



## **International Languages Elementary and African Heritage – Summer 2021 Testimonials**

### **Testimonial 1**

Thank you so much, Ms. Ocloo. The experience has been great from day 1 meeting you.

Aabriella loves her certificate and said she enjoyed summer class, you are a nice Teacher, and she will miss both you and the summer class after tomorrow.

Thanks for nurturing young minds especially with our diverse cultural generational heritage. Feel free to be in touch for anything that would be advantageous to Aabriella's awareness.

We look forward to the next summer class of African Heritage.

Staff well and safe; and all the best to you and family.

The books done by the children were fabulous; our foods are somewhat similar; shows we are all related somehow.

Have a great night, weekend and rest of Summer.

-Aabriella and Mom, African Heritage Program

### **Testimonial 2**

That first year of the pandemic, as I'm sure you know, was totally awful. All of a sudden, Bianca logged into class for a 30 minute lecture every day, with a super nice teacher, but that style didn't work for her. Pretty sure she missed half of grade 1's learnings.

Then last summer we had you. Bianca came to life again, and it gave me a glimmer of hope that she might actually do ok with remote schooling. I work from home now, for who knows how long, so I was able to keep the kids home, so I did. You, your class, your personality, your enthusiasm, gave me the courage to sign Bianca up for remote school so I could keep us all safe.

Grade 2 was actually excellent! We got an excellent teacher, who was a great personality match for Bianca, and she finished the year with A's & B's, and I worked in

the same room that she did school in, so I know that she actually earned those marks.

This summer, having you as her ASL teacher again, hearing your happy enthusiastic voice, brought me back to last summer, the feeling of confidence I had when I made the choice to sign her up for remote school.

Thank you for making a real difference for all of us not just in Bianca's ASL classes, but for the entire last year.

Learning ASL, a different way of communicating, a sense of understanding the needs of others, and also learning about geography this summer, was a super perk too!

-Andrea & Bianca, American Sign Language Parent

### **Testimonial 3**

We really appreciate your dedication and patience to the children, allowing them to spend meaningful vacations and enjoy the summer vacation!

Thank you again for your patience and kindness!

Lord bless you and your family!

Take care and be safe!

-Jotham & Joseph family, Arabic Language Parent

### **Testimonial 4**

We feel lucky to have you as Ali's teacher for the Arabic class. Ali loved your class from the start and never got bored.

Thank you for teaching him Arabic letters, sounds and words.

Ali has made a card for you. Please see below.

Wish you the best rest of the summer!

Thank you kindly,

-Ali and family, Arabic Language Parent



-Mandarin Language Parent

**Testimonial 9**

Thank you for teaching Krish.

We like the way you organize and add all the resources daily. It helped us a lot to understand and guide him better.

Thanks,

-Jahnavi, Mandarin Language Parent

**Testimonial 10**

Thank you for your recognition, encouragement, and careful teaching to Amy in this month.

-Mandarin Language Parent

**Testimonial 11**

Thank you for your teaching in this month. You did a great job. I hope Leona can learn with you again in the near future.

-Amy, Mandarin Language Parent

**Testimonial 12**

Justin enjoyed your class so much during this summer.

We'll continue to register for the ILE program in August for the Fall 2021 program.

Have a Great summer break!

-Laura, Mandarin Language Parent

**Testimonial 13**

Thank you for your teaching in this month. Daniel gained a lot and he likes you very much.

-Mandarin Language Parent

**Testimonial 14**

Thank you very much for taking time to play with the kids while showing them great communication skills in the Spanish language. My daughter was always excited for 3pm to join the class. Thank you also for extending from your personal time when the kids would want to continue doing more activities.

Your patience and friendliness was greatly needed after the stressful year the kids went through virtually and your hard work was greatly appreciated!

-Ruthkeiry's mom - Estefany, Spanish Language Parent

**Testimonial 15**

Thank you so much for all your hard work with our little one. I know online learning is new for all of us and us especially difficult on the smaller kids, so thanks for being patient while we all navigate through online learning.

-Antonette, Spanish Language Parent

**Testimonial 16**

My daughter, Alice is really enjoying your class. Thank you for making the classes so engaging and fun for them!

-Jen, Spanish Language Parent

**Testimonial 17**

Thank you so much for teaching my daughters Spanish. I really appreciate your hard work and dedication - teaching the class virtually is very difficult, but you were very engaging and positive throughout it all.

