

## Spanish Disclosure Statement Kindergarten and First Grade

¡Bienvenidos! Welcome!

Students and Parents,  
Welcome to Spanish!

The teaching method that I use is called Total Physical Response Storytelling, whereby a sign is used to help a child form a picture in their minds of a word or phrase while hearing it in Spanish. Once a sign's meaning is internalized, it eliminates the need to translate to English. The student begins to think in Spanish. The hand signs are official American Sign Language signs.

According to Total Physical Response methodology, I first introduce vocabulary in Spanish along with the corresponding sign language, and then put the vocabulary into context. By engaging students in singing, acting out, illustrating skits, and participating in many learning activities, the students communicate in Spanish and gain knowledge and understanding of the Spanish culture.

Expectations for the students are:

- To participate in listening and learning
- To learn the meaning of the vocabulary by knowing it's associated sign
- To use the vocabulary learned and practiced in class
- To say the Glory Be

Classroom Materials:

First Grade students are required to have a folder for Spanish.

Classroom Procedures:

- I will enter your child's classroom and say the Glory Be
- Distribute handouts quietly
- There should not be restroom time during Spanish
- Be sure that all work is neat and presentable

Rules:

- Follow directions the first time they are given
- Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself
- Be ready to listen and to participate

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I look forward to a fun filled year of teaching your child Spanish!

Thank-you!

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