

What is dictado?

Dictado is an approach to language and spelling that we will be trying in our classroom this year. Dictado comes from the Spanish word for dictation. We will be using dictado to help your child become a better speller and writer. Instead of a traditional spelling list or daily language practice, our class will be given a dictation sentence. We will practice this sentence throughout the week and take a dictation quiz Friday.

Here's what our week will look like:

Monday: Students will receive a dictado page for the week. The teacher will dictate a sentence to the class. The class will write the sentence. After the students have written the sentence, we will correct it together. Monday will also be used as an opportunity to review any new language skills used in the sentence.

Tuesday: Students will be given a dictado partner. Each student will write the sentence as their partner dictates the sentence. After the students have written the sentence, students will correct their own work by looking at Monday's sentence.

Wednesday: The teacher will dictate the sentence to the class again. After the students have written the sentence, students will correct their own work by looking at Monday's sentence.

Thursday: Students will pair up with their dictado partner. Each student will write the sentence as their partner dictates the sentence. After the students have written the sentence, students will correct their own work by looking at Monday's sentence.

Friday: The teacher will dictate the sentence. Students will write the sentence correctly without help. The teacher will grade this quiz for spelling, vocabulary and language grades.

A sample dictado is attached. Please let me know if you have any questions!