**Spanish Exploratory Program at Sawyer Road Elementary School**

The goal of the program is to expose the students to Spanish and to improve their level of acceptance of a foreign language and culture after they have enrolled in middle grades.

I teach through immersion whenever possible.

Classroom activities include naming pictures, art and drawing, writing, watching short videos based on themes we are studying, and using computer programs.

I encourage my students to speak to each other and to me in Spanish whenever possible.

I usually do not translate what the students are expected to be learning or doing.

Learning Spanish is made fun by doing activities that the kids enjoy such as playing games in the target language, singing songs, and using technology.

**Complete List of Themes that we study during the year**

- Basic commands such as sit down, stand up, raise your hand, etc.
- Basic body parts
- Calendar, months, colors, shapes
- Weather
- Solar System
- Directional terms North, South, East, and West
- Food and drinks
- Continents
- Spanish-speaking countries
- House and Family
- Counting from 1-20 in kindergarten
- Counting from 1-100 in grades 1-3
- Skip Counting from 1-1 million in grades 4 and 5
- Community Parts