

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS: GRADE 5 SPANISH



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

My name is Rick Vazzano and I am thrilled to be teaching grade 5 Spanish again this year along with Michele Slais, a veteran teacher of the Trumbull Public Schools. I teach Spanish at Booth Hill, Daniels Farm, Jane Ryan, Middlebrook, and Trumbull High School. My experience in the classroom includes one year in the Trumbull Public Schools, and prior to that a yearlong internship and student teaching at Wilton High School, and a half-year long-term substitute Spanish position at Scotts Ridge Middle School in Ridgefield.

Introductory Spanish is offered as a full-year course meeting for forty-five minutes once per week for students in Grade 5. The core belief is that students will develop the necessary foundation in both the Spanish language and Hispanic cultures on their journey to bilingualism. This foundation begins with a geographical lens on where Spanish is spoken worldwide. Students will situate themselves globally before getting into the fundamentals: introducing oneself, greetings and salutations, and becoming familiar with the Spanish calendar. My ultimate goal is for students to maximize their time both in the classroom and ensure their continued pursuit of language acquisition outside the classroom as well. Once skills are transferred outside the classroom, students will have become more culturally competent and true global citizens.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the program or general questions for me, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I look forward to a fun, productive, and enriching year with your child!

Saludos,

Sr. Vazzano

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