

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Enrollment/General Questions

Q) When can I enroll my child for summer camp?

You may enroll your child at any time.

Q) Can I tour the facility before enrolling my child for summer camp?

Yes, we offer class visits for parents interested in enrolling their children for summer camp upon request. If you are interested in being part of a class visit send an email to info@welcomeamigos.com or/and if you are interested in our preschool program, sign up online for a preschool tour at: <https://www.welcomeamigos.com/admissions>. You are welcome to bring your child with you during class visits.

Q) When am I notified of whether or not my child is admitted into the summer camp after I submit my application form?

We confirm your child's enrollment within seven business days after your application form is received. Sign up online at: <https://www.welcomeamigos.com/admissions>

Q) Do you offer a partial program schedule for summer camp - such as 1, 2, or 3 days a week? Or do you require that children attend 5 days a week?

Our summer camp is based on weekly themes. Each day we add vocabulary, songs, and questions to accomplish the teachers' objectives. Therefore we do not offer the option for a 1, 2, or 3 days a week partial program schedule.

Q) What discounts are available? Is there a sibling discount?

- Sign up for a minimum of **eight sessions** and get a 10% discount on your total balance.
- **Sibling Discount:** There is a 3% sibling discount when two students are enrolled at the same time.

Q) What are the teacher-to-child ratios?

The teacher-to-child ratios are:

- Preschool (2-3 ½ years old) 1:7
- TK-Kindergarten (4 - 6 years old) 1:9
- 1st to 7th grade (7 - 12 years old) 1:9



Q) Does my child need to be potty-trained to be enrolled?

No potty training is required. Limited spots are available for untrained students.

Q) What is the tuition for the summer camp?

You can find the tuition information at the back of the summer camp application form at the following link <https://www.welcomeamigos.com/summer-camp>

Q) What are your criteria regarding admissions?

We encourage families to apply at their earliest convenience. We consider enrollment on a first-come, first-serve basis for new students. It is the policy of the Welcome Amigos Community not to discriminate based on race, national origin, creed, age, marital status, or physical disability in its education programs, activities, or employment policies as required by Title VI or VIII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments, and the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Q) Do you offer financial aid?

No, we do not offer financial aid at the moment.

Q) Do you provide any meals?

No, we do not. Parents provide snacks and lunch. Hot lunches are welcome. If you want us to heat your child's lunch please put it in a separate microwave safe tupperware.

Q) What should my child bring daily to school?

Your child should bring a water bottle, a lunch box, and snacks. Additionally, he/she should bring a hat or a jacket depending on the weather.

For students enrolled in half-day: Morning snack + lunch

For students enrolled in full or extended day: Morning snack + afternoon snack + lunch

Note: Please label all of your child's belongings.

Q) How much Spanish will my child speak/know if he/she attends most of the summer?

Every situation is different. It all depends on the child's age and background (if he/she has been exposed to Spanish in the past). Generally, most children with no exposure or minimum exposure to Spanish leave Welcome Amigos camp with a wide knowledge of vocabulary within the themes presented and most likely will be able to respond to basic questions in Spanish as well as sing songs. As the weeks progress they build up confidence and gain appreciation of the Spanish language.



Q) Are the camps designed for kids with no or little Spanish background?

We have diversity in our classrooms. Some students are fluent in Spanish, some have little knowledge of the language but don't speak, some speak basic Spanish, and some come with no Spanish background at all. Regardless of the student's level of language acquisition, our staff is experienced and trained to teach all kinds of levels. The children with minimum or no Spanish knowledge benefit tremendously from being in a class with other students who are fluent in Spanish and are encouraged to learn sooner. Students who speak Spanish are encouraged to learn new vocabulary and practice their Spanish with others. Everyone benefits and teachers follow our philosophy in making sure that they reach everyone's potential to learn the language in a fun environment.

Q) How much Spanish vs English is used?

We are a Spanish immersion school! That said, we speak fully in Spanish to our students. However, for those children who we feel need some English instruction to help them feel comfortable, we translate for them. Over the years we have experienced that children don't need to be spoken to in English as we set the friendly tone each day and they feel happy and welcomed even though they may not understand anything at first. Sooner than later they will be joining in with songs, able to answer basic questions and use some vocabulary. Teachers mimic, sing, act, and use many props to give instructions so everyone follows along GREAT! It is amazing to see how quickly children learn and enjoy the process of learning *Español*.

Q) Will there be formal Spanish lessons (like vocabulary or grammar lessons) or just Spanish immersion with the daily activities?

There are five areas of our curriculum within each thematic week. Art, Science, Literacy, Math, and Journals/Dramatic for creative expression and development of their language skills. Depending on the students' ages, we have an established curriculum to address all areas of development. In addition, our Delfines class will take roles in expanding ideas on each weekly camp theme while exploring **LITERACY, MATH, READING COMPREHENSION, and WRITING.**

Q) What would be the typical activities between 3 pm-5:30 pm? Will there be more planned activities or would it be more like free play time?

