

## Spanish Disclosure Statement for Third Grade

¡Bienvenidos estudiantes y padres al español!

Welcome to Spanish, students and parents!

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.

Using Total Physical Response methodology, I first introduce vocabulary in Spanish along with its corresponding sign language. The students then use the vocabulary in practice. By singing, acting out and illustrating skits, students communicate in Spanish and gain knowledge and understanding of Spanish culture. Your student will acquire speaking skills while developing cultural awareness.

Expectations for the students are:

- To know the meaning of the vocabulary by using its associated sign
- To use the vocabulary learned and practiced in class
- To know the alphabet sounds in Spanish
- To begin developing reading skills in Spanish
- To follow the class rules

Classroom Rules and Procedures:

- Follow directions the first time they are given
- Raise your hand to speak
- Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself
- Be on time and prepared
- Use appropriate language
- Be sure that all work is neat and presentable

Classroom materials

- Students will be given a workbook and a folder
- Students will need pencil, eraser, colored pencils and glue sticks

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

Thank-you!

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