

Just for Fun About Me! Enrichment Coordinator & Computer Skills Instructor--Tina Gonzalez

Q. What is your name?

A. Eltina Marie Gonzalez

Q. How did you come to speak fluent Spanish?

A. The Spanish that I know came from high school and college classes as well as living in Bogota, Colombia for 9 weeks.

Q. Where have you taught before?

A. Cochrane-Fountain City Schools in WI for 2 years (Kindergarten and Title I), North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale Schools 2/3 combo, 4/5 combo, 4th, 1st, 2nd, and computer lab. Then 5 years as resource teacher in the gifted and talented program.

Q. How many years of teaching experience do you have?

A. Thirteen years in public schools.

Q. Where do you live?

A. Hugo, MN

Q. Tell us about your family.

A. My husband Steve and I have two children. Kyra is 6 and will be in first grade at LILA this year, and Joe is 2. We also have a rat terrier named Ramsey.

Q. What music do you most enjoy listening to?

A. Light rock, rock, Celtic, country when I'm missing my family.

Q. If you were a crayon, what color would you be?

A. Cerulean (bright blue)

Q. What's your favorite sport?

A. Gymnastics

Q. Do you have siblings?

A. Two older sisters (one has passed away) and a younger brother.

Q. What's your favorite food?

A. Brownies. Yes, I consider brownies a "food" :) And, my mom's "chocolate and biscuits". You make a thick pie filling type of chocolate and serve it warm over southern style biscuits. It's a Tennessee thing and much better than it sounds.

Q. What's your favorite book?

A. The Harry Potter series

Q. What's your favorite movie?

A. I don't know... "Good Will Hunting?"

Q. Do you collect anything?

A. Pictures of my kids and children's books

Q. What did you do this summer?

A. Spent a lot of time visiting family in Atlanta and near Nashville, playing with my kids, visiting with friends

Q. What has been your favorite travel experience?

A. Visiting Colombia while adopting our children. Also, hiking through several national parks out west.

Q. What are your personal/professional goals for the next five years?

A. I would like to continue to improve my Spanish, complete my certificate in gifted education, take several family fun vacations.