

ANTONELLA PARRA GONZALEZ

Arizona 2024 Student Success Stories

3rd Grade
Gilbert Public Schools



"I met Antonella in the Spring of 2023, when she came to our country from Venezuela. She entered 1st grade and could not speak one word of English. Her AZELLA placement score was Pre-Emergent. In the 1-hour ELL pull out program as well as her regular classroom, she listened, tried her best in everything she did, and asked questions when she was unsure. Her learning did not stop at the end of the school day; she worked effortlessly at home to learn English.

Antonella came to our country at such a young age and did not let the language barrier stop her from learning, it only enhanced her determination to perform well in school. Through her extra efforts and determination to learn English, she scored a Proficient Score in the Spring of 2024 on the AZELLA reassessment test, while she was a 2nd grader.

This year as a 3rd grader, Antonella, is a first-year monitor student and is incredibly caring and always wants to help others, from new students in her classroom to students still working to develop their English. Antonella actively seeks to make the days of her peers and the adults in the building better. When Antonella is asked, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" her response is, "a teacher!"

I am so excited for Antonella and of her accomplishments! I have been a teacher for many years but have never had such a dedicated student with such perseverance at such a young age. I look forward to watching her continued success."

