

Dear Parents and Students,

I am eager to begin the 2010-11 school year. Learning a foreign language is a rewarding, yet challenging process. It takes dedication, practice, and hard work to truly learn Spanish. **Please encourage your child to practice Spanish everyday at home.**

I am planning a change in how I grade my students this year because I have had some changes in my philosophy on grading. I feel homework is a way for students to practice and get better at Spanish and will only be counting **homework completion as 5%** of the final grade. I want students to feel free to make mistakes on homework and continue to improve as much as possible before showing me what they know on **a test, quiz or project, which make up 80%** of the quarter grade. Because speaking Spanish is so essential in learning the language, **participation will still be 15%** of the quarter grade and includes participation, preparedness, attitude, effort, and behavior which are all elements of good participation. Please contact me with any questions about these changes as I would be happy to discuss some background information on my new grading philosophy.

I will be using Skyward to post lesson plans and assignments as well as other information about my Spanish classroom. At the beginning of each week I will attach my lesson plans to an email for you to keep up-to-date about what is going on in the Spanish classroom. Also, I will often send emails before tests and quizzes with links to interactive activities online that will help students review.

Please read over the classroom syllabus and discuss it with your child. Then fill out the attached form to give me information about your child and how to reach you. **Also, please send a three-ring binder with 5 dividers to school for the next Spanish class.** If there is any additional information that you, as a parent, think I should know about your child or if you have any concerns or questions please let me know through a note, an email, or call me at school.

Gracias,  
*Señora Brehmer*

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**Please make sure to check emails and Skyward often because I will be using both as a tool to contact you when needed!**



**We have read and understand the classroom procedures and grading system for Spanish class.**

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class: 1B 2B 4B 5B 1G 2G 4G 5G

Homeroom / Group Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

1. Parent/Guardian **Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian **Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daytime** Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ **Home** # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

2. Parent/Guardian **Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian **Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Daytime** Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ **Home** # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

If I wish to contact a parent/guardian during the day, whom should I call?

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Do you use Email regularly and may I use it to contact you as needed?

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Comments or Questions:

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**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO**  
**SERÑORA BREHMER ASAP!!**

