjects. Literacy in two languages broadens their academic, occupational and economic opportunities. Over the last 25 years in Davis, thousands of students have benefited from this time-tested and unique educational program.

SPANISH IMMERSION (SI) FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS

SI can be appropriate for all students regardless of language background. Our students come from many backgrounds. Some are fluent in a language other than Spanish or English, while others are native speakers of either English or Spanish. Research indicates that SI is an excellent match for any of these students. SI celebrates bilingualism in all aspects of life and validates cultural and linguistic diversity.