

Dayton Dragons MVP: An Educational Success Story

This MVP proved a determined work ethic can overcome any language barrier



Imelda Roque moved to the United States from Guanajuato, Mexico, when she was just 6 years old. She didn't know any English, but quickly went to work to change all of that.

“When I started school, I could hear the teacher talking,” Imelda said, “but it just sounded like she was saying, ‘Blah, blah, blah.’”

Imelda relied on other students and her ESL (English as a second language) teachers to help her get along until she could learn the language.

After just two years, Imelda had become fluent in English and her educational career really began to flourish.

This MVP broke through a language barrier to become a leader at her school.

As a fifth grader at Medway Elementary in Clark County, Imelda was on the honor roll all year long. Her teacher, Ms. Clark, attributed Imelda's success to a remarkable work ethic.

“I have never seen a person of her age that has such an intense work ethic and personal drive to achieve the best,” Ms. Clark said. “Imelda is a very compassionate student that everyone wants to be around.”



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In addition to learning a new language and making the honor roll all year long, Imelda is a budding artist who loves to draw.