



Exploratory Spanish
Español Exploratorio
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¡Bienvenidos a la clase de Español! Welcome to Spanish class! ¡Sí, se puede! Yes, you can do it!

Attendance: Daily attendance is very important. Poor attendance will most likely result in a poor grade. You are responsible for completing any missed homework assignments and for making up exams and quizzes if you are absent.

Homework: Homework is usually assigned Monday through Thursday with the weekend off. Daily assignments turned in one day late will receive half credit. If they are more than one day late, they will not be accepted and will receive a zero. Large projects turned in late will be docked one letter grade for each day that they are late.

Grading Policy: Grades are based on tests, quizzes, homework, written assignments, and oral group presentations. All are weighted the same. Therefore, doing your homework is just as important as studying for a test.

Grading Scale:

A = 93 - 100

B = 83 - 92

C = 73 - 82

D = 65 - 72

F = 00 - 64

Semester Exams: All students will be responsible for a cumulative exam each semester. Each exam will focus on that semester's vocabulary and grammatical concepts.

Semester Grades: Your semester grade is calculated by weighting each quarter at 45% and your semester exam at 10%.

Extra Credit: I do not offer individual extra credit. Throughout the semester the entire class will be given extra credit/bonus question opportunities on tests and quizzes. All students also have the opportunity of earning extra credit each quarter by bringing current events to class. You may find articles in newspapers, magazines, or online news sources. You must write a short summary (in English) of the article and staple it to your copy of the article. You must also be willing to read your summary to the class. Each current event can earn up to 5 bonus points, and you may earn a maximum of 25 points each quarter.

Current events may be turned in any day of the week, but you may not bring more than one on any given day.

Participation: In a world language classroom, it is vital that you participate and speak out loud in order to practice the new language you are learning. I call on students randomly, so be sure that you are prepared each day and able to be an active participant.

Learning Environment: In order to acquire a second language, a student must be able to speak without fear of criticism or embarrassment. Therefore, no one will be allowed to make derogatory comments or to make fun of other students in class.

Extra Help: I will be available for any extra help you may need. Please let me know if you need to speak with me so that I can be sure to be at my desk.

Classroom Standards/Expectations:

1. Respect others.
 - Arrive on time to class.
 - Do not wear hats in the building.
 - Bring all appropriate materials to class.
 - Do not disrupt the learning process with inappropriate comments or behaviors.

2. Respect the classroom:
 - Do not bring drinks without lids into the classroom.
 - Use ipods/mp3 players only when given permission to do so.
 - Be sure that all cell phones are turned off and put away. If I see or hear your cell phone, I will confiscate it.
 - Snacks may be eaten in class, but they must not become a distraction and all trash must be thrown away.

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