

Español I Class Info

Spanish I Units for the Upcoming Year

This year you will be learning Spanish vocabulary, grammar, and culture. Units of study include:

- introductions and goodbyes;
- asking and saying: how old someone is, how someone is doing, where someone is from;
- talking about likes and dislikes and explain why;
- talk about what you want and need;
- describe the contents of your room;
- talk about what you need and want to do;
- talk about classes and sequence events;
- tell time;
- tell at what time something happens;
- describe people and things;
- discuss what you and others do or where you go during free time;
- tell where people and things are;
- discuss how often you do things;
- talk about what you, your family, or your friends like to do together;
- discuss what you do during a typical week;
- give today's date;
- talk about the weather;
- describe families and people;
- discuss problems and give advice;
- telephone etiquette;
- extend, accept, and turn down invitations and explain why;
- talk about getting ready;
- talk about meals and food;
- make polite requests;
- order dinner; ask for and pay the bill;
- comment on clothes.

Materials Suggested For Spanish I Class

Being organized and prepared to learn is very important in any class, especially in a foreign language, which can be very different from your native language.

- One 1 ½ inch three-ring binder & tab dividers
 - Non-spiral paper
 - 1 spiral notebook (150 pages)
 - Blue or black ink pen or pencil (gel pens, fluorescent pens, markers, etc. will NOT be accepted on homework/tests).
- You must always bring a free reading book & your agenda to class. If you have difficulty getting materials, please see me!*

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Grading Rules & Homework Expectations

Failure is not an option in this course. You are expected to turn in all homework assignments and projects. If you do not turn these in, I will take steps, along with your counselor, administrators, and parents, to ensure that you turn in all of your work.

Grades will be based on your performance on daily work, projects, quizzes, tests, and participation. Grades will be figured on total points. The percent will be figured from the points you earned out of the total points possible.

You should expect to have homework EVERY night. If there is no homework, you should be reviewing your notes and vocabulary. Homework is due the day after it was assigned, unless otherwise indicated. Homework may be checked in class or I may pick it up and check it myself. All homework must be labeled with your first and last name, class

period, and date. "No name" homework, quizzes, tests, and projects will be thrown in the garbage!

Unless I tell you otherwise, homework and projects are not "group" work. You must do all work on your own. You may ask a classmate for clarification, but you may not work together unless otherwise indicated. If you work together on an individual assignment, it is cheating and both will receive zeros.

Late work (unexcused absence) is worth up to 70% of its original possible score until the end of the unit. After the end of the unit, late work is worth up to 50% of the original possible score until the end of the grading period.

If you are ill or have an excused absence, you have two days for every day you are gone to make up absent work. It is YOUR responsibility to provide me with your admit and

request your late work. Absent work must be labeled "absent" and placed in the "absent basket" – I will assume that unlabeled work is "late." I will send tests or quizzes to your study hall teacher for you to make up.

If you are going to be gone for a school-sponsored event, it is your responsibility to ask for homework and turn in homework that is due **before** you leave. Failure to follow this procedure may result in late credit for homework, projects due or assigned while you are gone.

You may retake one test or quiz **each quarter**. You may not retake Essential Objectives or quizzes. Please refer to the retake hand-out for more details.

Letter grades are assigned according to the Bellevue Public School/Mission Middle School Handbook, with "plus" and "minus" designations assigned.

*"The difference between good and great is measured not in miles, but in millimeters."
~ Dewitt Jones*

My Philosophy

1. You are responsible for your own learning. I cannot force you to study each night.
2. I am responsible to help you learn to the best of your ability. Let me know if you're having problems or need to meet before or after school for help.
3. There are NO "stupid" questions. Never hesitate to ask if you're not sure.
4. Smart people learn from their mistakes. Smarter people learn from other people's mistakes.
5. The grade you earn is up to you.
6. I will try to give your grade to you about every two to three weeks.
7. Certain behaviors are expected in class from the students and from me: Be responsible; Do your best; Be tolerant, cooperative, and courteous; Be honest.
8. Never give up!