

PROGRAM GOALS

- **Bilingualism/Bi-literacy:** To develop fluency and literacy in Spanish and English.
- **Academic Excellence:** To achieve academic excellence in all subject courses in accordance with state and DJSUD guidelines.
- **Intellectual Flexibility:** To increase students' cognitive ability in all subjects by providing fluency in two languages.
- **Global Awareness:** To cultivate understanding and appreciation for diverse languages and cultures and strengthen positive attitudes among students, friends, family and the community.
- **Responsibility:** To provide a safe, enriching environment in which our children can grow as responsible world citizens.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Community involvement is a priority at MME. Faculty, staff and parent leaders are dedicated to involving all of our families in the mechanics of the school at many levels. The PTA provides support for all students and teachers with programs, resources and activities that enrich the school experience. The English Learner Advisory committee (ELAC) helps parents who speak languages other than English become involved in our school. The partnership between PTA and ELAC is rich and important to our school culture. The School Site Council is a representative group that provides guidance as to the development of school programs and the use of school resources. And finally our Center For Families provides a space to bring all parents together and to provide resources for families in need.

HOW TO APPLY

TWBI is being offered at MME with the express purpose of serving our diverse population. Any child may apply for Two-Way Bilingual Immersion (TWBI)! TWBI Enrollment at Marguerite Montgomery Elementary will occur through the standard kindergarten enrollment in March. Interested families should fill out the TWBI application form included in the kindergarten registration packet if they would like to enroll their child. Please contact the school office for a registration packet. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 3:30pm.

The goal of the TWBI program is to have a balance of native Spanish and native English speakers so that students, as well as teachers will serve as language models for each other. Students will be enrolled in TWBI using policies that help us achieve as much balance as possible between these target language groups. While keeping the goal of balance in mind, priority for Kindergarten enrollment in the TWBI Program at MME will occur in the following order:

1. Phase one students
 - a. Students with siblings in TWBI/SI program
 - b. Students living in MME attendance area
2. Phase two students
 - a. Other interested families within DJUSD
 - b. Other interested families outside of DJUSD

In the event that there are more applicants than spaces available, established placement procedures will be followed. Parents should understand that continuous participation in TWBI through at least the 6th grade provides maximum benefits for the child. The DJUSD offers Immersion coursework at Ralph Waldo Emerson Junior High School, so students that participate in MME's TWBI Program may choose to continue with Spanish instruction beyond 6th grade.

COME VISIT US!

At Marguerite Montgomery Elementary we cultivate a vibrant community dedicated to nurturing each child in a respectful, caring environment and providing rigorous language-rich academic instruction in English and Spanish.

MARGUERITE MONTGOMERY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Two-Way Bilingual Immersion

*CELEBRATING THE CULTURAL
RICHNESS OF OUR WORLD.*

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MARGUERITE MONTGOMERY ELEMENTARY

Marguerite Montgomery Elementary (MME) is a neighborhood school that offers two language programs: An English Program and a Two-Way Bilingual Immersion Program. Along with our language programs we are working with UC Davis to develop a school-wide science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Our beautiful campus has many physical attributes including a new and well-maintained facility, ample open space, green areas, a large play structure, and a network of student gardens. The student body at MME has students from many language backgrounds. Diversity and the appreciation for learning two or more languages is a school-wide focus and source of pride.

CURRICULUM

Two-Way Bilingual Immersion curriculum includes all subjects consistent with district, state and federal requirements. Students enjoy exceptional programs, which will include

English and Spanish Language Arts: With a school-wide focus on language, building strong, analytical readers and thinkers is a priority. Teachers employ a variety of literacy strategies to promote strong reading, comprehension and writing in both languages.

Mathematics: Using Everyday Math, each teacher provides differentiated instruction and individual support. Our math specialist supports teachers and students through modeling, co-teaching and small group work

Science: Our participation in a collaborative project with UC Davis is spurring MME's developing focus on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Our students love our K-6 experience-based science program.

Technology: Students enjoy a fully equipped computer laboratory for whole class learning and have access to a bank of computers in every classroom. MME is committed to improving access to technology throughout the school.

PROGRAM DESIGN

Our Two Way Bilingual Immersion (TWBI) program follows an immersion model in which students begin their education with most instruction occurring in Spanish in kindergarten and the amount of English increases incrementally after 1st Grade until a 50/50 balance of Spanish/English is reached by 5th grade.

Kindergarten	90% Spanish	10% English
1 st Grade	90% Spanish	10% English
2 nd Grade	80% Spanish	20% English
3 rd Grade	65% Spanish	35% English
4 th Grade	50% Spanish	50% English
5 th Grade	50% Spanish	50% English
6 th Grade	50% Spanish	50% English

HOW IS TWBI DIFFERENT THAN SI?

TWBI will follow the 90-10 two language model rather than the Spanish Immersion (SI) foreign language program model that was offered in the past here at MME. TWBI is dependent upon the balance of native languages. The ability for children to be language models for each other is essential for a Two-Way Bilingual Immersion Program. The TWBI program model has been strategically chosen in order to best serve ALL students in the attendance boundaries of MME. When looking at longitudinal studies, TWBI program design has proven to be the most successful for both target populations. For native Spanish speakers, TWBI program design shows long term high levels of academic success and has the highest probability to close the achievement gap. For native English speakers, TWBI offers the benefits of the established Spanish Immersion program that DJUSD offers, plus the opportunity to participate in a more diverse class and learn Spanish from peers that are native Spanish speakers, parent helpers that are native Spanish speakers, as well as the TWBI teachers.

OUTSTANDING STAFF & FACULTY

MME has a school-wide focus on meeting the needs of each student. Our classroom teachers work with our intervention team to identify and assist students who need extra support. This year we have been able to offer a strong English Language Development Program, reading support in Spanish and English, as well as intervention in math. Our staff is devoted to the educational, social, and emotional well-being of our students.

ADVANTAGES OF TWO-WAY BILINGUAL IMMERSION

TWBI offers a fantastic opportunity to students in Davis. The program provides students with a complete academic program grounded in an educational environment that supports community action and celebrates cultural diversity. Students become orally fluent and academically proficient in Spanish and English. They acquire key language skills naturally and early in life, which enriches their cognitive ability in all subjects. Literacy in two languages broadens their academic, occupational and economic opportunities.

TWO WAY BILINGUAL IMMERSION (TWBI) FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS

TWBI is appropriate for all students regardless of language background. Our students come from many backgrounds. They may be native speakers of either English or Spanish or they may be fluent in a language other than Spanish or English. Research indicates that TWBI is an excellent match for any of these students. TWBI celebrates bilingualism in all aspects of life and validates cultural and linguistic diversity. MME is uniquely poised to take advantage of fully implementing a Two-Way Bilingual Immersion program because we have the population base that is necessary to have a balance of both native Spanish speakers and native English speakers. By intentionally balancing these student populations, teachers AND students are language models. Students are very empowered by the opportunity to be an expert and help others learn!