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Hello, my name is Sra. Wanda, and I am the K-3 Spanish teacher at Trinity Catholic School. I was born and raised in Puerto Rico. I have a bachelor's degree in Music Therapy and master's degree in Music Education from Florida State University. I also have completed Early Childhood Education courses at Tallahassee State College and hold two State of Florida teaching certificates in Spanish K-12 and Music K-12. I began my teaching journey in 1991. I have been blessed to teach music and dance at Young Actors Theatre since 2000 and Spanish at Trinity since 2018.

Objectives

The objective of the K-3 grade Spanish classes is to learn vocabulary, basic grammar, experience cultural activities and strengthen our Catholic identity.

Catholic Identity

In K-3 grade Spanish classes we include the following Catholic Identity lessons:

- Prayer: Our class always begins with prayer.
 - K-3: *La Señal de la Cruz* (The sign of the Cross)
 - 1st grade: *Gloria al Padre* (Glory Be)
 - 2nd grade: *Ave Maria* (Hail Mary)
 - 3rd grade: *Ángel de la Guarda* (Guardian Angel)
- Saints: *Los Santos Latinos* (Saints of the Spanish speaking countries).

As Christians, we are to be kind and compassionate and we learned from the stories of the lives of the saints. As we are learning a new language, we make sure to show kindness and respect to each other.

Curriculum/Topics

- The topics covered in Kindergarten are vocabulary based on the alphabet, greetings, colors, and numbers.
- The topics covered in 1st grade are greetings, the body, people, pets, numbers and describing oneself.
- The topics covered in 2nd grade are my room, my house, my family, my friends, favorite foods, and days of the week.
- The topics covered in 3rd grade are greetings, four seasons, clothes, friends, transportation and numbers.

- All classes learn poems, songs, dances, games and stories representative of Hispanic culture.
- All classes learn phonetics, basic grammar rules, writing and reading skills.
- All classes will work on receptive and expressive language.

Grades

Students earn grades on classwork (written, oral), and vocabulary assessments (written, oral).

Make-up Assignments and Late Work

If students miss a Spanish class, they will make up the assignment the next time they come to class.

Behavior Management Plan

Students are expected to listen, to work and to be kind to each other. Students are expected to be responsible for what they say and do. The teacher will use redirection, and verbal reminders to assist the students with their behavior management. The consequences of not complying and not following the rules are a verbal warning, removal from classroom and communication with parents.

Supplies

- Kindergarten students have a book *Mi libro de palabras* and classroom writing materials.
- The 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade students have a blue folder, a composition notebook, classroom writing materials and a grade level Spanish book, *Let's Learn Spanish*.

Communication

E-mail

The most effective method of communication between teacher and parents is email.

My email is rivera-ferriw@trinityknights.org

PowerSchool

Parents and students are responsible for checking PowerSchool on a regular basis to monitor progress. Please bring concerns to the teacher's attention as soon as they appear. Parents and teachers will work together to promote student progress. Questions regarding access to PowerSchool should be directed to the front office.