2nd Grade American Online School SPANISH LANGUAGE CURRICULUM Language, Culture, and Creative Communication

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1. Introduction

The Role of Spanish Language in 2nd Grade

In 2nd grade, students begin to interact meaningfully in Spanish through songs, stories, conversation, and hands-on activities. The focus is on listening, speaking, and vocabulary development in real-world contexts. Through interactive exploration of language and culture, students build confidence, curiosity, and a foundation for bilingual communication.

By the end of this course, students will:

- ✓ Greet others, introduce themselves, and express simple ideas in Spanish.
- ✓ Identify and use common vocabulary related to self, family, colors, numbers, and classroom life.
- ✓ Understand and respond to basic questions and instructions.
- ✓ Appreciate cultural traditions and music from Spanish-speaking countries.
- √ Build Spanish language habits through movement, visuals, and repetition.

2. Core Competence Areas

SP.1 Interpersonal Communication and Basic Expressions

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit, students will be able to:

- ✓ Use greetings, farewells, and simple phrases for everyday interactions.
- **✓** Ask and answer basic questions about name, age, and feelings.
- ✓ Understand simple commands and respond appropriately.

Competencies

SP.1.A.1 – Speaking in daily Spanish routines.

- Practice "Hola," "¿Cómo estás?" "Me llamo...," "Tengo siete años."
- Use roleplay, songs, and partner dialogues.

SP.1.A.2 – Listening for meaning.

- Follow instructions ("Levántate," "Escucha," "Saca tu lápiz") in simple games.
- React to oral cues and visual prompts in a Total Physical Response (TPR) format.

SP.2 Vocabulary Development and Language Play

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit, students will be able to:

- ✓ Name and describe people, animals, colors, food, and objects.
- **✓** Use Spanish words in creative play, chants, and drawing activities.
- ✓ Group and sort vocabulary into categories for practice.

Competencies

SP.2.A.1 – Expanding practical vocabulary.

 Learn and use thematic sets: numbers to 20, days of the week, body parts, feelings, weather.

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Label school materials and use color-coding for word families.

SP.2.A.2 – Reinforcing vocabulary through play and art.

- Create vocabulary books and flashcard games.
- Draw or sculpt animals while naming colors and features.

SP.3 Cultural Awareness and Celebration

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit, students will be able to:

- √ Recognize and participate in songs, celebrations, and traditions from Spanish-speaking cultures.
- ✓ Show interest and respect for global diversity through music, dance, and food.
- ✓ Make connections between language, culture, and family life.

Competencies

SP.3.A.1 – Exploring global Spanish-speaking communities.

- Celebrate Día de los Muertos, Piñata traditions, and Latin American food days.
- Listen to stories, legends, and Iullabies in Spanish.

SP.3.A.2 – Using music and movement as cultural language tools.

- Learn Spanish through folk dances, clapping games, and rhythm activities.
- Perform songs like "De Colores" or "Los Días de la Semana."

3. Assessment and Evaluation

Formative Assessments – Routine and Recall Practice

- √ "Hola Check-In" cards (Can you say your name/age?).
- **✓** Daily routine participation in songs and classroom commands.
- ✓ Peer interaction checklists.

Summative Assessments – Performance and Product

- √ Vocabulary mini-quizzes using visuals.
- ✓ Oral performance of a short skit or song.
- ✓ Portfolio with art-labeled Spanish vocabulary.

Authentic Assessment – Creative Language Use

- ✓ Spanish story retelling with puppets or drawings.
- √ Family vocabulary video or audio recording.
- ✓ Celebration presentation with costume, song, or slideshow.

4. Instructional Strategies for Online Learning

Total Physical Response and Repetition

- ✓ Link motion and sound (e.g., jump for "salta," clap for "manos").
- ✓ Use hand gestures and chants for verbs and commands.

Multi-Sensory Language Environment

- ✓ Label household objects in Spanish.
- √ Use props, flashcards, and interactive notebooks.

Joyful and Inclusive Learning

- √ Incorporate music, games, and holiday themes.
- ✓ Celebrate every learner's attempt with positivity and repetition.