

Hello! My name is Vivian Garcia, and I am thrilled to be a First Grade Spanish Immersion teacher at Meadow Creek Elementary. Originally from the vibrant city of San Juan, Puerto Rico, I bring with me the rich cultural heritage and passion for education that has been a part of my life for over 32 years.

Having moved to Texas 15 years ago, I've had the joy of combining my love for teaching with my dedication to fostering bilingualism in young learners. Teaching Spanish is particularly close to my heart because it opens doors to new cultures and perspectives from an early age. By learning Spanish, students gain valuable communication skills and a deeper understanding of the world, which are essential in our increasingly interconnected global society.

I'm excited to embark on this educational journey with my students and help them discover the beauty of language and learning every day!



¡Hola! My name is Martha Elizondo. I am the Spanish Immersion Assistant at Meadow Creek. I've been at Meadow Creek for 19 years and more than that in education.
I was born in Mexico and moved here when I was 24. I have an associate degree in Arts and I am an enthusiastic learner, always happy to learn new subjects.
When I was little, I learned English the same way our students are learning Spanish. Now, as a bilingual person, I have experienced all the benefits from having a more plentiful life in the United States to being able to contribute to the children's learning journey in this program. I love to help them learn and grow!
Learning another language is not only learning different words for things, it is learning another way of thinking and living.

	My name is Bianca Vila, and I am the Second-Grade Spanish Immersion Teacher at Meadow Creek Elementary. I was born in Puerto Rico, where I lived for 32 years before I moved to Texas. With 22 years of experience in education, I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Universidad del Turabo. I am passionate about teaching Spanish Immersion because I firmly believe that bilingualism is an invaluable asset. Research has shown that bilingual students often exhibit enhanced academic performance, better problem-solving skills, and improved multitasking abilities, all of which support higher levels of success in their educational endeavors.
	My name is Maria Eugenia Diaz. I teach Third Grade in the Spanish Immersion Program at Meadow Creek Elementary. I was born and raised in Venezuela, and I moved to the United States when I was 25 years old. This is going to be my 22nd year of teaching, and my 10th year at Meadow Creek. My Bachelor's Degree is in Mechanical Engineering from the Universidad del Tachira. Being bilingual has given me the chance to see the world from different perspectives, it has presented me with great job opportunities, and it has impacted my social interactions and cultural awareness. I would love to share this passion for the Spanish language with my students and help them discover what the world has to offer.

	My name is Alicia Bellinger I teach 4th grade Spanish Immersion at Meadow Creek Elementary. I am from Margarita Island, Venezuela. I moved to the United States 23 years ago. I graduated as a bilingual teacher at the University of Houston, Clear Lake. This year will be my 16th year teaching. Being a teacher was always my dream, so I do what I am very passionate about. I am a Spanish Immersion teacher because it combines my two passions, teaching and sharing my culture and language with my students. Speaking two languages is the key to the future.
	My name is Naydimar Torres, and I teach 5th grade Spanish Immersion. I was born and raised in Puerto Rico and moved to Texas when I was 21 years old. This is my 9th year in education. I hold a bachelor's degree in American History from the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras campus, and a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from the University of Texas at Arlington. I am a Spanish Immersion teacher because I am passionate about broadening my students' opportunities for the future, and what better way to do so than by teaching them a new language? Learning a new language opens the door to new worlds, enhances cognitive abilities, and fosters cultural understanding. I want to empower my classroom to succeed in a globalized society and to appreciate diverse perspectives.



Hello, my name is Elizabeth Gutierrez. I teach 6th grade Spanish Immersion in science and social studies. I was born in the US and grew up speaking Spanish and later learning English. My parents are from Guanajuato, Mexico. This will be my 5th year teaching as well as teaching Spanish Immersion. I graduated from the University of Texas-Arlington with my bachelor's in bilingual education and also received my master's in educational leadership and policy studies from the same university.

I am a Spanish Immersion teacher because I want the whole world to know more than one language. It opens the door to new opportunities, new experiences, and new friends.