I. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Students will:

A. Learn to communicate authentically in the basic skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing in Italian.

B. Receive a comparative perspective of Italian and English through word derivations, roots, prefixes, suffixes, etc.

C. Become familiar with the culture of the native speakers of the language and attain an understanding and appreciation of the multi-cultural community in which we live.

D. Develop a favorable attitude toward second language learning in general.

E. Participate in interdisciplinary activities linking the second language with other courses in the grade 6 curriculum.

II. COURSE CONTENT

The major themes or topics that will be developed are global awareness (introduction to learning a language), personal identification, family life, house and home, school, health and welfare, and leisure activities.

III. EXPECTATIONS/REQUIREMENTS

- Being prepared in class each day with a notebook, pen and any related worksheets.
- Active participation in the lesson.
- Careful preparation of assignments and projects.
- Application of library and internet research skills in cultural reports and/or projects.

IV. EVALUATION SYSTEMS

Students' progress in Italian will be determined by their performance in class activities including role play, skits, cooperative learning strategies, the preparation of special projects and quizzes. Active class participation is an integral part of the students' evaluation as is the timely preparation of assignments and special projects.