

The Albanian-American Academy

2007-2008

- **First level pre-school group: For children of age 3 to 5 years old (Parents' presence required).**
 - **Second level pre-school group: For children of age 5 to 6 years old.**
 - **First level (Beginners): For children of age 7 to 10 years old.**
 - **Second level (Intermediary): For children of age 10 to 13 years old.**
 - **English for adults.**
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- **First level pre-school group: For children of age 3 to 5 years old (Parents' presence required).**

The goal for this group is the introduction to the Albanian language. The children are exposed to the language through play, and interaction with other children and parents. The adults have a chance to socialize with fellow parents who share an interest in introducing their children to the Albanian language from a very young age.

During this course the children are taught to count, name the colors, animals, body parts, weather, seasons, transportation means and other basic knowledge for a young beginner. They learn songs, games, and information on traditional celebrations, and participate in field trips. They learn through play. The children participate and perform in activities of the Albanian-American community. Depending on the level of Albanian, children should be encouraged to communicate in class mainly in Albanian.

- **Second level pre-school group: For children of age 5 to 6 years old.**

During this course, the concepts that children have learned in the early beginner class are expanded and they learn more complex notions. They learn introductions and greetings, the names of different foods, their birthdays, the environment, clothes, how to interact when they buy something etc. They also gradually start to learn about the ABC-s. They learn vocabulary through play, songs, dance, drawing, arts and crafts and through nature scouting. Also through play and practice, children are exposed to verb conjugation and the plural. They learn to sing traditional songs and simple poems. They can perform in community activities.

- **First level (Beginners): For children of age 7 to 10 years old.**

This course is focused on the construction of sentence, vocabulary enrichment and the foundations of grammar. Through listening, reading, conversation and writing, the students use interaction and communication to acquire a deeper knowledge of Albanian. Children learn the alphabet. By reading and commenting on simple literary

texts, they enrich their vocabulary and learn grammatical notions of Albanian such as declension and conjugation, use of prepositions and adjectives. At this stage, educative games may be used as a secondary means to help children learn about Albanian traditions, geography and history. By the end of this course the children should have acquired simple conversation skills.

- **Second level (Intermediary): For children of age 10 to 13 years old.**

The goal of this course is further improvement of language skills, focusing on correct use of grammar. The children are encouraged to write and read in Albanian. The language and grammar skills are sharpened through reading and conversation, learning of classical literary texts, fables and Albanian legends. The children also learn about the main events in the Albanian history. By the end of this course the children should have acquired a good knowledge about the Albanian culture and history through elaborate language skills.

- **English for adults.**

The goal of this course is to help fellow Albanians in the Washington Metropolitan area to learn and improve their English. In addition to experienced instructors, Albanian-Americans for whom English is the first language will be at hand to help teach the most current US English conversational skills.