

2006-2007 WHRO Classroom Preview

Series Title: Arte y mas!
Curriculum Area: Foreign Language
Grades: K – 2
of Programs/Length: 9/10:00 – 12:00 minute programs

KET, Kentucky Educational Television, developed Arte y mas!, a primary level Spanish language course in partnership with Jefferson County Public Schools, the 6th largest school district in the nation, and the Kentucky Department of Education. The project's main goal is to deliver content-based, literacy-focused Spanish instruction for use by classroom teachers.

Underlying assumptions for the series:

- * This is direct instruction.
- * All instruction will be in the target language.
- * Children are to be actively engaged with the content, not passive viewers.
- * Teachers need to participate with the children, not remain passive during viewing.

Arte y mas! consist of 10-12 minute magazine format lessons that use Kentucky's core content for the arts and humanities as the basis of instruction. The course aligns with both the Kentucky Content for World Language Proficiency and the National Standards for Foreign Language Learning. Teacher Alicia Vinson joins Susana Lalguna and other Spanish speaking guests to provide children with many models of language.

The instructional package includes ancillary materials for the classroom teachers that provide the video lesson outline, objectives, targeted vocabulary, suggested pre- and post- viewing activities, and core content addressed. There is also a professional development component produced to support the implementation of the programs by the regular classroom teachers.

During the piloting of the series in 12 Kentucky classrooms, the results were very positive. Teachers reported that the series was easy to use, that they were comfortable using the materials despite the fact that they were learning the language with the children, and the students were actively engaged with the video lessons.