**¡Bienvenidos a la clase de español!**

Clase: Español 1A / 1B

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Año: 2018-2019

Google Classroom Code: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**CLASS INFORMATION:**

Level 1 Spanish is a high school credit-bearing course. It is divided into two-years of study. At the culmination of eighth grade students must take and pass the FLACS examination which encompasses both seventh and eighth-grade material.

**Level 1A (seventh grade)** - Students will learn: greetings, basic expressions, alphabet, numbers, where Spanish is spoken, calendar, weather, school, leisure-time activity vocabulary. Students should be able to express opinions, talk about themselves and others and ask basic questions to find out information.

**Level 1B (eighth grade)** - Students will review and build on Level 1A topics. New units of study include: health and welfare, house and home, community and neighborhood, shopping and travel…

In this course, students will gain a more in-depth understanding of the basics of Spanish. This course, in conjunction with level 1A, provides a strong foundation for continued language study in high school.

By the end of eighth-grade Spanish students should be able to: analyze information, be persuasive, articulate needs and wants and initiate conversations in Spanish.

**MATERIALS:**

**Required:**

* 3 ring binder (COVER PROVIDED BY ME)
* 2 dividers labeled in Spanish ***VOCABULARIO*** and ***TRABAJO***
  + Anything with this symbol should be kept all year in your **vocabulario** section.
* pencils and pens
* ******lined paper
* low odor dry erase markers
* school-issued planner
* Google Classroom

**Useful:**highlighter, markers, crayons and colored pencils*,* clear sheet protectors for vocabulary lists, Spanish/English dictionary or online dictionaries such as: *spanishdict.com, wordreference.com …*

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**GRADING:**

All grading in this class is based on points. You will have homework almost every day. Many times homework is simply a continuation of practice work started in class that you need additional time to complete. I will post daily classwork and homework assignments on Google Classroom. The purpose of all work is to reinforce and practice what we are learning. You are expected to complete assignments in order to understand class material. You will earn points for fully completed well-done assignments.

I encourage you and your parent to regularly check your grades and progress on Parent Portal so there are no surprises at any time about your grades. If you have any questions about grades, please come and talk to me.

\*Parent portal attributes: **ab** - absent,  **la** - late, **r** - redo, **ta** - teacher assistance

**PARTNERS:**

The person sitting next to you will be your seat partner for the marking period. In addition to your seat partner, you will also have 12 clock buddies of choice.

**ABSENCES:**

If you are absent for any reason, go on Google Classroom to find out what you have missed. Keeping up with your work is essential for a successful year in Spanish class. In the classroom there is a basket for extra copies, you are welcome to take copies when needed.

**EXPECTATIONS and WAYS TO BE SUCCESSFUL:**

* Enter the room quietly, sit in assigned seat, take out class materials and put backpack under your desk. If needed, sharpen pencil before the bell rings.
* Stay organized! Put papers away in the correct section of your binder when finished using them.
* Show respect to the learning environment by not interrupting a lesson with call outs, private conversations and/or movement around the room. When you hear me count down “**10-0”** / or say “**SILENCIO”** you should stop talking and give teacher your attention.
* Treat everyone with respect, kindness and courtesy. Raise your hand and wait your turn - one person speaks at a time in our classroom. Be willing to help and support your classmates.
* Speak Spanish as much as possible.

Greet with: **Buenos días, Buenas tardes, Hola**

Say Goodbye with**: Adiós, Hasta mañana, Chao, Hasta luego, Hasta pronto**

Be polite: **Salud, Gracias, De nada, Por favor**

* Help keep the learning environment neat and treat all classroom supplies with care.
* Be an active participant every day in everything that we do. Raise your hand, ask questions, and contribute when working with others.
* Recognize that mistakes are part of the learning process; this is a judgment free environment!
* NO DEVICE USE ALLOWED IN CLASS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED BY TEACHER!

**PASSES:**

Use your passes wisely. You will be given 6 passes per marking period. You can use them if you need to get a drink, go to your locker… Raise your hand and ask permission to leave the room.

If you need to go to the bathroom ask: **¿PUEDO IR AL BAÑO?**

If you do not have any passes, but you need to leave the room, you can go; however you will be required to come during lunch for 10 minutes. If you arrive late to class, are unprepared when the bell rings, or are not following classroom expectations you will lose one of your passes. Passes do not expire. Any extra passes you have will be entered in a raffle in June.

**EXTRA HELP:**

Spanish class should be fun, not difficult or overwhelming. Please let me know if you need help right away. I am available periods \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT:**

Please have your parent contact me directly with any questions related to this class. The school phone number is 845-223-8600. My email address is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I will periodically send out group emails to parents with important reminders.