

Bienvenidos a la clase de español – Welcome to Spanish class!

Course Description

Students will get acquainted with the sounds, pronunciation, and basic structure of the Spanish language, while beginning to develop the four basic skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Students will also acquire basic knowledge about, and cultural appreciation of, Spanish-speaking countries.

Goals

Students will be able to:

1. Understand simple Spanish sentences.
2. Ask and answer questions.
3. Read simple texts and answer comprehension questions.
4. Understand and use basic grammar.
5. Converse among each other and present some role-play.
6. Appreciate art, music, cuisine, historical influences, and variety of language conventions among Spanish speaking countries.

Classroom Norms

Everyone is expected to abide by the following:

- Everyone matters!
- Treat everyone - yourself and others - with respect.
- Follow classroom procedures and school-wide rules.
- Take responsibility for your learning and learning environment.
- Stay focused on Spanish.

Grading

Classroom agenda and quiz/exam dates are posted in the classroom and on Google Classroom. It is the student's responsibility to keep up with classroom assignments and exams. The final letter grade will be based on the total number of points and grades earned as follows:

Exams – 40%

Quizzes – 20%

Class work/participation – 20%

Written work/Projects – 20%

Absence

Assignments, test and quiz dates are posted in the classroom, on Infinite campus. In the event of absence, students should check infinite campus, including the monthly calendar of activities posted on www.lourdesmendell.com. The monthly calendar is important because it shows activities we do in class which are important for learning.

For an excused absence, there will be a reasonable amount of time to make up missed work, usually one (1) additional day per day of absence from class. ***It is the students' responsibility to keep track of work and to complete it in a timely manner. It is the student's responsibility to initiate arrangements to make up missing work as needed.***

Infinite Campus

Infinite campus will be updated regularly and typically shows the student's most current grade. Please note that the monthly calendar of activities is posted on www.lourdesmendell.com

Materials

- Textbook and workbook– Savvas, Auténtico online book. In class they will have a book. I will provide copies of workbook pages and a vocabulary list for each unit.
- Chromebook charged every day.
- Wired headphones.
- Journal and a pocket folder (each period has a specific color)
3rd period – orange 4th period – blue 5th period – green

Homework

Practice Español at home every day for 15-20 minutes. Look over classroom notes and study vocabulary list as often as possible.

SRVUSD Homework Policy

In an effort to have a balanced approach with student study habits and put the best instructional practices in place, the SRVUSD's homework policy is designed to support the successful, healthy development of each student. Key features of this policy include:

- A limit to the overall volume of homework
- The elimination of homework over breaks
- The development of a system for communicating and implementing the policy
- The alignment of our homework practices with the Common Core State Standards and best instructional practice.

SRVUSD Cell Phone Policy

We will be following the SRVUSD cell phone policy. Once the bell rings to go to first period classes, all cell phones & wireless headphones are to be turned off and secured in backpacks in a zipped pocket throughout the entirety of the school day. This means that no student should have their cell phone or wireless headphones anywhere except inside their backpack until the end of the school day. Students who aren't able to follow this policy will lose the ability to bring their cell phone and/or wireless headphones to school.

Smart watches should only be used to tell time and not for communication with others. The same consequences will apply for violations to this policy.

The specifics can be found on the district website

Communication

If you have any questions, suggestions, or if there is a problem, please let me know. At school, you may talk with me, or write a note and drop it off in the front office. Outside of school, e-mail is the most convenient.

Here is to a great year! ¡Buena vibra!

Lourdes Mendell

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Please sign this form to acknowledge that both the student and parent have read through our class syllabus and understand the information provided in this syllabus. Please return this page to your teacher no later than August 20.

Student Name (print): _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Name (print): _____

Parent Signature: _____

Comments: