



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 Surround Care room starting in September.

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.

Why wouldn't one start the process of hiring a native speaking teacher now, and have an enrichment summer camp?

That may be a possibility but a native speaking instructor has not been hired.

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.