5th Grade

In 5th grade, students rotate through all three languages offered at Cannon School (Mandarin Chinese, French, and Spanish). This is a great year for students to get acquainted with the different World Language teachers and to explore all that these languages and their attendant cultures have to offer. At the end of the 5th grade year, students choose which language they would like to study for the remaining three years of Middle School. Students do not need any previous language experience nor do they need to do any work over the summer to prepare for these classes.

6th Grade

This is the first of three years to study the I level (the equivalent of the high school course for French I, Spanish I, and Mandarin I) in depth in Middle School. Classes meet every day. Students do not need any previous language experience nor do they need to do any work over the summer to prepare for these classes.

7th Grade

This is the second of three years to study the I level in depth in Middle School. Classes meet every day. If your child has not had any previous language experience, that is fine, although some catch up work with his or her language teacher may be required after the initial review unit at the beginning of the year. Please contact World Languages Department Chair, Marie Morgann (mmorgann@cannonschool.org), to receive a list of grammar topics covered in the 6th grade course and to borrow a 6th grade textbook to peruse over the summer.

8th Grade

This is the third and final year to study the I level in depth in Middle School. Classes meet every day. If your child has not had any previous language experience, he or she will need to do some review over the summer. Please contact World Languages Department Chair, Marie Morgann (mmorgann@cannonschool.org), to receive a list of grammar topics covered in the 7th grade course and to borrow a 7th grade textbook to peruse over the summer.

Please know that we are constantly receiving students at all grade level entry points and with all ranges of language experience. Every student's experiences and skill levels are considered as we enter the new school year in our language classes, and where special arrangements are needed, we provide ample opportunity for assistance or extra work as necessary. As always, please reach out to Marie Morgann (mmorgann@cannonschool.org) with any questions or concerns.