

Welcome to the exciting world of languages!

Bienvenue! Bienvenidos! Your child can start the important study of other languages and cultures at Immaculate Conception Regional School as early as kindergarten!

Why study another language? Isn't English universal in the world?

Having regularly studied in university programs in Europe and North America, I can re-state with confidence that great strides are being made abroad in the teaching of other languages. However, not everyone on the street when you are looking for a bus understands your American English. It can be difficult in North America also, if you take New York City and Atlanta, Mexico, and Quebec, as examples.

Learning a new language stimulates the young brain.

It does not confuse the mind. As a matter of fact, it is far easier for a child to learn a new language than for someone "over the hill" - which is considered age twelve! (It is not impossible for an adolescent or an adult to develop good skills in speaking, pronouncing, reading,

listening, writing French, Spanish, or other languages. It is simply that our heads are harder!

We still acquire new ideas, but they take a little longer to stick in our memories and our habits.)

Young children acquire languages through games, projects, and songs that older ones might consider too baby-ish.

Is there anything career-wise that a person with language skills can anticipate?

When you develop skills in Spanish or French, you will be more sympathetic to the person arriving from another culture, often in need of support, encouragement and compassion.

See the reverse side for information on the **after-school** language program in French and Spanish. Parents of enrolled students may attend the class at no charge.

How do I know if my child is ready for a world language class?

If your child *plays well with others*, s/he is ready!
