

**DOBBS FERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**SUBJECT: Italian 1A**

**Grade: 6**

**Course Description**

This course is a formal introduction to foreign language study. It sets the stage for all language skills for the beginning language learner, speaking, listening, reading, and writing. In addition, it fosters cultural understandings and includes age-appropriate communicative activities. The curriculum map for foreign languages in grades six through eight provides for a commonality of experiences for students regardless of their language choice. It is also referred to as “spiraling” in nature because most topics are introduced in the first year of instruction and become the basis for expansion in subsequent years.

**ANTICIPATED STUDENT OUTCOMES**

*By June of this year, students in this class should be able to. . .*

- Demonstrate basic auditory comprehension (NYS 1;N1.2)
- Speak Italian using correct pronunciation and form (present tense) NYS 1:N 1.1)
- Read simple articles in Italian with comprehension (NYS 1;N 1.2)
- Write responses to questions and directed compositions using proper grammatical forms and vocabulary (NYS 1; N1,3,4.1)
- Appreciate foreign cultures and heritage(NYS 2; N 2.1, 2.2,3.1)
- Use a strong basic vocabulary for personal expression(NYS 1; N1.1,5.1,5.2)

**MATERIALS**

Text: **Exploring Italian 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition**

Supplementary Materials: Supplementary reading materials

**CRITERIA for ASSESSMENT**

- Tests-Exams- Quizzes
- Projects
- Class Participation
- Aural recognition
- Student attention and response
- Student performance
- Home/class work

### **What do I need for this class?**

You will need:

- A section in your binder with loose-leaf paper
- A folder or section in your portfolio
- A pen or pencil
- Your agenda pad
- A dry erase marker (optional)

### **How will I be graded?**

Your grade will be calculated based on participation, homework, tests, quizzes and projects.

20% - Class Participation and Class Work

15% - Homework

45% - Tests and Quizzes

20% - Projects

I am available for extra help if necessary. My **T-Periods** are:

- Wednesdays: 7:50-8:15 am
- Other days and times can be made by appointment

My interactive web page is packed with the topics and vocabulary students are studying in class and can prepare them for upcoming quizzes and tests. This site has many interactive games including Flashcards, Battleship, Concentration, Jeopardy, Hangman, Matching Columns, and much more. Students can reinforce their vocabulary while having fun!

Simply log on to:

[www.quia.com/pages/dobbsitaliano6.html](http://www.quia.com/pages/dobbsitaliano6.html)

Remember to bookmark this site in order to have it at your fingertips for daily review.

### **Opportunities for Support/ Enrichment:**

Students are encouraged and sometimes required to seek and/or offered extra help when necessary. Students may choose from a variety of Italian, French and Spanish magazines and readers for both enjoyment and enrichment. Students may opt to create extra projects, through whatever media desired, for possible extra credit. Additional practice is encouraged in all four skills, reading, writing, speaking and understanding, in preparation for the Proficiency exam, at the end of Grade 8.