

La Clase de Español



- Needed Supplies** (Bring them everyday!)
- * 3-Ring Binder w/ 5 dividers
 - * Loose-leaf paper in the binder.
 - * Pen/Pencil
 - * School Issued Assignment Notebook

How I Run My Love and Logic Classroom

- I will treat you with respect, so you will know how to treat me.
- Feel free to do anything that doesn't cause a problem for anyone else.
- If you cause a problem, I will ask you to solve it.
- If you can't solve the problem, or choose not to, I will do something.
- What I do, will depend on the special person, and the special situation.
- If you feel something is unfair, whisper to me, "I'm not sure that's fair," and we will talk.

Internet Use for Spanish

Often using the internet is a wonderful way to get help at home for Spanish. I believe in its usefulness and encourage it. There is a great website that goes along with our textbook at www.go.hrw.com. Another good cite is www.quia.com which has many "Shared Activities" that can be found to practice various Spanish topics and lessons. There are many other sites out there that students can surf to find activities that provide practice.

I do need to warn both parents and students about translation programs and translation websites. I will not accept papers that have clearly been written using such a program. It is always okay to look up individual words when working on Spanish writing, but should never be used to write a complete assignment. Translation programs don't use the same grammar and vocabulary that we use in class and will give some incorrect grammar structures and vocabulary. I can always tell immediately if a student has completely depended on a program to do an assignment. Please be aware of this!

Notas – Grades

- 15% Participation** It is very important to try to speak Spanish everyday. Periodically students will evaluate themselves with a scaled rubric grade that is based on participation, preparedness, attitude, behavior and homework completion. These are all elements of good participation. I will also score each student with a scaled rubric at progress report time and at the end of the quarter.
- 5% Assignments** Daily assignments will be based on a 5-point system. A 0-5 point grade will be given based on amount of homework completed. Correctness of answers on daily homework will not affect the 5 point grade. This grade is based solely on completeness. Late work will **not** be accepted on daily assignments.
- 40% Quizzes** There will be a quiz after each lesson is completed. Students will have a chance to make corrections to the quizzes by seeing me at a specified time. It will be possible to improve the quiz by one whole grade.
- 40% Tests** At the end of each unit there will be a test. Sometimes unit tests will be replaced with 100 point projects and will be recorded as a test grade.
- Absences** Students are responsible for themselves when they are absent. I WILL NOT approach the student for absent work, they must see me. Absent work will be listed as a “0” in Skyward until it is turned in. When assignments are turned in in a timely manner, they will be given full credit.

Please realize that students will receive short homework assignments almost everyday that they have Spanish class (which is actually every other day). When students complete assignments during the school day they are strongly encouraged to still practice Spanish at home everyday. They always have current vocabulary that could be reviewed even when all homework is completed. No textbooks are issued to the students, but they will always have a binder with notes and vocabulary.