I knew I wanted to become a teacher....

My name is Idalia Martinez, I started by volunteering with the Barbara Bush Literacy Foundation, and that is when I discovered my passion for teaching. I would visit and read to low performing students. At the beginning it was a challenge for me, however as time passed, I learned so much about each student and of myself. I found so much joy in seeing each student succeed and become better readers. The connections that I made with them in so little time made me realize that teaching was what I wanted to pursue. This will be my first year teaching in a classroom and I am very excited to not only achieve academic excellence for each child, but also walk with them through our Catholic faith.

Hobbies...
I enjoy spending time with my husband Daniel, our two kids Daniel and Camila, our two dogs, and our extended family. As a family, we enjoy traveling, venturing out in our beautiful city, and trying different food. Reading is one of my passions and I like to keep up with the latest books that our youth are reading. I have participated in a few 5k in our city along with completing a full marathon and half marathon. DIY projects around the house is what my husband I do in our spare time. Lastly, as a Houstonian I enjoy cheering for all the Houston sport teams.

Education...

I was raised in the East End of Houston, TX. I attended Houston ISD schools from Elementary through High School. I began working in banking in high school through an internship program and slowly moved up the corporate ladder in the eight years I was there. After becoming a parent, I decided to shift my career by working at the Pasadena ISD Human Resource office for four years. An opportunity arose to work at the biggest school district in Texas, Houston ISD, in the Elementary Curriculum Department. Working there and being allowed to visit different campuses, is where I discovered my passion for teaching and decided to finish what I had started with my education. I recently graduated from LeTourneau University with a Bachelors in Interdisciplinary Studies. As a mother of two, I have found many ways to make learning and our faith a fun and vital part of our home. I am a member of the International Literacy Association which allows me to network with other educators, specifically focusing in literacy and integration with other contents.
I will be teaching 1st and 2nd grade ELA and Math. I will provide a warm, supportive environment for developing academic, social, and emotional growth. I will continuously seek new ways to improve instruction, equip students with tools, resources, and knowledge to exceed their individual goals. I am very passionate about teaching, learning, and student success.

Other News...
I am the first generation to be born in this country. Both my mother and father are immigrants from El Salvador. This has allowed me to understand some of the challenges our community, families, and students may face when it comes to learning and education. Providing a welcoming classroom environment will be my main goal where I will be able to share and model the values of our Catholic faith and academically grow each student to the best of their potential.

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News from the School Office...

Welcome new and returning families to our School Newsletter!

FACTS TUITION ASSISTANCE
- If you have not completed the application process to receive tuition assistance, please go online to start your application at https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/458ZB
- If you have an application but are missing documentation, please submit them immediately so that your application will be completed.
If you have not registered yet, you can fill out the Registration Packet online at http://olfatima-gp.org/admissions/ (password: fatima). We will print the registration packet and you may bring copies of the required documentation (i.e. birth certificate, baptismal certificate, etc.) when you stop by the school office to make your payments of the Registration/Academic Fees.

NEW UNIFORMS
We have a new uniform company this year (French Toast), click the picture below to see the new style. 40% discount is a limited time offer, so order today using code QWRGCA.

Families that have last years' uniforms can continue to use them during this year of transition.

UNIFORM RECYCLING PROGRAM
- We are accepting donations of gently used School Uniforms. If your child/children have outgrown their uniforms or they are not returning next year, you may bring the uniforms to the school office by July 13th.
- We will schedule a date/time (to be determined) to offer them to new or returning families in late July

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL
Our school is introducing additional ways you can support our school at no cost to you and we encourage all our families to participate. All it takes is only a few moments of your time and with 100% participation from our faculty, staff, families and
• Box Tops for Education has helped America’s schools earn over $400 million since 1996. You can earn cash for Our Lady of Fatima by clipping Box Tops coupons from hundreds of participating products you buy everyday. Clip them and send them with your child in an envelope marked Box Tops. Our teachers will collect them from the students and send them to the office. Box Tops also offers easy ways to earn even more cash for Our Lady of Fatima online! Visit www.boxtops4education.com

• Use OLF’s school ID #70097149 every time you shop at Office Depot Office and our school will receive 5% of your qualifying purchases in the form of a credit for free school supplies. This does not affect your Worklife Rewards that come back to you.

• Use OLF’s school ID #80307 every time you shop at Kroger and our school will receive a percentage of your qualifying purchases.

Pray for Us
Mary Immaculate
Patroness of Our Country

Pray for Us
from your provident hand we have received
our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
You have called us as your people and given us
the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God,
and your Son, Jesus Christ.
Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit,
you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world,
bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel
to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us
in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.
Give us the strength of mind and heart
to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened;
give us courage in making our voices heard
on behalf of the rights of your Church
and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,
a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters
gathered in your Church
in this decisive hour in the history of our nation,
so that, with every trial withstood
and every danger overcome—
for the sake of our children, our grandchildren,
and all who come after us—
this great land will always be “one nation, under God,
indissoluble, with liberty and justice for all.”

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Ruega por Nosotros
María Inmaculada
Patrona de Nuestro País

Ruega por Nosotros
De tu mano bendecida hemos recibido
el derecho a la vida, a la libertad y a la
búsqueda de la felicidad.
Tú nos has hecho tu pueblo y nos has dado
el derecho y el deber de venerarte a ti,
único Dios verdadero, y a tu Hijo, Jesucristo.
Por el poder y la obra del Espíritu Santo,
nos llamas a vivir nuestra fe en el mundo
llevando la luz y la palabra salvadora del Evangelio
a todos los confines de la sociedad.

Te pedimos nos bendigas mientras cuidamos
del don de la libertad religiosa.
Danos fortaleza de mente y corazón para
estar siempre dispuestos a defender
nuestras libertades cuando son amenazadas.
Danos valentía para que se escuchen nuestras voces
en defensa de los derechos de tu Iglesia,
y de la libertad de conciencia de todas las personas de fe.

Te pedimos, Oh Padre celestial, que
en esta hora decisiva de la historia de nuestra nación,
y reunidos en tu Iglesia,
des a todos tus hijos e hijas una voz clara y unida
para que con cada prueba que encaremos,
y cada peligro que superemos,
—por el bien de nuestros hijos, de nuestros nietos,
y de todos los que vengan después de nosotros—
este gran país sea siempre “una nación, bajo Dios,
indivisible, con libertad y justicia para todos”.

Te lo pedimos por Jesucristo, Nuestro Señor.
Amén.

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