

Dear Ann Arbor Open Families,

My name is Marieta and I teach Spanish at Ann Arbor Open School.

I would like to introduce myself to the families that might not know me yet. I am very excited to begin a new school year with your children.



My hopes and dreams for this school year are to immerse your students in the Spanish language and cultures as much as possible and to make this experience enjoyable for them through stories, games, skits, communicative and hands-on activities, celebrations and sharing.

I hope that they will enjoy my class as much as I enjoy interacting with them every day :)

Since learning a new language might be something your child has not experienced before, I tell the kids to be patient in the process, and to know that feeling a bit of discomfort for not understanding right away something that is being said in class at times is normal. I promised them that I will use visuals, gestures, pointing at the words, acting out the words, scaffolding among some of my strategies in order to help them understand what is being said in Spanish. I also told them that we will use our three magic tricks in class in order to understand what is being said in Spanish: 1. WATCH 2. LISTEN 3. THINK:

# Somos magos que



1. Miran



2. Escuchan



3. Piensan

You too can help your student by encouraging them to use Spanish at home with you or with siblings, or for them to teach you the new expressions they learned in class. It is very beneficial if they have experiences with the language and hear it or read in Spanish outside of the classroom. For instance they could watch a favorite show on Netflix in Spanish instead of in English, or you could look for children's books in Spanish in the library. If anyone at home is proficient in Spanish they could read to your child in Spanish. Music, the Duolingo app, and other resources could be very helpful for your child becoming more proficient in Spanish.

I will share on the Spanish Schoology page my slides and lessons, so if your child missed school, they can check there what we did that day or week.

Please, feel free to email me if you have any questions. I can't wait to spend a wonderful year with your children!

Gracias,  
Marieta