

Early Language Learning Committee Report March 2012

Members of this committee have been working with Mimi Met (immersion guru) this 2011-2012 school year on creating "Can Do" statements for K-8 Spanish language learners. We are using Utah's "Can Do Statements" as a model. The committee members working on these statements are also staff members of the Columbus Spanish Immersion Academy.

During the OFLA conference this year I will be presenting a session that will engage participants in learning and singing traditional songs for school aged children in Spanish. I will also share activities and resources that I have found useful during my years as a kindergarten Spanish immersion teacher.

Recruiting members for the ELL committee is a difficult task. I have put out various requests in the Cardinal since I became chair. I am hopeful that more OFLA members might accept my invitation to become members of this little committee at the conclusion of my session.

This is my 3rd year as chair as for the ELL committee. I enjoy working with teachers from Spain that ODE sends my way during the summer, writing for the Cardinal, and doing what I can to promote second language acquisition for our young learners.

Respectfully submitted,

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