-Judy, Spanish Language Parent

**Testimonial 18**

Thanks for the wonderful classes. I can only personally speak on behalf of my daughter. She absolutely enjoyed your classes and she has even started teaching us a few words in Spanish. I really do hope she will be able to continue learning under your guidance.

Best regards,

-Lakshmi Nair, Spanish Language Parent

**Testimonial 19**

Avantika had a wonderful time learning Spanish. She taught us a few Spanish words as well.

We know it can be tough teaching virtually, but you made classes fun for children.

Initially Avantika was a bit nervous about attending classes by herself, but you made her feel comfortable. So thank you for that.

Overall it was a great experience for her. Take care and have a wonderful summer.

-Natasha (Avantikas mom), Spanish Language Parent

**Testimonial 20**

Thanks for your email. Virat enjoyed the Spanish class a lot. It was his first experience with Spanish language.

He has learnt a lot from this class. We liked your presentation and Spanish material attached in Google classroom. He practiced from them in his free time to revise on Spanish. We look forward to the next session of Spanish class.

Thanks for your time and teaching.

-Manish, Spanish Language Parent

**Testimonial 21**

Thank you so much.

Diya enjoyed your classes and is already saying that she is going to miss you.

Thank you so much. I will be happy to enroll her in any future classes with you.

Thanks

-Athira, Spanish Language Parent

### **Testimonial 22**

Muchas Gracias! You are a great Spanish teacher!

Thank you very much for the Award and teaching Joyce Spanish during this summer! She really loves the "Veo Veo" Alphabet song and sings along with it.

-Fiona (Joyce Lee's mom), Spanish Language Parent

### **Testimonial 23**

Hi,

Both Daniel and I feel this class is very good and want to continue learning Spanish in September whether on line or in person.

-Daniel's mom, Spanish Language Parent

### **Testimonial 24**

I'm writing this email to share my experience with Ms. Huang in the Cantonese Program.

This whole pandemic has created a lot of challenges in life, including learning. Things has not been easy for many. I wanted my son to learn Cantonese, as that's my first language and was looking for a lot but Ms. Huang is such an awesome teacher. Ms. Huang makes learning very interactivess for the kids. There are combinations of technology, virtual teaching and the list goes on, all I hear is my son being very engaging and all the positive experiences he has during class with Ms. Huang and other classmate. Definitely not an easy task, given the virtual setting. Every morning, my son looks forward to the class! He enjoys doing all of his homework, because Ms. Huang make an emphasize on this, and also go through all the homework daily for marking/provide feedback. This means a lot to my son - he enjoys seeing his grades and more importantly the comments that Ms. Huang has left for him! It's really the two-way communication that has been the key to the virtual communication - it comes in many format and Ms. Huang is on top of things and open to my little guy's very detail-oriented before/during/after class - my son is feeling fully respected and that his voice is heard and that his sharing matters! I have to say, since the virtual learning, my son has

at least had 3 Cantonese teachers and 3 Mandarin teachers. Ms. Huang is one of the best!

Really just wanted to take a few minutes to write this - as effort like this should be recognized. As the summer program is coming to an end this week, my little guy is a bit sad...so am I to be honest.... as it really has kept him going in a virtual setting and picked-up a few new things in the program that he can have more conversation with his grandma... around our Chinese culture and a bit of history... where he's starting to ask even more curious questions about China and our culture!

Keep up the great work! I'm sure you're one of the few teachers that kids will look back and remember, because you've made such a positive impact in their life.

Thanks again!

-Ada, Cantonese Language Parent

#### **Testimonial 25**

I wanted to thank you for a great Japanese course. I'm glad he was able to take it this year! Emrik learned a lot!

-Monika, Japanese Language Parent

#### **Testimonial 26**

Maseo enjoyed the class very much. I appreciated how you split the class into their respective levels and that you were interactive throughout. I felt that he was learning!

-Yvonne, Japanese Language Parent

#### **Testimonial 27**

We are Lucy's family.

Thank you very much for your hard work for the summer online class. We know very well that online lessons are not easy. Thank you for designing so many interesting courses for children. Lucy likes your class very much, and she often teaches us the Spanish she learned. Thank you for making her so interested in Spanish.

-Lucy's family, Spanish Language Class



**Testimonial 28**

I am Bopha, Cibo's mom. and I would like to say that we are so thankful to have you as Cibo's Spanish teacher this summer. You are so great and Cibo has learned so many Spanish words in just 20 days of class. She really likes you and the class. I cannot believe it is the last day of class and we wish to have you as her Spanish teacher again later.

