Bienvenidos a la clase de Español!

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*Welcome back to Spanish class! This year we will continue your journey of becoming Spanish speakers! We will review what you can already say and continue growing our language skills.*

**7th grade topics you should remember: 8th grade topics we will explore:**

\*Greetings \*Food

\*School supplies \*Our community

\*Classes & school schedules \*Invitations

\*Calendar \*Physical descriptions

\*Activities \*Family

\*AR verb conjugation \*House

\*Personality descriptions \*Clothing & shopping

**Every day in class you will need… Every day in class you should…**

\*A place to take notes (paper, notebook, \*Speak Spanish, not English

composition book) \*Try your best to understand what is

\*A place to keep handouts (pocket folder being said in Spanish

or binder) \*Ask questions

\*Pen/pencil \*Have fun learning a new language

\*Assignment notebook (agenda)

**Attendance**

If you are absent, it is your responsibility to get the work you missed from the “absent” folder in class and see Señora Silvestri if you have trouble catching up.

**Academic Honesty**

* Projects and other work for Spanish class are to completed by YOU so that you can practice the language you are learning
* The online dictionary (or smart phone app) Word Reference ([www.wordreference.com](http://www.wordreference.com)) is the only online tool you may use to look up words. You may not use an online translator, such as Google under any circumstances!

**Grading**

All grades will be posted to Aspen as quickly as possible. Grades will be determined on a total point basis. To calculate quarter grades I will use: Points earned by student/total possible points

Averages will be comprised of:

\*Homework (graded for completion, not accuracy unless specified)

\*Projects

\*Class work

\*Class interaction (participation)

\*Quizzes & Tests

**A Note about Class Interaction…**

Class interaction/participation involves both the simple act of contributing positively to class discussions and activities, and using the Spanish language as frequently as possible. Although I completely understand how difficult it can be to express yourself in a new language, I expect you to speak Spanish to communicate the majority of the time we are in class. Your class interaction/participation grade depends heavily on how much you earnestly attempt to speak Spanish at all times. Do not worry about making mistakes when you speak – you will never be penalized for imperfect speech – the important thing is that you try!