



## ***SPANISH CLASS NEWS FLASH***

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[nautilusdesign.com/Spanish/spanishhome.html](http://nautilusdesign.com/Spanish/spanishhome.html)

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Dear second 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 3-5<sup>th</sup> 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 second 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, "Que haces tú en la escuela? (What do you do at school?) In this unit we will review classroom vocabulary and actions. We will make a mobile as our culminating project. ***Every student should bring in a metal (drycleaner type) hanger for this mobile project. Please send it in with your child.***

***In second grade the children will have weekly Spanish homework in their homework packets.*** Their homework should be turned in along with the packet as well. Usually, the last week of each month, we will have a test on Spanish high frequency (common) questions and responses.. Over the course of the school year, I would like them to memorize these and be able to spell the most common Spanish words.

If you would like to volunteer during Spanish time, please sign up with your child's classroom teacher or send me an e-mail at: [dreginato@csmh.org](mailto:dreginato@csmh.org). The following are the Spanish times:

Price	MWF 8:05-8:35 am
Wilkinson	MWF 8:45-9:15 am
Horning	MW 12:40-1:10pm Tues. 10:00-10:30 am

Muchas gracias,  
*Maestra Dana*

Dana Reginato, K-2 Spanish

High Frequency Questions for August/September:

**¿Qué significa....en inglés?**

**What does...mean in English?**

(This question is used for translation/clarification.)

¿Qué significa lápiz en inglés?      Lápiz significa <<pencil>> en inglés.

**¿Cómo se dice....en español?**

**How do you say....in Spanish?**

(This is good if the student doesn't know the word in Spanish and wants to know it.)

¿Cómo se dice <<red>> en español?      Se dice rojo en español.

**¿Qué haces tú en la escuela?**

**What do you do at school?**

(We answer this with different verbs they are learning.)

¿Qué haces tú en la escuela?      Yo escribo y leo. (I write and read.)

Song for August/September:



¿Qué haces tú en la escuela? En la escuela, en la escuela  
¿Qué haces tú en la escuela?, en la escuela, ¿Qué haces tú?  
Yo escribo, y leo y recorto y pego.  
Es lo que hago en la escuela, ¿Qué haces tú?

¿Cómo se llama\* tu maestra? maestra, maestra  
¿Cómo se llama tu maestra? Se llama Maestra Wilkinson (Price o Horning).

¿Cómo se llama tu escuela? Escuela, escuela  
¿Cómo se llama tu escuela? Se llama the Charter School of Morgan Hill.

*What do you do at school? At school, at school  
What do you do at school? At school, What do you do?  
I write and read and cut out and glue.  
That's what I do at school, What do you do?*

*What's your teacher's name? teacher, teacher  
What's your teacher's name? Her name is Miss (Teacher) Wilkinson (Price or Horning).*

*What's your school's name? School, school  
What's your school's name? It is called the Charter School of Morgan Hill.*

FYI

\* "se llama" is pronounced "say yama" and literally means calls itself (herself). It comes from the verb "llamarse" and is best translated as "is its name" (is her name). To speak about oneself we say, "Yo me llamo Maestra Dana." This literally means, "I call myself Maestra Dana" or in other words, "My name is Maestra Dana."