



Susan Gottschalk

Spanish and Library

Mrs. Gottschalk has been teaching for the Archdiocese of Chicago since 1999. She was born and raised in Chicago, IL. She graduated from Our Lady of the Angels School in Chicago. She previously taught at Archdiocesan schools in Chicago and Arlington Heights. She has a Bachelor of Arts in History/Spanish from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, IL.

About the Students

"I love to see their excitement when they understand their own conversations. I enjoy their enthusiasm for speaking the language. I appreciate their stories of how they spoke Spanish at a restaurant or on a vacation."

On St. Thomas of Villanova

"Everyone is so welcoming. Staff and students have demonstrated their helpfulness and cooperation. I love that I get to see all the students - preschool through 8th grade. I can watch the students change and grow."

Hobbies

Crocheting, Travel and Baseball



"Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten."
B. F. Skinner

Grade Level Curriculum Highlights

- TPRS - Teaching through Proficiency in Reading and Storytelling is the method implemented during Spanish class.
- Primary level learns the basic vocabulary through repeated songs, games and stories.
- Intermediate level adds written activities and role playing.
- Junior high level reads "novelas" and performs dramatizations of conversations.
- Cultural and historical references are incorporated into the instruction.

Projects Related to Our Faith

- Library
- Students begin each library class with a prayer.
- Books are displayed to reflect the seasons of the Church.
- Students learn their prayers in Spanish
- Junior High Students discuss the significance of the "ofrendas".

All School Activities

- Book Fairs
- Summer Reading T-Shirt Day
- Monarch, Bluestem and Caudill Award Programs