

# Dual Language at SCE

Students who participate in dual language (DL) receive instruction in two languages to become bilingual, bi-literate and develop the cultural competency to succeed in a global society.

Being bilingual brings a number of well documented cognitive, academic and employment benefits. Research shows people who are bilingual demonstrate greater cognitive flexibility, increased attention control, better memory, and superior problem solving skills as well as enhanced understanding of their primary language. Even though DL students spend half their academic day in Spanish and in English, they tend to outperform their non-dual peers on academic achievement tests in English.

## Expectations of a DL Student

The dual language program is rigorous and will challenge the students to perform at their best. Please consider carefully if this program is right for your child. Read below the expectations of a DL student:

Students Will be Expected To...		
work independently	participate in class	communicate with peers
manage their time	follow directions	be respectful
build relationships	show kindness	problem solve
be an active and engaged student in both languages		

## Expectations of a DL Parent

As a parent in the Dual Language Program you will be expected to be an active participant in your students learning. This does not mean you need to know Spanish, but it does mean that you will be asked to support your child at home and in school. This could mean homework in both languages, working on online resource programs in both languages and reading [or allowing the student to read] in both languages at home.

## Connect with Us

We look forward to speaking with you more about the Dual Language Program here at Spring Creek Elementary. Please check out our school website for a video featuring our DL program and more information. If you have further questions please feel free to reach out to us!