

# Mrs. Martinez's Corner

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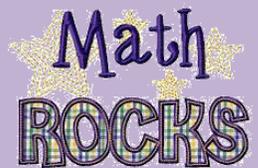
Greetings to Everyone,

I can't tell you how amazing this year is so far. I'm very excited about our Jr. High Team and how dedicated they are to making learning a memorable experience to all children. I know that a lot of changes have been placed, but I promise that everything that is happening is because of the students. We have placed the students first in revamping our curriculum. If you have any questions about anything that is happening please let me know through e-mail at [mrs.martinez@stmesc.org](mailto:mrs.martinez@stmesc.org), through a phone call at extension 117, or by stopping by and having a chat with me. My doors are always open for you.

You should know that even though we have placed some changes, we are always open to hear your ideas or concerns. Because of this, we have changed the section that explains what counts or does not count as community service. Your student will be able to use Altar Serving and Safety Patrol as community service hours. Keep in mind that something that was added this year was a teacher approval form. Make sure that your child gets that form approved before they start their service project.



As you already know I'm now teaching 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Math, 7th and 8th Social Studies, and 7th Religion. I'm also leading the Newspaper Club, I'm very impressed with the interest students have shown in creating a school newspaper. If any of you have an interest in helping with any of my classes or my club, please let me know. I would love to have you in my classroom as a volunteer. Also, if you come upon any ideas for fieldtrips or guest speakers let me know. Anything we can do to make our textbooks come to life is welcomed.



Another point I want to talk about is Spanish Class. I have been working, along with Mrs. Higuera (Leanne's grandmother), on writing a curriculum that would start in Kinder and work up to eight grade. The document is still a work in progress, and my hope is to be done soon to start implementing it at our school. Until then, we have decided to place Spanish Lessons on hold. I will keep you posted on the progress of the document.

Finally, I want to thank you for your love and support. I'm very glad to be a part of this school, and I thank you for the trust you have bestowed upon us in teaching your children.

May God bless you always,

*Mrs. Martinez*