

Desert Sun Academy

# Spanish Update

A Cave Creek Unified School District World Language Program



¡Hola! I'm Sra. María, your Spanish Language & Culture Specialist. I teach all Kinder -6<sup>th</sup> grade Spanish classes, 30-minutes, twice a week. You would be amazed at how much Spanish your children are learning even though their class time is limited. Learning a language is a cumulative process and for those students that have been with me for 5 years, the results are starting to show. I'd like to invite you to come visit my class when your child has Spanish so that you can see my innovative approach to teaching Spanish and maybe even learn a few words yourself! If you have any questions please just email me [mmayeux@ccusd93.org](mailto:mmayeux@ccusd93.org)  
Gracias!

## Using Storytelling to Learn Spanish

In contrast to traditional language classes based on memorizing vocabulary and verb conjugations, our program here at DSA focuses on developing everyday oral communications skills. I use a research-based highly effective teaching method based on **Comprehensible Input**. This means that I speak to the students in a way that allows them to acquire a second language just as they acquired their first. My goal is for students to learn, laugh, sing and play while using the most essential words and phrases needed for daily communication in Spanish.

### Goals of Our Language Experience Model

#### Language

Develop basic oral proficiency with a focus on real life speaking and listening

#### Culture

Develop an appreciation for cultures different from our own

#### Attitude

Feel good about learning a new World Language

*K-6 grades receive 60 minutes of class per week.*