JULIAN MERCER

BILINGUAL TEACHER

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Bilingual elementary teacher with 6+ years in dual language and transitional bilingual programs, fluent in English and Spanish. Develops biliteracy through parallel instruction in both languages and uses assessment data to guide small groups. Builds strong partnerships with Spanish-speaking families.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Dual Language Teacher, Grade 3 Aug 2022 - Present
San Antonio Independent School District, San Antonio, TX

- Teach math and Spanish language arts in a 50/50 dual language program to 22 third graders.
- Raised the share of students reading on grade level in Spanish from 58% to 76% through daily guided reading and small-group word work.
- Plan units in both languages with an English-side partner teacher, so content vocabulary appears in each language.
- Administer Spanish and English reading assessments three times a year and assign flexible groups based on results.
- Present at the district's dual language institute on read-aloud strategies for biliteracy.
- Wrote a Spanish writing workshop schedule and tracked student progress with monthly writing samples.
- Hold conferences in Spanish and English with every family each semester, with attendance above 90%.

Bilingual Teacher, Grade 1 Aug 2020 - Jun 2022

- Taught first graders to read in Spanish, then added English reading as students progressed through the transitional program.
- Grew students' average oral reading fluency in Spanish by 28 words per minute from fall to spring.
- Kept learning going through remote instruction by recording short Spanish read-alouds and sending family phone support.
- Designed a take-home book bag system so each student read bilingual books every night.
- Taught math vocabulary in both languages using picture cards and number talks each morning.

Bilingual Teacher Aide Aug 2018 - Jun 2020
Northside Independent School District, San Antonio, TX

- Supported a kindergarten bilingual classroom of 20 students, leading small groups in letter recognition and sounds in Spanish.
- Translated notes and forms for families and helped staff communicate with Spanish-speaking parents.
- Led afternoon Spanish read-alouds for 20 students and recorded fluency checks weekly for the lead teacher.
- Completed teacher certification coursework at night while working full-time in the classroom.

CORE SKILLS

Dual language instruction | Biliteracy development | Spanish language arts | Guided reading | Oral language development | Assessment in two languages | Small-group instruction | Translation and interpretation | Culturally responsive teaching | Family engagement | Math in Spanish | Lesson planning | Seesaw

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies, Bilingual Education (EC-6), University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX

CERTIFICATIONS

Texas Teaching Certificate, Core Subjects EC-6 | Texas Bilingual Education Supplemental, Spanish (164) | CPR and First Aid