## **TEACHING FOREIGN LANGUAGES K-12**

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## Portfolio Project Description: Spanish

Portfolio Project: Spanish 4B Write & Illustrate a Read-Along Story Book

Write an original children's story. The story must be at least 200 words long. The story must include at least two characters who will have "speaking" parts. It must include a vocabulary list of 20 words on a separate page that will help a young reader understand the story.

Also, the story must use complex grammar structures. Strive to move verb use through a variety of necessary conjugations. Confirm your structure in verb charts. Proofread for subject-verb agreement. Then proofread again for adjective-noun agreement. At this point, incorrect conjugations are irresponsible and unacceptable. Yes, accents belong in the Spanish language; use them where they are required. As you write your original story, remember to keep page "scenes" in mind.

Your book must have at least six "spreads" but no more than ten.

The spreads may include original art, modified Web or magazine illustrations, and pop-up pages for interest.

Your finished project must also include a cassette tape or disk of your read-along version of your story. Remember that you will be acting out at least two voices and a narrator. Sound effects add dimension to this reading. Be sure to include a consistent sound that will indicate to the young reader to turn the page.

You will be graded on originality of story, oral reading facility, and caliber of book mock-up.

Suggestions for story:

- Fable—a story whose characters are animals and emphasizes a moral
- Legend of creation—a story that explains why a thing of nature exists
- · Children's interest story that teaches a lesson

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