



Hello Families!

This year, we will be using a tool called Duolingo for Schools. Duolingo is a free app designed to help students learn languages. Because Duolingo can be downloaded to any smartphone, and even used on a web browser on computers, it means that students will have access to additional practice in their language at their fingertips!

On my end, Duolingo for Schools allows me to track the work that the students are doing, to ensure I can give them the most help throughout their learning journey. Additionally, I can create assignments that are tailored specifically to what will best meet the needs of each student. This means that every minute your students spend on Duolingo will be spent working at their “just-right” level, rather than on a classwide assignment.

Duolingo’s platform is set up with certain restrictions to ensure student safety. For example, I am able to control whether the students are allowed to engage with mature vocabulary or have profiles that can be seen by other users. I encourage you to take some time to explore the app with your child—their login information is attached to this letter.

Please consider supporting your child at home by encouraging them to spend time with Duolingo. Encourage them to maintain their Streak by ensuring that they log time daily, if only just fifteen minutes! Together, we can ensure that they maximize their learning, both inside and outside of the classroom.

Yours in Partnership,



Hello Families!

This year, we are using Duolingo for Schools to help take our language skills to the next level with personalized lessons that will allow your child to engage in additional practice at home. As with all elements of your child's education, the more we are able to collaborate, the more successful your student will be. That's why we recommend checking out Duolingo at home. Duolingo is a free language-learning app that can be used on any device, and makes a great jumping-off point for creating a plan to support your child in their ongoing language learning.

Research shows that all of us have the most success in implementing a new habit when we are supported by those around us. Language learning is no different! One way to become part of your child's language-learning experience is by committing to learning alongside them. This will allow you to practice with them, and assist them in monitoring their own progress and growing their skills over time.

Language learning requires more time than class allows, which is why it is so important that we maximize our class time. Students who spend more time practicing outside of class retain more knowledge that can be used inside of class, helping them to build a language foundation that will allow them to continue to grow their skills well beyond the time they spend with me.

Attached to this letter is a list of six steps you can take to begin learning a language as a family. I encourage you to review them and determine which, if any, of these you may be able to fit into your family's schedule. As always, I'm here to support you and your child and would be more than happy to chat with you to help answer questions about these activities or offer suggestions for their implementation.

With gratitude,

Attachment: [Practicing a New Language With Your Child](#)

practicing a new language with your child



Incorporate the language into daily activities

Create a daily schedule for your family in your target language and post it in your home.



Read books and stories in the language

Check out children's books in your target language. More of a listener? Try the Duolingo Podcast.



Take your language skills into your community

The best thing you can do when learning a new language is real-world practice! Get courageous and get out there!



Play a variety of games in the language

Does your family have a favorite game? Change things up a bit by playing in the language you are learning.



Make a list of your language-learning tools

Collaborate on a list of the tools that your family can access for help when they run into learning roadblocks.



Host a family Duolingo language competition

Set a goal of how many XP you will earn in a certain amount of time and compete to see who gets there first!