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Spanish 2 Honors

Period 1, room J-25
Period 9, room J-33

¡Bienvenidos!

Welcome to Spanish 2 Honors. This is a transitional course in the study of the Spanish language, which will focus on intermediate vocabulary and grammar development. Emphasis is placed on speaking and listening as a means of better and more accurate communication. Units of study relative to developing reading and writing proficiencies will also be introduced. The study of important aspects of Spanish cultures and civilizations will be continued throughout the course of this year.

Below are some of the pertinent rules for this class. Please make sure that you understand each and every one of them, as they will be effective throughout the entire year. The purpose of this sheet is to outline my expectations, thereby eliminating any confusion students may have.

Course Requirements:

- 1) **Materials:** Please have the following items no later than **Monday, Sept. 12th**. We will be using them right away.
 - **Notebook:** You are required to have a 3 ring binder with loose-leaf paper and four (4) dividers. All handouts, homework, and tests will be hole-punched and placed in this binder.
 - **Texts:** The novels La llorona de Mazatlan and El robo de la noche will be distributed in class.
- 2) **Grading:** Student grades will be based solely on averages.
 - **Homework / Classwork:** For every missing or incomplete homework, and for every instance of unpreparedness in class, five (5) points will be deducted from this grade.
 - **Tests / Quizzes:** Tests and quizzes will always be announced in advance. Assessments will be given frequently to measure student understanding. The World Language testing day is Wednesday.
 - **Projects:** One project will be given each quarter. Students will have the opportunity to work on these projects both individually and in cooperative groups.

- **Speaking:** Students are expected to use the target language as a means of effective communication. Students will earn points by participating in authentic classroom conversations.
- ****Academic Honesty- Under NO circumstances will cheating be tolerated.** Any student involved in dishonest practices will receive a discipline referral.

3) Homework: Homework will be assigned four (4) days a week unless otherwise stated by me.

- Only completed homework will be accepted. If an assignment is not finished, students will lose five (5) points from their homework grade.

4) Classroom Etiquette: Students are expected to behave in a mature manner at all times in the classroom. Every person in this class is to be treated with respect, and will treat others with respect in return. If behavioral problems of any kind arise, parental contact will be made immediately.

5) Extra Help: Extra help sessions are available **promptly** after school on Tuesdays from 2:30-3:00.

*****Language Philosophy*****

As our main objective in this class is to gain a greater understanding of Spanish language and culture, class will be conducted almost entirely in Spanish. For the most part, English will not be permitted in this classroom. Please understand that all of my lessons, and my way of presenting these lessons, are designed to maximize your ability to learn Spanish and subsequently communicate in authentic settings.

**** Please Note: A percentage of each student's final average will be based on a speaking grade. Points toward this grade are earned by actively participating in classroom conversation.**

I look forward to an interesting and fulfilling year! Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



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Parent Contact Information:

Welcome to the new school year! I have explained my classroom rules and procedures to your child today. I believe that one of the key factors in student success is communication between teachers and parents. For this reason, I ask that you read the course syllabus that your child was given in class. Afterwards, please fill out the information below, and have your child return this sheet to me tomorrow. This information is important, and will thus be counted as a homework assignment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if any problem or question arises. If it becomes necessary to contact you, I will use the information given below. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Student's Name: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Daytime Contact #: _____

Parent / Guardian E-Mail: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____

