

American International School of Monrovia



Year of The Wildebeest (Gnu)

Dear Upper School Parent

Welcome to the Year of the Wildebeest! I am very excited to begin the 2018 -2019 school year. My name is Casian Morgan and this is my 4th year at AISM. Prior to coming here, I did three years in Venezuela at two different schools, CEIA and ELM. I have taught in many different grade levels. I am thrilled to introduce myself as one of the upper school mathematics teacher as well as the resource teacher here at AISM. I hope to ignite interest in the all areas of the courses I will be teaching this year, encourage students to take ownership of their education and of course, be successful and have fun doing it.

Teaching Philosophy

I believe that every child is unique and has the potential to be someone of great importance in the world, with the aid of a secured stimulating environment. When a child knows they are loved and cared for, they develop a sense of stability knowing you will never give up on them, no matter how long it takes for them to grasp the concept of things. In turn they are motivated to work hard and will eventually master the necessary skills to accomplish their goals. In setting fair consistent rules in the initial stage, let the children be aware of what is expected of them and state the importance of every activity, children develops respect for themselves, others and time.

Providing access to information and alternatives, and acting as a guide helps with the maturity of children intellectually, mentally, physically and emotionally and also helps develop their problem solving skills along with helping them become responsible pupils. However, students learning styles and backgrounds may differ or change depending on a course or circumstances. This is where my flexibility comes in. It does not hurt to use a combination of teaching methods. In doing so, I get to observe which method the students respond to best. Each child may react to a different method. As a teacher, in order to plan for my students and be effective, I need to know the level they are at. Aside from teaching the key concepts of course, if there is the need to plan three different level of class work, assignments, assessment, etc. for one group to satisfy their needs, I do it.

Self-evaluation at the end of a lesson or class is very important. Identifying what went well and what needs improvement helps me to plan a more effective lesson or make changes to planned lessons. Evaluating students' work gives insights on what they understood, what objectives were met and what areas needs reinforcement. Learning is a lifelong process. Teaching provides the opportunity for growth in this continual process. Children are some of the greatest educators. I've learned to open my mind to the diversity of ideas of the world. I am always willing to learn something new and hope that I can share this passion for knowledge with my students and be the best educator I can possibly be.

If at any time during the coming months you have questions or concerns about your child's progress, I invite you to contact me at casianmorgan@aismonrovia.com so that we may make an appointment to

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Speak, or you can communicate with me directly through Jupiter.

I very much look forward to working with you to ensure that this school year is a rewarding and productive one for all of us.

Best Regards,
Casian Morgan