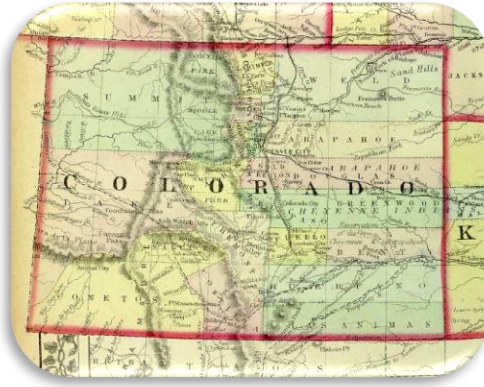


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Elizabeth Vela-Robles is a kindergarten teacher at Escuela Bilingüe Pioneer in Colorado in Lafayette, Colorado. Originally from Mexico she has degrees in business administration and business management and education from Universidad Autónoma de Tamaulipas and Metropolitan University. She received her Master's in Bilingual Education from the University of Colorado at Boulder and has been teaching Spanish for over 16 years. Her colleague Cinthia Bobian commented, "Throughout my years of experience in working with Elizabeth, I have seen her take research from her Master's Program and put it into practice and diligently discuss her findings with colleagues. She is constantly in the pursuit of research-based ideas to improve her practice." Outside of the classroom, Elizabeth's greatest passion is traveling.