

Spanish I

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS 2013-2014



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¡Bienvenidos!...

a la clase de español! Over the next ten months, you will be learning a lot of Spanish. Spanish I properly sets the foundation for future study, growth, and knowledge of the target language. It is viewed as being a vocabulary immersion year with grammatical emphasis being placed on subject pronouns, present tense verbs, and basic sentence structure. While you will not be bilingual at the end of this year, you will know, what I like to call, "Survival Spanish," which will enable you to use your skills on a mission trip, etc. How much you learn will depend on your participation in this course. Trust me...you will get out of it what you make it. We are going to have a wonderful year...juntos...con el amor de Cristo!

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Goals:

Our main goal for the year is to enhance our proficiency skills in the following areas:

-Pronunciation -Speaking -Reading -Writing -Listening

Classroom Materials:

You are expected to have each one of these items with you at all times when present in class.

Failure to do so will result in loss of participation points and/or demerits.

- *¡Avancemos!* Textbook and Workbook
- *Spanish First Year* Amsco Workbook (Yellow)
- Webster's New Explorer Spanish/English Dictionary located at LU Bookstore (ISBN: 978-1-59695-053-5)
- Black and white Composition Notebook
- Pen/Non-permanent marker- color of class period
- Black 1" *View Binder* with dividers and paper
 - * Información
 - * Pruebas
 - * Tarea
 - * Apuntes
 - * Papel

Classroom Expectations:

Failure to comply with the following items will result in loss of participation points and/or detention.

1. You are to be in your seat when the bell rings. Tardiness will not be tolerated.
2. You are expected to abide by the school's personal appearance code at all times.
3. Cheating is unacceptable. In cases where a student is caught cheating, they must endure the consequences as outlined in the school handbook. The student will be disciplined accordingly (Level 2 or 3 offense).
4. Come prepared to class by bringing ALL of the required materials to class every day.
5. Please do not bring any type of food or gum into the classroom. Beverages may be brought into the classroom regarding that they are *non-carbonated with a top/lid* (Water, Gatorade, etc).
6. Simply respect your teacher and one another. ☺

Attendance:

Class attendance is vital to skill development. It is your responsibility and role as a student to be in class and on time each and every day. Please refer to the student handbook in order to review consequences for unexcused absences and tardies.

Make-Up Assignments*

You are accountable for any missed work that is assigned during your absence or tardiness. Unless your absence is “excused,” late assignments will neither be tolerated nor accepted. All late work received ONE day following the required date will be given half credit. There are no further exceptions...late work (past 2 days) will be given a zero (0). When absent, please be sure to refer to **renweb.com** for daily lesson plans and homework assignments.

Grading*

At the end of each nine weeks, your grade will be averaged according to all accumulated points. The point system works as follows: 1-49...*Daily Work* 50-99...*Quizzes* 100-250...*Tests* 125/125 *Enrichment* 100/100 *Participation*. In order to keep up with your fulfilled and missing grades, please refer to **renweb.com**. All assignments will be listed according to their due dates.

A+	100	B+	92	C+	84	D+	74	F	69↓
A	94-99	B	86-91	C	76-83	D	71-73		
A-	93	B-	85	C-	75	D-	70		

Bonus Opportunities*

Please be sure to take advantage of the following bonus opportunities:

- 1. Flashcards-** You may make flashcards for every vocabulary quiz and earn an additional +5 (bonus) points toward your final quiz grade. Bonus points will only be rewarded regarding that the flashcards are written in the color of your period and are written on index cards or construction paper.
- 2. Quiz Corrections-** With the exception of matching quizzes, you may make quiz corrections for most every quiz returned to you for an additional +5 toward your final quiz grade. Simply re-write both the English and Spanish word 5x each in your class color pen. This offer does not apply to those who receive a 99% (or above) on their quiz.
- 3. Enrichment-** You will receive an “Enrichment” checklist each nine week period. You are required to complete 5 items on this list by the end of the nine weeks. Enrichment is not optional and is worth a 125/125 test grade. After you have successfully completed 5 items, you may complete (up to) 5 additional items for +5 bonus points per item completed!! Ex. Completing 6 items = 130/125
- 4. Hall Passes-** At the end of each nine weeks, any leftover Hall Passes may be redeemed for 5 points *each*.

Extra Help*

Should you find yourself falling behind, *please* schedule a time to meet with me for help. I am here for you. Your success is my success. It is SO important that you know that I am here to help you...so please use your “resource” wisely. After all, you are the reason I love what I do. ☺

Course of Study*

- Present tense conjugation of regular verbs
- Commonly used irregular verbs in the present to include but not limited to: Ser/Decir, Estar, Hacer, Ir, Ir, + Tener & other “go” verbs
- Gustar and common verbs like gustar- such as encantar
- Commonly used Stem-Changing verbs
- Yes/no questions
- Information questions + using question words
- Plural of nouns and use of the articles
- Combination of “a and el” and “de and el”
- Subject pronouns
- Direct object pronouns
- Object of preposition pronouns
- Descriptive and possessive adjectives, agreement, and location
- Demonstrative adjectives
- Comparison of adjectives
- Present progressive
- Negation and negative words

The student will be capable of performing the following tasks*

- Greetings
- Introductions
- Answering and asking questions within the vocabulary range
- Discussing school items, activities in the classroom, and courses
- Telling time
- Dates, months and days of the week
- Weather Terms
- Counting and using numbers between 1-1,000,000
- Describing themselves and others
- Identifying members of the family
- Identifying and describing clothing
- Identifying parts of the body and basic aches and pains
- Identifying establishments in a city
- Identifying and ordering various types of food
- Identifying and locating the Spanish speaking countries

¡Que tenga un buen año!

