

## **PARENT'S COMMON QUESTIONS**

### ***WHAT TO BRING/WHAT WE PROVIDE***

#### ***Q) Does my child need to bring extra clothing?***

A) Children ages 2 ½ – 3, we ask for families to bring extra clothing and shoes. We also encourage **close-toed** shoes, as open-toed shoes are dangerous in an environment full of play and outdoor activities. We ask parents to apply sunscreen. It is also recommended that children bring a sunhat.

#### ***Q) What do you provide children with?***

A) On the first day of camp, children will receive a t-shirt. We also provide children with a well-balanced nutritious morning and afternoon snack.

#### ***Q) My child is going to attend full day, what does he/she needs to bring?***

A) Please insure your child brings a lunch in a lunch box and a water bottle. We strongly discourage **PEANUT** products due to their high allergen dangers. Please label all his/her belongings.

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### ***ABOUT THE CAMP***

#### ***Q) Do you offer sibling discount?***

A) There is a one-time \$25.00 sibling discount on the second child.

#### ***Q) Do you offer financial aid?***

A) Yes, we do offer financial assistance to families. Welcome Amigos provides partial tuition aid to families who require financial and demonstrate financial need based on financial information submitted in conjunction with a request for tuition assistance. For inquire about financial aid please email: [gina@welcomeamigos.com](mailto:gina@welcomeamigos.com)

#### ***Q) How are the children grouped?***

A) Groups are grouped according to their age:  
2 ½ - 3 yrs. old | 3 ½ - 5 yrs. old | 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade | 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

#### ***Q) Do you take children younger than three?***

A) Children need to be thirty months old by the time they are enrolled.

***Q) If I enroll two siblings of different ages, will there be a time where they both interact with each other?***

A) It depends on the children ages. Children ages 7 and up can't mingle with the preschoolers. If the children are ages under six; though they will be in their own class, there will be an opportunity for them to see each other. Either during snack time or outdoor playtime.

***Q) How much Spanish will my child speak/know if he/she attends for the full summer?***

A) Every child is different. It all depends on the child's age and their background (if they have been exposed to Spanish in the past). Generally, most children with no exposure or minimum exposure to Spanish leave Welcome Amigos camp pretty confident. They will have a great understanding and most likely will be able to respond basically in Spanish.

***Q) What is the students/teacher ratio?***

There are six – nine children to one teacher per class. In addition, we will have a teacher assistant that will rotate between classes.

***Q) What kind of children attends Welcome Amigos Spanish camp?***

A) ¡*Todos son bienvenidos!* (Everyone is welcome!). We have all kind of families enrolled in our program. From children with no exposure to Spanish to children who speak fully Spanish at home. Our camp is designed for children of all nationalities and language proficiency regardless of their background.

***Q) If my child already speaks some/a lot of Spanish and have so much knowledge of the language, what are your expectations with this group of children?***

A) In a small class Spanish Immersion camp, the teachers have the opportunity to reach each child's potential. We generally talk to the children at their level of understanding. We help them build up their confidence and language knowledge as individuals within our themes and natural approach to teach.

***Q) Do you do the same activities for all the children?***

A) Even though the themes are the same for everyone, we adapt age-appropriate developmental activities and exercises such as projects, games, songs, literature, toys, among others.

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## ***ABOUT THE TEACHERS***

***Q) Are teachers certified?***

A) Yes! All teachers of Welcome Amigos are ECE (Early Childhood Development) educated and/or have a bachelor degree from their native country. Alongside, we continue with professional development/training in the ECE by attending seminars, workshops, and college classes. They are also CPR trained.

***Q) Are the teachers native Spanish speakers?***

A) Yes, all of our teachers are native Spanish speakers.

***Q) What Spanish do you teach?***

A) Spanish is originated from Spain, and was introduced to the New World from Spanish conquerors. Thus part of Latin America has the official Spanish language however, with its corresponding cultural variation. The majority of our teachers are from Central or South America (México, Peru, El Salvador, Guatemala, Chile, Colombia, and Nicaragua).

***Q) What are the teachers' techniques to the children?***

A) The teachers at Welcome Amigos make language functional by relating it to situations, objects, actions, activities, and students' feelings in class. They also do mimic gestures, facial expressions, present dramatic presentation and act silly to enhance comprehension and joy. Most important, they get down to the children's level when interacting, listening, and talking to them. We also correct children as acknowledging their attempt and modeling correct words. Students progress at their own pace with the supervision of the teaching staff. We encourage our students to reach a goal without feeling pressure but motivated and happy to do the class activities. In addition, teachers use a responsive classroom approach for social/emotional learning and to generate an environment of kindness, respect, and caring. For more information regarding Responsive Classroom please visit their website at: <http://www.responsiveclassroom.org/>

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***DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES***

***Q) What happens if I come late to pick up my child?***

A) You have a five-minute grace period when picking up your child. After 5 minutes you are charged \$5.00 for every 5 minutes you're late. Please pay this fee to the person watching your child at the time of pick up. We offer extended care hours if needed.

***Q) What if someone other than myself and the people listed on the release form, is going to pick up my child? How do I notify the staff?***

A) We will have a communication book alongside with the sign-in/sign-out sheet. Please use it to write down the name and phone number of the person whose picking up your child, dated, and signed. We will ask for pictures ID at pick up time.

***Q) Do I need to sign in and sign out every day?***

A) Yes, it is required by law that parents sign in/out your child at the time of drop off and pick up every day he/she attends to class.

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## ***GENERAL QUESTIONS***

***Q) If I want to continue in the program, what are the fall enrollment procedures?***

A) We encourage families to apply at their earliest convenience, as we take enrollment on a first-come, first-serve basis for new students. For enrollment procedures and enrollment process please visit our *How to Apply* page at: <http://www.welcomeamigos.com/HowtoApply.html>

*If you have any other questions please send us an e-mail to: [info@welcomeamigos.com](mailto:info@welcomeamigos.com) or call(650) 345-2393*