

The Stinger

About: Ms. De La Torre

Question: *What advice would you give to students on how to succeed and thrive in middle school and specifically SJMS?*

Answer: *The main thing I could advise is to ask questions. The questions students ask are crucial for their learning development and the teachers perception of what the class knows. If the kids don't ask questions, teachers don't know if they're just intimidated or if the class knows the material. Some students may not understand that the questions they ask don't show weakness, they show a will to learn which is what all teachers seek.*

Question: *What was your biggest fear as a child and how did you persevere?*

Answer: I was always a little bit nervous for the transitions in school. For example, elementary to middle or middle to high school. When I was in school, my middle school started in 7th grade and went through 8th so the transition from 6th to 7th was a big feat. The content was much more complex and the tests were far more challenging. However, once I assessed the amount of work I needed to put into each class, I adjusted and overcame that fear.

Question: *How have you been a changemaker, life long learner, and/or a community builder?*

Answer: *For students, being a lifelong learner means to do all of your homework and assignments outside of school in order to broaden your knowledge on each subject. The same thing goes for a teacher. Studying the questions kids ask and trying to find the best way to teach is how we all, as teachers, try to be lifelong learners. I think this applies to all teachers, no matter how long they have been teaching. We are always trying to maximise a student's learning experience effectively.*

Question: What subject in school was most difficult for you, and how did you overcome the difficulty?

Answer: When you ask a child which subject is most difficult for them, the typical answer is math but I really understand why. The mixture of equations, word problems, and intimidating numbers can quickly become overwhelming. I feel as if I had to work twice as hard as my peers in order to succeed. However, if you are willing to put in the work necessary to succeed, I can guarantee it will pay off. Properly completing and understanding all your homework on time is the first step with math. Then, it's in your hands to do practice problems in order to feel more confident because that's always a very important factor. It's not a quick process and you have to be constantly maintaining your skill but it's well worth it when the tests come.

This is Ms. De La Torre



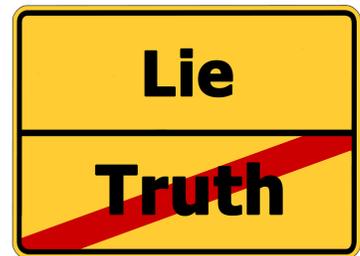
Game: Two Truths and a Lie~Guess which fact about Ms.De La Torre De La Torre is a lie. Scroll to the bottom to see if your guess was correct.

Facts:

I'm from Santa Rosa.

I have two siblings.

I went to Sonoma State.



The lie is "I have two siblings", she is an only child.

