

STAAC Class Description 2023-2024

Course Title: Elementary Spanish

Teacher: Monica Echemendia

Grades: 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades

Meeting Day(s): Thursdays

Time(s): 8:15-8:55am

Student minimum required for this course: 2

Maximum accepted 25

Course Description including any prerequisites or other requirements:

Students will learn and develop skills related to basic communication and vocabulary acquisition in Spanish. They will participate in a variety of activities practicing understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Spanish. This will be an accepting and fun environment to learn a new language. No prior knowledge or experience necessary.

Costs

- Total Tuition: \$150

- **Payment Option 1:** Full amount of \$150 to be paid on July 1st.

- **Payment Option 2:** Split amount of \$75 as two payments due on July 1st and December 1st

STAAC Class Description 2023-2024

• Venmo information:	@Monica-Echemendia (last four digits of phone number 8379)	(Venmo is the preferred payment method)
• Checks made out to:	Monica Echemendia	
	and mailed to:	3657 Crestside Rd, Birmingham, AL 35223

Student Responsibilities and Expectations

Students are expected to come to class willing to participate in a variety of activities such as singing, acting, listening and repeating, playing games, working with partners or groups, drawing/coloring, and more. They should be respectful to all and patient with others as we work at learning a new language together. Although a graded assignment/something to physically turn in may not always be given, students should expect something to practice at home each week.

Grading Breakdown

There will be a grade given weekly for an assignment, participation, etc. Details to come about other possible forms of assessment.

STAAC Class Description 2023-2024

Textbooks and Supplies Required

Students will learn and develop skills related to basic communication and vocabulary acquisition in Spanish. They will participate in a variety of activities practicing understanding, speaking, reading, and writing Spanish. This will be an accepting and fun environment to learn a new language. No prior knowledge or experience necessary.

Teacher Biography

I love teaching and Spanish. Actually, I ended up double majoring in Elementary Education and Spanish at Vanderbilt. I taught 2nd grade for two years at a Spanish Immersion school in Nashville, TN, and I taught Spanish to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders at an all boys school in Cleveland, OH. I left full-time classroom teaching when my oldest was born, and since then have mostly been a stay-at-home mom, while tutoring and doing Spanish interpreting on the side. Spanish is my second language, although I am half Cuban (my mom was born in Cuba). Because of this, I have been around Spanish my whole life, but I didn't really start learning it until I was about 11 years old. I studied a semester abroad in Madrid, Spain where I would say I became fluent, and since then decided to only speak in Spanish to my Cuban extended family. I am raising my five children bilingually and am excited to hopefully pass on a love of Spanish to your children as well!

STAAC Class Description 2023-2024

Teacher Contact Information

monica.l.ecklin@gmail.com or cell phone (256) 479-8379

Additional Information

N/A