



SPANISH CLASS NEWS FLASH

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Dear first grade parents,

My name is Dana Reginato and I am the K-2 Spanish teacher at CSMH. This is my sixth year at the Charter School. Many of you already know me, but for those who don't, let me tell you a little bit about my background. My teaching experience includes teaching 3-5th grades in Bilingual Classrooms, teaching pre-school in Spanish, teaching ESL to junior high, high school and adult students and teaching private Spanish lessons to children and adults. The common thread in all my teaching experiences is that I love language acquisition and Spanish is my passion. I speak Spanish at home with my husband and two children. I have enjoyed teaching the children at this school Spanish *and I'm looking forward to another fun year of language acquisition with the first grade students at the Charter School!*

I use an Immersion method and the "Natural Approach" when teaching Spanish. This means that Spanish is not a grammar or translation class. I use pictures, movements, songs and books to gain comprehension. I speak Spanish exclusively in class modifying my speech to make it simple and understandable. The way your children are learning Spanish is more like how they learned their first language.

This week we have begun our theme, "Todo acerca de mí" (All about Me). In this unit they will describe themselves and make a little booklet about themselves. We will also make graphs representing different personal facts about the class.

I encourage you to volunteer during Spanish time if you speak Spanish or want to learn Spanish with the children. The presence of parents in our classroom enriches our experience. If you cannot volunteer weekly, let me know if you can periodically for special activities. Please sign up with your child's classroom teacher or send me an e-mail at: dreginato@csmh.org. The following schedule shows first grade Spanish times:

Gillis TWF 10:00-10:35 am
Nelson MWF 10:40-11:15 am
DeRome MWF 12:00-12:35 pm

Muchas gracias,

Maestra Dana
Dana Reginato, K-2 Spanish

Songs for August

Especial

Especial, especial
(nombre) es especial
No hay nadie
Como tú
Eres único(a)*
Especial, especial
(nombre) es especial

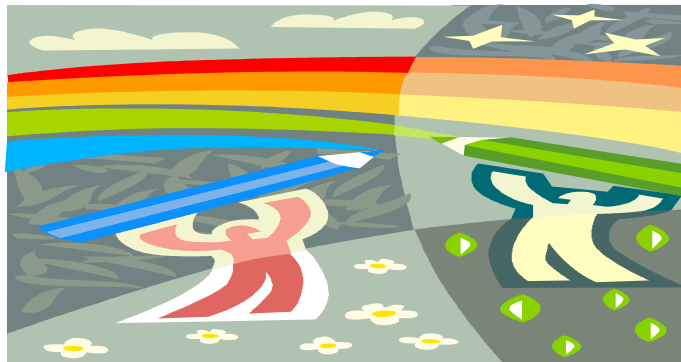
Special

Special, special
(Name) is special
There is no one
Like you
You are unique
Special, special
(Name) is special

- In Spanish, adjectives are gender specific when they end in a vowel. For instance a girl would be “única” and a boy would be “único.”

El baile de los colores

The Colors' Dance



Este es el baile de los colores
De los colores, de los colores
(2x)

This is the colors' dance
of the colors, of the colors

Rojo, amarillo,
Verde, café
Morado
Rosa, azul
Negro, blanco
Anaranjado
(2x)

Red, yellow
green, brown
purple
pink, blue
black, white
orange