

# VIEW RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL SPANISH

Dear Parents and Students,

I am excited to be your student's Spanish Teacher this year! This is my 20th year teaching and 13th year teaching Spanish! I have had experience teaching every grade but Kindergarten and 4th grade! Additionally I instructed "drill classes" for students taking their first year of college Spanish. I lived in Reynosa, Mexico working at an orphanage and I also did my student teaching in Quito, Ecuador. For the fourth year, I will not be teaching at RHS but further developing the Spanish program at VRMS with 5 Exploratory Spanish classes. I am eager to share with my students my experiences and love for learning Spanish.

This is a semester class where we will learn basic communication, vocabulary and grammar. Each month we will also learn about Spanish culture through 5 regions:

- **South America**
- **Mexico and The United States**
- **Central America**
- **Caribbean**
- **Spain**

According to the Washington State Standards, we will make connections to our own culture as well as explore similar and different words, holidays, music and food! In November, we will celebrate Mexican food and culture for Día de Los Muertos.

As a former elementary teacher I needed to teach children how to read and write. I am a firm believer that learning a language should be fun and exploratory. We will accomplish this through songs, chants, games, skits and cooperative groups. Additionally, we will be using two sites to learn Spanish: Duolingo and Señor Wooly--a fun interactive site that uses videos and stories. Research has shown that language acquisition is multi-faceted. Please ask your student to share their phrases, vocabulary and songs. I also created a Google Website found on the VRMS page and also under my email signature. On my website you will find our Spanish YouTube videos, practice activities and culture slides. I will also be utilizing Google Classroom for the week's work and a place to find all my resources.

I am requesting you purchase the following items to be used in Spanish Class: **Sharpie Ultra Fine Black Pens (2-4), pencils, charged chromebook, a ream of lined paper and a folder with two pockets to hold handouts specifically for Spanish.** (No Composition Books). We will be using this binder every day and students will store handouts in their folder. These all will be useful when taking Spanish at RHS.

**Please bring your supplies by Monday, February 10.**

Grading will be based on Language Competency: reading, writing, speaking, listening and Culture. This is assessed through daily participation, a complete notebook, Señor Wooly activities, Duolingo, and cultural activities. Additionally, the weekly Classroom Participation grade will consist of a student assessment of active, respectful participation and completing the weekly assignments. I hope you will support me in making Spanish a wonderful experience! Please feel free to contact me by email. I look forward to having a great semester!

**¡BIENVENIDOS!      Sra. Zora      [jennifer.zora@ridgefieldsd.org](mailto:jennifer.zora@ridgefieldsd.org)**

