¡Bienvenidos a Español 3 Honors! Important Information and Pre-course Special Assignments

Dear Students,

¡Hola y bienvenidos! I am thrilled to welcome you to Spanish 3 Honors. This course is designed to build on your existing language skills and challenge you with advanced concepts, so get ready for an exciting and enriching journey through the Spanish language and culture!

What to Expect:

1. **Advanced Language Skills:** This course will dive deeper into complex grammar, vocabulary, and language structures. Expect to engage in more sophisticated writing and speaking exercises.
2. **Cultural Exploration:** We will explore various aspects of the Spanish-speaking world, including history, literature, and current events. Be prepared for discussions and projects that will enhance your cultural understanding.
3. **Active Participation:** Your engagement in class discussions, group work, and individual projects will be crucial. Consistent practice and participation are key to mastering advanced language skills.
4. **Independent Work:** You will have opportunities to work independently and take initiative in your learning. This may include research projects, presentations, and creative assignments.
5. **Late and Absent work policy:** Since this is a fast paced advanced course, same expectations apply. There will be zero tolerance for late work. Absent work will have to be made up during a reasonable amount of time (One day out, one day to make up assignments or assessments). See this as a benefit to you in order to avoid falling behind.

Special Assignment:

To ensure you're ready for the challenges ahead and to gauge your current proficiency, please complete the following assignments before the first day of school:

(THE FOLLOWING ASSIGNMENTS ARE DUE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5TH)

Assignment #1: "El Viaje de mis Sueños"

1. **Write a Short Paragraph:** in Spanish (minimum 150 words) describing your dream trip to a Spanish-speaking country. Include details about the destination, activities you would do, and why you chose this place. ***Do not copy, use AI or translators.*** This assignment won't be graded as it will be a way for you to show me your current skills in the language.
2. **Include Vocabulary and Grammar:** Demonstrate your use of advanced vocabulary and grammatical structures you have learned in previous courses. Be creative and descriptive!
3. **Submit Your Work:** Your paragraph will be handwritten and submitted on the first day of class. I will review it to help tailor the course to your needs.

This assignment will help you review key concepts and allow me to better understand your current level.

The following assignments will be **due no later than August 5th (first Day of School)**

All writing assignments will be submitted handwritten, typed work will not be accepted

You will complete the 4 assignments below. Time management and self- motivation are essential for success in this course. Commit to complete one assignment a day between now and the start of the year.

Note: You are expected to do your own work and not use any online translators. Your goal is not to worry about being perfect in Spanish at this time, but to improve your comprehension and writing. (I do want you to work on correcting your own mistakes.) You may use an online dictionary such as wordreference.com to look up vocabulary and conjugations but not to translate full sentences.

Assignment # 2:

News, radio, and listening activities. Read and listen to 3 Spanish language news articles/broadcasts/podcasts. Please complete the following activities for each selection:

1. Write a list of vocabulary words in Spanish (approximately 5-10 words)
2. Write a brief summary in Spanish of the article/broadcast/podcast (5-6 sentences)
3. Please include:
    - Website/link for broadcast
    - Title of article/broadcast/podcast

Some helpful websites are:

https://www.laits.utexas.edu/spe/ - On the top of the page, select the appropriate level
https://www.univision.com/noticias
https://cnnespanol.cnn.com/
https://www.bbc.com/mundo
https://news.un.org/es/ - On the top of the page, select Regiones, América, and then choose tema. Toggle filter to audio.

Assignment #3: Grammar Review (present, preterite, imperfect)

Conjuguemos.com - https://conjuguemos.com
On the top left hand corner of your screen, click on “Library”, then select “Spanish Verbs”, then scroll through the page to find the following activities:

- #’s 2-8 Present
- #’s 9-12 Preterite
- # 13 Imperfect

Assignment #4:

Watch one Spanish language movie:

1. Describe por lo menos 5 de los personajes en oraciones completas
2. Escribe un resumen de la película, mínimo de 60 palabras
3. Describe tu escena favorita y explica por qué

The movie should not be dubbed/translated. You may watch episodes from a Spanish language series in place of a movie.

Assignment # 5:

Get creative: read, write, speak and sing in Spanish every time you get a chance. Watch television in Spanish, Spanish language commercials, and Spanish language movie trailers. Write emails and text messages in Spanish.

Everything you do will lead you to fluency and success in Spanish 3H.

If you have any questions or need assistance, don't hesitate to reach out. I'm excited to start this journey with you and look forward to a fantastic year ahead!

¡Nos vemos pronto!

Best regards,

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