

Guidelines for Teaching a Successful Vamos Class

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT:

- Bring the required Star document, nametags, and Student Responsibilities poster each week.
- Utilize your attention getter

Please note:

- ✓ There is no need to laminate nametags.
- ✓ There are no longer peso rewards in Futura classes.

SONGS:

- Teach the theme song and sing it every class so that students master it.
- Implement the other suggested songs to reinforce various topics.

Please note:

- ✓ Utilize the Futura Vimeo channel to familiarize yourself with the tunes of the songs.
- ✓ Feel free to adapt the extra songs into chants or age appropriate raps for older students or to teach your favorite topic-related songs in Spanish.

DANI & BETO/CONVERSATION

- Dani and Beto help make the theme come alive! Mention them throughout your classes.

Please note:

- ✓ Puppets are encouraged, but optional.
- ✓ The conversation dialogues do not need to be read word for word. They can be adlibbed or very shortened to simplify instruction.
- ✓ For older students, encourage them to take turns being Dani and Beto for portions of the conversation components.

LESSON PLAN:

- Read through the lesson plans well in advance to be thoroughly prepared.
- Teach only the target vocabulary. (This is a shortened, highlighted list of vocabulary given at training and on the intranet)
- Make the theme/adventure of the class come alive by bringing in actual objects as visuals.

Please note:

- ✓ There is more material provided each week than you will be able to cover. Therefore, choose the activities best suited for your particular class.
- ✓ Be sensitive to age appropriateness. Remember that some students may be non-readers and adapt your lessons and activities accordingly with visuals.
- ✓ Do not hand out hard copy newsletters. Instead, families can access these on our Parent Portal.

LANGUAGE METHODOLOGY

- Conversation is still the primary focus of Vamos classes.
- Encourage mini conversations at the start of every class.
- Use the Builder Phrases to encourage students to make full sentences when teaching vocabulary.

Please note:

- ✓ It is required to teach every class bilingually (minimum of 50% in Spanish) to expose students to fluid conversations.
- ✓ Be enthusiastic and have fun!