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Dear Parents or Guardians:

¡Bienvenidos a la clase de español!

My name is Miss Cuello and I will be your child's Spanish teacher this year. I look forward to sharing my love for the Spanish language and culture with you! I hope you have had a wonderful summer vacation. Learning a second language is an exciting opportunity that is very useful in today's diverse world. The purpose of this course is to help your child acquire or to improve the second language. You will do so by learning and using four skills: listening, reading, writing, and speaking. My goals this year is for your child to speak Spanish by the end of the school year. We will be learning in many different ways including listening, reading, writing, speaking, researching, singing, dancing, role-playing, and crafts.

The lower grade levels will focus on activities that include vocabulary routines (greetings, date, weather, etc), songs and poetry, Total Physical Response activities (TPR engages children in active, physical activities and interactions in the target language, such as in Simon Says), role playing, games, content-based exercises and applications. The Spanish program for upper grade levels is centered on a communicative approach that incorporates the four main language skills of speaking, listening, reading, and writing that are used in everyday life. They will also learn how to write full sentences, and read in Spanish. I will get students engage in the Hispanic Culture and this month from September 15 to October 15 we will be celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month.

Students will be doing activities based on this theme. I strongly believe that students need to be

exposed to 5 main points: speaking, writing, reading, listening and understanding the history and/or culture of Spanish speaking countries. All of the points listed above are going to be tested throughout the year in different ways. I enjoy following the textbook for guidance but I also incorporate other activities such as projects, games, dialogues, skits and a few other things. My class will be conducted in Spanish but I will also translate it to English to make sure everyone understands. Throughout the course of the year, each unit taught will be based on a piece of literature and will provide ample opportunities for the children to explore the language and culture.

YOU WILL BE SPANISH SPEAKING ROCK STARS before you know it!

I look forward to meeting everyone at back to school night on September 20, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.