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ESSENTIALS

- Research indicates the number of students who speak Spanish at home continues to grow in states such as California, Texas, Florida, and others.
- This plan proposes a supplementary reading program for grades K-2 that contains original Spanish language stories, not translations or adaptations.
- The program includes activities and strategies that teach, reteach, review, reinforce, and enrich reading practices in Spanish language arts or dual language programs.
- The program is aligned to the Spanish Common Core State Standards and includes an easy-to-follow Teacher Resource manual as well as a Reading Inventory component to measure growth.

GOALS

Research indicates that students who speak Spanish at home may feel inferior to their English-speaking peers and attempt to hide or forget their heritage language. With this in mind, the main goal of this program is twofold: a) Students will develop literacy in Spanish, and b) Students will become bilingual, bicultural, and take pride in their cultural heritage.

ORGANIZATION

- This program is designed for grades K-2 and aims to supplement and strengthen any core Spanish language program being used.
- It is divided into eight themes, each of which contains four stories.
- Each story covers five days of lessons about the same story, addressing standards related to comprehension, vocabulary, structures, and connecting to content areas such as social studies and science.

INTENDED DISTRIBUTION

To schools that adopt supplementary or enrichment programs for their Spanish language arts or dual language programs. This program will serve the needs of

a. students who speak Spanish as a heritage language,

b. newly-arrived students who are native Spanish speakers, and

c. native English speakers enrolled in a dual language program.

Following are the eight themes and the titles that go with each one.

THEME 1:
Familia y amigos
1. Azúcar y sal
2. Piedra, palo y paja
3. Ojobrusco
4. La bruja rechinadientes

THEME 2:
Emociones
1. Corre, corre calabaza
2. El tragaldabas
3. Rata Tomasa y Tom Ratón
4. Cocorico

THEME 3:
Comportamiento
1. Míster Cuervo
2. Los siete cabritos
3. Taller de corazones
4. El sultán y los ratones

THEME 4:
Cambios
1. La increíble historia de la niña pájaro y el niño terrible
2. Bebé Bigotes
3. Félix, el coleccionista de miedos
4. El último canto

THEME 5:
Valores sociales
1. El puchero Trotón
2. María
3. Zimbo
4. ¿Y yo qué puedo hacer?

THEME 6:
Comunidades
1. Chocolata
2. El día en que a mamá se le puso la cara de tetera
3. Un gato en el árbol
4. El corazón del sastre

THEME 7:
Ciencias naturales
1. El viaje de las mariposas
2. La princesa de Trujillo
3. Tres osos
4. El gran viaje

THEME 8:
Cultura
1. La tortuga que quería dormir
2. La cosa que más duele en el mundo
3. Lobo feroz
4. Tres deseos

WHY THIS PROGRAM WILL WORK

- Culturally and linguistically authentic Spanish language literature.
- Appropriate themes, values, habits, and customs presented in entertaining stories for students in grades K-2.
- Alignment to the Spanish Common Core State Standards.
- Easy-to-use teacher Resource system that provides opportunities for accurate practice of the Spanish language.