

2019-2020 San Miguel Classified Employee of the Year

Former San Miguel Student named Classified Employee of the Year Bridgette Bojorquez (Classroom para)



We would like to congratulate Bridgette Bojorquez for being selected as the San Miguel Classified Employee of the Year. Bridgette has only worked at San Miguel Elementary since November 2019, yet she's had a profound impact on our school community. Bridgette started out as our CPA and was invaluable



in that role. She knew each student by name and helped maintain a safe and caring environment during lunchtime. Bridgette would often arrive early or stay late to assist in the front office, and never hesitated to cover a co-worker's shift. She took advantage of her time in the office to train with our health clerk. It is not uncommon to find Bridgette in the front office translating for parents and substituting as our site's health clerk.

Bridgette currently serves as a classroom paraprofessional, supporting students with literacy in the classroom. She works with teachers to maintain a daily rotation schedule that maximizes her time with students. She studies the district adopted Benchmark materials to ensure that her support is aligned with what the students are learning in class. Both students and staff enjoy being around Bridgette as she has a positive personality and a constant smile on her face. She is willing to do whatever work needs to be done in support of students and is flexible amidst unexpected changes.

Bridgette has a can-do attitude and is the epitome of a Lemon Grove learner. She herself is a Lemon Grove learner who attended San Miguel as a student! Bridgette easily adapts to any role she is asked to fill. She establishes a quick rapport with parents, students, and staff and is well respected by all. Her strong work ethic, outstanding attendance, and excellent relationship skills makes Bridgette Bojorquez our candidate for the LGSD 2019-2020 Classified Employee of the Year.

2019-2020 San Miguel Certificated Employee of the Year

Stefanie Suzuki (speech language pathologist)



Stefanie has worked at San Miguel since 2011 as the site's full time speech language pathologist. She has a packed schedule of both individual and small group instruction in support of student's acquisition of language and communication. Stefanie typically maintains a caseload of 60-70 students in grades preK up to 6th. In addition, you will find her frequently consulting with classroom teachers and conferring with other district staff in order to ensure her services are meaningful for students.

There are no 'work hours' for Stefanie as she often is on site early in the morning through late in the evening. She is always on time and prepared for students, which typically includes a backup plan depending on a student's needs that particular day. Her work is completed on time and with an exceptional level of detail and thoroughness. You will frequently hear Stefanie talking about a professional journal article that she read or a new strategy that she is going to implement as her services are dynamic and grounded in best practices.

Staff recognize Stefanie for her clear and appropriate expectations for students and commend her efforts to always take time to give students what they need and how they need it. Stefanie also is well liked and respected by the parents of the students on her caseload. During IEP meetings, conferences and any other interactions with families, Stefanie is respectful, approachable, and comprehensive. Stefanie will regularly schedule meetings to accommodate a parent's unique work hours and will make herself available on a moment's notice should a family need to speak with her.

San Miguel Elementary School nominates Stefanie Suzuki for the 2019-2020 certificated employee of the year. She is a fierce advocate for students, a valued and well-respected colleague and an integral part of the school's community.