We have planned activities throughout the day from 8:00 am until 5:30 pm. At 3:00 pm students have snack time, 3:30-4:00 outdoor social time, and 4:00 - 4:45 pm Summer Camp Traditions are introduced. Please see the outline schedule on our website for details.

How can I reinforce my child's Spanish learning at home?

Here are some ways to help your child be a successful student and enjoy the journey of learning Spanish together.

- Show interest in your child's work by asking questions.
- Praise work that is well done.
- Make flashcards with pictures to practice Spanish vocabulary.
- Play Spanish music in the car and at home with your child.



- Have a variety of books for your child whether you can read them or have him/her “pretend to read” to you. Reading helps your child associate words with pictures and build vocabulary and comprehension.
- Enjoy looking at your child’s Spanish classwork weekly.
- Make “Spanish Time”. For example, at dinner time you may want to bring up the name of the food in Spanish, when going to bed, you may want to sing/hear a Spanish song, etc., or simply ask what new word he/she learned.

Parent involvement at home is extremely helpful. Your child will love knowing that you are interested in his/her classwork and will sense your enthusiasm and feel supported.

Q) What should I bring if my child still naps?

We provide a vinyl-resting mat to use during daily rest time. However, parents should bring a small pillow, a crib sheet, and a blanket. Children may bring soft toys or blankets from home to sleep with. These are kept in the child’s area. We will return your child’s blankets and sheets to be washed every Friday at the end of the day. Parents are responsible for bringing blankets back to school on Monday morning.

Q) How long is nap time?

Nap time is usually from 1:00 to 2:45 pm. Classroom lights are off and soft/classical music plays in the background. Children who do not fall asleep after 30 minutes may join the other group of children who do not nap. Children who fall asleep are allowed to wake up naturally. As you know every child is different so if your child usually naps for a shorter period of time than that just let your teacher know.

Q) How can I communicate that my child will be picked up earlier, later, or by a different caregiver or family?

You can let us know by writing it down in the communication book or communicating it personally to your child’s teacher.

If your child is going to be picked up by somebody who is not listed in the Identification and Emergency Information Form (LIC 700), please ask a teacher to update it. We may ask the person who is new to pick up your child for the first time to show an ID.

Q) What if I am late picking my child up?

If a parent or authorized person is late in picking the child up, a late fee of \$5 for every 5 minutes will be applied. Please call the school at (650) 245-7788 if you know you will be late.

Health and Safety

Q) What are the daily health protocols?

- Check your child daily before coming to school to make sure he/she is well and his/her self (happy and healthy)
- Wash your child's hands daily before leaving home
- We will check your child's temperature and wash your child's hands upon arrival
- Parents will be asked to use hand sanitizer before signing their child in/out (Optional: Parents have the option to bring their pen)
- No child is allowed to stay at school if they are present with even the mildest signs of a fever, cough, sore throat, difficulty breathing, or runny nose. We will call the parents immediately if we notice that the child is sick.
- If the child has a fever before coming to school, please keep your child at home until they are fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicines.
- We disinfect the toys and classroom areas daily.

Q) What should I do if my child tests positive for COVID?

If a student is tested and receives a positive result, parents must communicate via phone or text message to (650)245-7788. For the safety of students and teachers, we recommend keeping your child at home for at least 5 - 10 days, as per Department of Health and CDC recommendations. We require testing negative before returning to school.

Q) How will we be informed if there is a positive COVID case in the class?

Upon receiving notification of a positive result, Welcome Amigos will send a text message to all parents informing them of the positive case. We want to ensure parents are informed as quickly as possible. (Please understand that we respect the privacy of all families and teachers, and will only provide confirmation of positive cases).

If students are at school when we receive the notification of a positive case, teachers will immediately conduct symptom checks, take temperatures of all students, and be sure to adapt the class activities to be based outside the classroom, as much as possible. If you wish to pick up your child from school, please notify us at (650)245-7788, so we can have the students' belongings ready.

Q) What is our sickness policy?

Our school is not equipped to care for sick children; however, we will do everything we can to comfort a child who has become sick whilst at preschool. To help prevent the spread of disease, please monitor your child's health.

For the health and safety of all the children, it is mandatory that sick children not be brought to school. If your child has any of the following symptoms during the night, he or she will not be



admitted the following morning for the safety of the other children. Likewise, if these symptoms are present in staff members, he/she will follow the same guidelines.

- Has a temperature equal to 100.4°F/38°C or higher or has had one during the last 24 hours.
- Has a cold that is less than 3 days old.
- Has a heavy nasal discharge that is green or yellow in color.
- Has a constant cough.
- Is fussy, cranky, or generally not themselves.
- Seems tired or has jet lag. Rest during these times may prevent a serious illness.
- Has runny nose, sneezing, diarrhea, vomiting, rashes, red, swollen or discharging eyes

The school's established policy for a child's return to school is as follows:

- The child must be fever-free for 24 hours
- Chicken pox: one week after onset (or when lesions are crusted)
- Strep throat: 24 hours after initial medication
- Vomiting/diarrhea: 24 hours after the last episode
- Conjunctivitis: 24 hours after initial medication or when without drainage
- The child must not show frequent coughing
- The excessive nasal discharge should be resolved