



# San Miguel School

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*"Hungry for Knowledge"*

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Once again, it is my pleasure to welcome you to Juntos, Sunnyvale School District's Spanish-English Dual Immersion Program at San Miguel Elementary. Your child is enrolled in Juntos and will continue through fifth grade in the following years. He/She will have exciting and rigorous opportunities to develop his/her bilingualism, biliteracy, and multicultural competence. We plan for the success of your child in the Dual Immersion Program, and we want to emphasize the enormous value of this opportunity. The learning experiences are designed to meet state standards, in both Spanish and English, while increasing your child's communicative potential.

A world of opportunities opens for your child by learning in two languages, which your family and the entire community will also benefit from. Our society demands future leaders with empathy, intercultural skills and multiple language abilities to reach their goals. With your participation in this program, your child is indeed taking a long stride toward this goal. **However, for this program to work for you, we are asking to observe the following requirements:**

- Participation in the program should be continuous, from Kindergarten to grade 5. Please, if you want to optimize your child's language learning do not switch programs under the assumption that one or two years will guarantee a sufficient proficiency in the language that your child is learning. ***Attached is a parent contract. Please sign and return it before you leave.***
- Become a parent leader by actively engaging in our school's activities and volunteering in the classroom. Research shows that the most successful programs have an active parent body that exhibits the schools values.
- Encourage your child to befriend other children who speak different language than theirs: there is no curriculum that can teach how to make friends among cultures better than doing it.

We are growing with a firm commitment to respond to your own needs. Therefore, we remain open to all your suggestions and expectations as part of the community. Please, do not hesitate to contact me or your classroom teacher for more information or to answer any questions or concerns.

We look forward to starting this exciting endeavor together.

Warm Regards,

*Christina Ballantyne*  
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Principal



