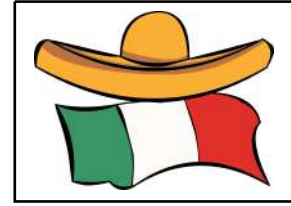


Spanish 1a-7th grade
Sra. Monck-Rowley
September 2013
Room J-33



Dear Students and Parents,

¡Bienvenidos a la clase de español! Welcome to Spanish 1a-7th grade. This school year will mark the first seventh grade class to have had five years of FLES before arriving to the middle school! This is very exciting for the LOTE department! In order to bridge the elementary experience to the middle school we have worked very hard this summer on adapting an appropriate curriculum for these proficient language students. This program will encourage students to use Spanish for communication as well as develop cross-cultural skills and understandings. This year we will be focusing on the country of México and the adventures of *Pobre Ana*. The students will be reading the three part novel *Pobre Ana* over the course of the year, grammar and new vocabulary will be taught as they present themselves in the story instead of being the focus of daily lessons.

The class requirements/description is as follows:

1) Grading:

25% Quizzes

20% Tests/Projects

15% Class participation

15% Homework (tarea)

25% Speaking

* Please note that speaking is not the equivalent to participation.

Students must obtain 25 speaking points per quarter in order to fulfill the speaking portion of their grade. Participation includes being prepared for class, being actively involved in class discussions and completing daily assignments.

2) Technology: J-33 has 13 computers! The students will be creating projects on the computer using Comic Creator, UDL Bookbuilder,

Xtranormal and much more. In addition to the computers LOTE also has an iPad cart for more interactive activities!

3) Extra-Help:

Students can find me in either j-33 or in the LOTE office Monday-Friday at 7am. I can also make arrangements to see students during the day. If a student comes to LOTE at 7am and I am not there COME IN and ask for me, I may be making photocopies!

Test day is Thursday

Quiz day is any day

4) Class Rules:

Students will need to be on time for class. This means being in their seats with opened notebooks when the bell rings! I also request that students not chew gum during Spanish since it interferes with their speech!

5) Supplies:

- marble notebook for notes
- small plastic binder with pockets for handouts
- "clicky" pen the all-in-one, multi-color pen made by Bic for verbs
- highlighter

6) Quizlet:

Quizlet is an online flashcard site which students can access from my website which will contain the vocabulary from each unit. Students can practice the vocabulary or play games.

7) Email:

Students should have an email account in order to participate in some of our online activities.

I am very excited to work with this group of students this year! It will be so thrilling to see how much Spanish they have learned at the elementary level. If you need to contact me the best way is via email.

My email address is: mmonckrowley@csh.k12.ny.us

Also, please visit my website and join my email list in order to receive important notifications throughout the year! Your class is Spanish 1a

¡Gracias!

Sra. Monck-Rowley

