

## **Small Talk - Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is the cost?**

Costs are to be determined.

### **Where and when?**

Right now the plan is to have Small Talk in the current after school care room.

### **Will you offer languages other than Spanish?**

At this time the plan is to only offer Spanish but if there's enough interest we may offer the other languages in the program: Mandarin Chinese, French, and Japanese.

### **What is the impact of small talk on writing and reading in English?**

According to program director Jonathon Koop, research shows that everything from increased brain development, to better fluency if the child continues in a second language, to more cultural awareness and sensitivity—even better performance in school—are just some of the benefits linked to learning language at a young age.

### **When would it be added to the curriculum for the elementary grades?**

We are exploring options for working Spanish into our elementary school curriculum. It is our goal to have students at the Spanish 101 level or better before entering high school.

### **If Spanish would be included in the elementary curriculum, would it be included during the school day or as an independent study outside of school? If included in the day - What would be eliminated?**

The schedule is being determined.