



might as well save the money and keep using them as long as they are still in good shape.”

One of the secrets to Tereshinski’s longevity is fun.

“I like to have fun in the classroom,” she said. “I am very structured but I like to have fun and be spontaneous sometimes. The other day I introduced my class to ‘Schoolhouse Rock,’ because we were working on adverbs. We watched ‘Lolly, Lolly, Lolly, Get Your Adverbs Here!’ I’m a stickler for grammar and a lot of my kids learn their English grammar from Spanish class. It’s fun to do something different every once in a while, it only took three minutes but it had a message and it’s something that will stick with them.”

Every class Tereshinski makes her way around the room and checks every one of her students’ homework.

“For some students that is the only communication they have with an adult all day,” she said. “I always talk to my students in Spanish and they always have to speak to me in Spanish. Even when I see them out in public I speak to them only in Spanish. It drives my husband nuts.”

Tereshinski likes to continue her lessons outside of the classroom.

“We go out to eat at one of the local Mexican restaurants,” she said. “And we do several cultural activities throughout the year. We go to the elementary schools each spring and teach the elementary students some Spanish. I have taken groups of students on trips to Spain, France and Italy. That is a very rewarding experience there is nothing like visiting another culture and being totally immersed in it. That’s how you really learn.”

She also has her students make piñatas each year.

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