Gracias

Que tengas un excelente verano (we wish you a great summer) I hope I got the right translation :)

-Bopha, Spanish Language Parent

**Testimonial 29**

We appreciate your support and hard work, especially you guide the children in the way they like, our whole family has benefited from it. Thank you again for your dedication and patience, and hope to continue to learn Spanish under your guidance!

Wish you a happy summer vacation!

be safe!

-Helen & Kids, Spanish Language Parent

**Testimonial 30**

Thank you for teaching me Portuguese. I liked your class and I thought it was fun. I would take Portuguese class again because I want to keep learning it.

Tenha um bom verão,

-Julian Patrick, Portuguese Language Parent

**Testimonial 31**

Thanks for the great mandarin lessons this summer. Chloe liked it. Really appreciated all the effort you had put in.

-Sally, Mandarin Language Parent

**Testimonial 32**

I would like to express my gratitude for your dedication and patience you have given to Eric in your Mandarin class for this summer. Thank you!

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Best regards,

-Grace Zhang, Mandarin Language Parent

**Testimonial 33**

My girls Arya and Indy loved the classes. They learned so much more than I thought they would and I appreciated how you made the learning experience so encouraging for them even though they were total beginners. All levels of Gujarati speakers in the class felt included and encouraged, which is a sign of a true educator. Thank you for a great summer experience!

I wanted to pass along my compliments for this teacher who taught my kids Gujarati school this summer. I was a little apprehensive about a daily Gujarati school class but my kids learned so much and they truly enjoyed their experience. Samim was strict but gently and a truly gifted educator. She never made students feel bad about not knowing something but always set high expectations for them. My parents who are lifelong educators, often were with the kids during the class and were amazed at how she was able to teach so much to such a large group of very young children.

It was such a positive experience that I will be putting my kids in the Gujarati class each term going forward. I hope to see Ms. Samim in more classes in the future. Thank you for putting on such a wonderful class.

Warm regards,

-Meera, Gujarati Language Parent

**Testimonial 34**

Thank you for the certificate of participation for Bengali classes. Our son, Shehzad enjoyed your class a lot for last one month. Name spelling is correct in the certificate.

Thank you & Regards,

-Fahmida, Bengali Language Parent

**Testimonial 35**

Assalamu Alakum,

First of all Jizaak Allah khair for being the first teacher of Zunaira in learning Urdu language.

We are happy that Zunaira is finally saying something in Urdu, because she never spoke Urdu before.

We speak Urdu at home but she doesn't reply in Urdu. I personally really like your strategy of teaching.

-Wasaalam, Urdu Language Parent

**Testimonial 36**

I am Tripti, Ishaan Maji's mom. I would like to say Thank you for all your efforts to teach my child. This year has been very challenging for all of us. But you have done a great job managing these super active bunch of boys and girls. Ishaan has enjoyed every bit of time in your classroom. He is going to miss you immensely. You have helped him to utilize his vacation time very well. I would like to compliment you on your involvement with the students. You have helped him to revisit his mother tongue Hindi. He is showing interest in learning it more and more. All thanks to your interesting and unique way of teaching.

I really hope he gets a great teacher like you in grade 5.

Thank you once again for making this virtual school easy for him and all the kids. I hope you had a great summer vacation.

-Tripti, Hindi Language Parent

**Testimonial 37**

Thank you for your help and patience for teaching kids. My daughter is enjoyed the class and had fun. I hope next summer class will also join by knowledgeable teacher like you.

Thank you so much once again.

-Rita Kanani

**Testimonial 38**

Thank you very much for the certificate. Everything looks perfect. Onnesha enjoyed your class very much! I would like to thank you for teaching them with so much love and tolerance.

I was super excited to see Bengali teaching option in TDSB. This is awesome for the bangla-speaking kids!

I would love to enrol Onnesha in your class during the fall. And I would like to keep in touch with you.

Thank you once again. Please take care.

-Keka, Bengali Language Parent

**Testimonial 39**

Thank you for teaching Jan this summer. Although he was switched to the morning class, he was inspired by your teaching. Thank you.

-Mrs. Cheng, Spanish Language Parent

**Testimonial 40**

Thank you for Spanish lessons. Oliver and Oscar really like Spanish classes.

Thank you for your time, good teaching .I like that you ask everyone( what they learned).

-Marta Labuz Kalita, Spanish Language Parent

