

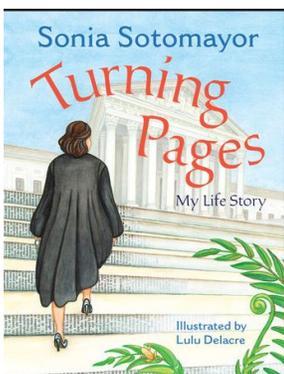


**¡Bienvenida a la primavera!** As we warmly welcome spring and say farewell to winter, world language students continue to learn and apply vocabulary and phrases to speak and engage in conversation about the world around them. Sixth grade students are learning about rooms of a house and comparing and contrasting the types of living spaces in various cultures, while seventh graders are examining weather and landforms. Eighth grade students are learning to describe themselves and others using words to talk about hair color, age, height, personality and other characteristics. They are also learning words that describe relationships to others in their family or social groups. All students are developing their oral language through the use of FlipGrid, which allows students multiple opportunities to practice language before recording a video response to a teacher prompt.

It really is amazing to see how quickly students learn language! Can you believe that in a few short weeks students are able to use context clues to read and interpret a text in Spanish? Try this fun interpretive reading exercise at home with your child to see if you can understand the general meaning:

*“El 17 de marzo es el Día de San Patricio, y todos somos irlandeses y celebramos. El color especial es verde. Muchas personas usan ropa verde y comen un sándwich de carne especial. La planta especial es el trébol y el símbolo especial es el duende.”*

So, how did you do?



March is Women's History Month – commemorating and encouraging the study and celebration of the vital role of women in American history. From civil rights activists, to astronauts and artists, Latina women have helped to shape the history and culture of our country. Learn about Ellen Ochoa, the first Hispanic woman astronaut in the world to go into space, or Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, who became the first Hispanic Supreme Court Justice in U.S. history. Check out a read aloud of her story, [Turning Pages: My Life Story!](#) You can read about these women and more by visiting [10 Inspiring Latinas Who've Made History](#).

Lastly, did you know that there are several language options available for students at the high school level beyond Spanish? Grade eight students were recently visited by high school language teachers who presented the Heritage Spanish, French, and German programs and clubs that are available as course options in high school. These language programs are rich with culture, authentic content, and real world connections. If you are interested in learning more about the language programs, please watch the videos linked below to hear from our language teacher experts!

[Intermediate East/North German Video](#)

[Intermediate South German Video](#)

[Intermediate South/North/East French Video](#)

[Intermediate South/North/East Heritage Spanish Video](#)