



Back to School Night 2021-22

Spanish with Sra. Salud

Hola, my name is Salud Wagner, the Spanish Teacher for Newcastle Elementary/Charter School. I was born and raised in Spain. I have a BA in Spanish, a Spanish single subject teaching credential, and 27 years of Spanish teaching experience. I am very excited to start my fourth year at Newcastle, and to share my passion for teaching Spanish with all the students, providing positive reinforcement and making the experience an interactive, exciting adventure.

Even though I only see the students for half hour twice per week, I still like to teach them in an immersive way as much as possible by emphasizing four areas of language:

Listening - Building understanding in the language. Getting the general idea, not necessarily all.

Speaking - Conversational and functional. Able to speak in complete sentences.

Reading - Where we develop phonics skills. They can read with fluency.

Writing - We develop patterns of grammar. Able to write their own stories.

My goal is to have them **thinking** in Spanish, which happens over time (and made easier with immersion). Normally I try not to translate for them so that they can build understanding in the language, but I will use English to make sure they understand. I also like to use lots of visuals.

I will be following My Spanish Journey Curriculum. This curriculum is designed for immersion programs. I recommend that you encourage your students to practice their Spanish language at home, it really makes a difference.

I am excited to be part of Newcastle Faculty, and also excited to help your children develop their Spanish in as an educational and fun way as possible. Please feel free to contact me at any time. You can contact me at: swagner@newcastle.k12.ca.us.

Some resources online that you and your student could use include

- [Duolingo](#) A free website for language learning
- Youtube channel: [rockalingua](#) (for login, username: newcastle & password: knights)
- <https://www.spanishplayground.net/>
- <http://www.digitaldialects.com/Spanish.htm>
- <https://aprenderespanol.org/>
- <https://quizlet.com/497448645/pronombres-personales-flash-cards/>

I look forward to a wonderful year!