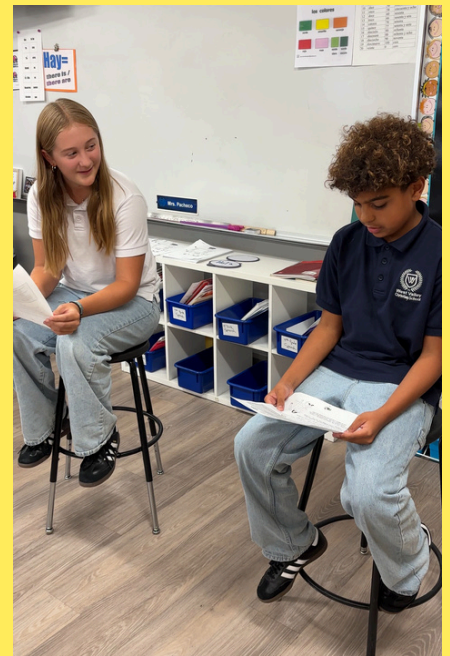


7TH GRADE SPANISH – FINDING THEIR VOICE

In Spanish, our seventh graders are learning that language is not just about vocabulary lists or verb conjugations—it's about finding the courage to communicate. Recently, students stepped out of their comfort zones to perform skits where they introduced themselves in Spanish. As their teacher, Mrs. Pacheco, noted "I'm listening for pronunciation, I'm listening for accent, confidence, and they're doing a great job."

While books remain a valuable part of their study, this emphasis on real conversation helps students develop confidence and expression in a new language. It's one thing to memorize words, but it's another to stand in front of peers and use those words in a meaningful way. This blend of reading, skit work, and conversational practice is giving our students a more complete experience.

This lesson beautifully reflects A: Analytical Action, as students analyze how their pronunciation and word choice convey meaning, and L: Lead with Love & Logic, as they support one another in trying something new. By encouraging risk-taking and celebrating effort, the class creates a safe environment where mistakes lead to growth. Our seventh graders are not just studying Spanish—they're learning how to communicate with confidence and kindness.



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